

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
CITY HALL

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Blonigan at 7:25 pm.
2. Council Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy
Staff Present: City Manager Glick, Community Development Coordinator Pearson,
Director of Administrative and Recreation Services Marshall

REPORTS: RailVolution Conference

3. Councilmember Selman presented a slide show from the San Francisco RailVolution event. Slides included a multi-modal public transportation including the ferry for pedestrians only, BRT, fast-trains, subways, and bicycles. He also shared examples of open spaces incorporated with parking ramps, work-live developments, innovated bicycle racks and public sculpture type art.
4. Councilmember Rogan showed slides from the Contra Costa Center transit village he toured as part of RailVolution. He distributed a map of the area noting that residents were provided incentives to use public transportation including providing shared electric cars for times when public transit wouldn't work. He discussed a variety of development and public art. Noted ivy helping to screen a fenced utility area. Some of the redevelopment opportunities were taking more time to fill than projected and guides noted that people coming to the park and rides just come and go from the BART and weren't interested in shopping and it wasn't helping to create the village feel that they'd hoped. A very large parking ramp had live-work housing as a wrap-around part of the ramp and it worked very well. The example might be a good solution for Robbinsdale.

DISCUSS: Curbside Textile Recycling Option

5. City Manager Glick presented the curbside textile recycling option outlined on a handout added to the agenda. Consensus was to watch the roll-out in the area cities starting in February and expect to add Robbinsdale this summer. Concern about bags getting ripped and what would happen to things put out that weren't part of the program so left behind. Council members also indicated interest in reducing the wait time in switching to a different vendor in case of contract termination.

REVIEW: 2020 Vision

6. City Manager Glick distributed updates on the 2020 vision matrix, 2013-15 strategic goals and yearly goals with progress for 2014, 2015, and 2016. These items have been added to the agenda package. Council members will review the information in preparation for the January 28th goals session with a consultant.
7. Council members shared positive reports about the liquor store staff and discussed options to consider related to Sunday Liquor legislation and staffing. Liquor store management staff will be scheduled to attend an upcoming work session.

8. Rental licensing was discussed including pursuing limits on rental license density and the State Supreme Court is hearing a case regarding a law suit over rental housing inspections in Golden Valley on Wednesday.

MONTHLY UPDATE: Problem Properties

9. Pearson reviewed the handout which was added to the agenda packet. Option for contacting the mortgage company for a property was suggested. There was also discussion on the capacity for storage at towing company lots and priority for towing vehicles during and after snow emergencies.

MONTHLY UPDATE: 2016 Goals

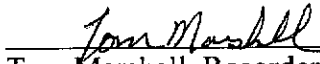
10. The 2016 goal updates were reviewed by City Manager Glick.
11. Council members raised concern on the evolving design of the downtown parking ramp noting that it seems to get larger and uglier with each revision. A second ramp in the downtown might be a solution. High density housing may be the key though the city has an abundance of affordable housing. Staff will schedule a follow up meeting with designers.
12. The Hollingsworth Park Memorial Garden plan will be discussed at a special work session on 1-17.

OTHER BUSINESS

13. Council Member Backen reported he had been in contact with a Crystal council member considering various joint powers agreements as option for efficient government.
14. Mayor Murphy shared that he had recently met with a representative from CenturyLink who had indicated that by the fall 2017 the updated CenturyLink internet option should be available for nearly all Robbinsdale residents.

ADJOURNMENT

15. Mayor pro-tem Blonigan adjourned the work session at 9:40 pm.


Tom Marshall, Recorder


William A. Blonigan, Mayor Pro Tem