



City of Robbinsdale

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Murphy, Parisian, Mayor Blonigan, Mayor Pro Tem Wagner

Absent: None

Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Rick Pearson, Community Development Director; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator

DISCUSSION

A. City Investment Strategies

Sandvik introduced the discussion about city investment options. Sandvik explained the changes to state legislation through the State Board of Investment (SBI) that allows cities new types of investment opportunities. Sandvik asked for feedback from the Council, noting that staff could put together a resolution for an upcoming City Council meeting, directing staff to begin investing in these new strategies.

Mayor Blonigan explained his involvement in the new legislation changes and expressed support for investing. Sandvik thanked Mayor Blonigan for his leadership.

Murphy asked if the SBI offers any guidance to investors and Sandvik responded that the SBI explicitly states they do not provide guidance.

Mayor Blonigan and Sandvik discussed processes and policy to ensure checks and balances when the city is processing investments.

Sandvik explained that there are fees for removing funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner expressed support for investing with the SBI.

Mayor Blonigan explained nuances of the statute and stated that the city should have a policy on losses.

Parisian expressed excitement about the discussion. Parisian requested that staff provide an annual report with updates on the investments. Mayor Blonigan and Sandvik discussed adding an investment update to the quarterly financial report that gets distributed to the City Council.

Sandvik noted that they have been working with the City Attorney on a resolution.

B. Parks Master Plan Request for Proposals

Sandvik introduced the Parks Master Plan Request for Proposals. Sandvik recapped the January Parks, Recreation, & Forestry (PRF) Commission meeting, and reminded the City Council that a Parks Master Plan was approved in the 2024 budgeting process. Sandvik shared that staff are ready to kick off the planning process.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner recapped his experience at the PRF Commission, noting that the Commission is excited about this project. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner noted "healthy living" as an important priority for the Commission.

Kirtz shared about her experience at the PRF Commission meeting.

Sandvik noted that throughout the planning process there will be ample opportunities for community, Commissioner, and City Council input.

Sandvik reminded the Council that the city budgeted \$30,000-\$40,000 for the process.

Sandvik clarified the engagement timeline.

Parisian noted that a lot of the themes within the RFP are aligned with the goals that staff and Council discussed at the annual goals setting work session on Monday, February 12.

Wagner shared that the Commissioners really appreciated the January Commission meeting.

C. Concept Plans for 4500 West Broadway

Pearson discussed the Osterhaus property at 4500 West Broadway in Robbinsdale and explained what a developer is interested in doing with the property. Pearson explained that there is limited parking near the site, which is a challenge. Pearson discussed parking and driveway options.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner expressed support for more coffee shops dispersed throughout Robbinsdale neighborhoods. Murphy expressed support, and noted that the property has been a business for a long time so the proposed plans would not significantly change the use of the building.

Pearson discussed zoning options. Murphy noted that if the property gets rezoned there will be a public hearing, so the community can provide input. Mayor Blonigan expressed openness to the idea, but is skeptical because of the neighborhood. Parisian expressed openness, and voiced support for a coffee shop that is more of a community space.

Council Members confirmed with Pearson that they are open to the idea.

D. Metropolitan Council Growth Projections for 2050

Pearson shared preliminary growth projections for 2050 from the Metropolitan Council.

Staff and Council discussed TIF.

Pearson described properties that are being considered as potential redevelopment sites.

Council expressed contentment with the estimated numbers. Pearson noted there is a benefit to keeping the

numbers conservative because of aging infrastructure.

STAFF UPDATES

McCoy shared plans for updating parking at the Public Safety building.

Sandvik provided an update on the People over Parking Act. Sandvik clarified minimum parking requirements. Sandvik encouraged the Council to keep the topic on their radar.

Sandvik introduced social districts, and noted it might be something that the Council consider in the future, offering West Broadway as an example of a potential "social district."

Sandvik provided an update that Graeser Park has been designated as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, determined by the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office.

Sandvik reminded Council that staff are happy to provide data to Council ahead of council meetings pertaining to certain topics.

Sandvik noted that there will likely be a resolution at an upcoming council meeting for the sergeants' organized labor agreements.

Sandvik explained a new joint powers agreement between the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension forming a violent crime-reduction group.

McCoy updated Council on properties who have not changed out their water meters.

Pearson and Council discussed a residential property.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Mayor Blonigan discussed the spending accumulated this year so far on snow and ice management.

The Council discussed residential properties.

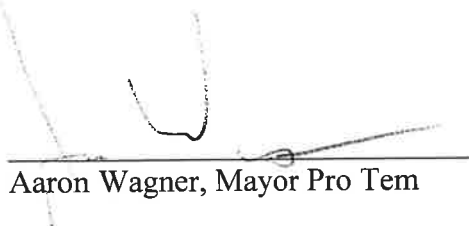
Mayor Pro Tem Wagner discussed a ceasefire resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.



Kayla Kirtz, Recorder



Aaron Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem