

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Following the City Council Meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m. Robbinsdale City Hall

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Webb at 8:35 p.m.
2. Councilmembers Present: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
3. Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Patrick Foley, Police Chief; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk

Discuss Next Steps- XCEL Partners in Energy

4. Mayor Blonigan noted it would have to wait until July.
5. Glick suggested including an article in the city-wide newsletter, which she thought would go out in February, looking for people who would be interested in participating in development of a community energy policy.

Problem Properties

6. Pearson reviewed highlights including some properties that would be removed from the list.
7. Mayor Blonigan shared a letter he had received from the owner of 3415 Zenith Ave N.
8. Glick noted that the decision on tax forfeited properties was made by the county; that there was suggestion from staff on repurchase limited to the mother which was not possible.

Review – 2nd reading rental property license/disorderly-nuisance conduct

9. Glick indicated that the main focus of having this on the work session was to review the new list of items that would be considered as disorderly-nuisance conduct and reviewed the purpose clauses in the repeat nuisance call service fee section.
10. Council members discussed the list and Glick noted that council members should reflect on the discussion and indicate whether they would like to make changes to the list as part of 2nd reading.
11. A question was raised as to whether additional public testimony would be considered at the January 18th meeting.
12. Glick noted that when the 2nd reading was tabled on November 2nd until January 18th it was to provide time for residents to submit written comments. Residents were advised of the request for comments in writing. The City Council discussed whether they would also open up the item for additional comment without reaching a firm conclusion.

Evaluation of BLRT Goals

13. Glick noted that given the time it would be likely that this needed to be carried forward to a work session on January 11th.
14. Council members noted that concerns included ability to maintain station areas, rider safety and how that could be assured, and that what the council had been show so far would make traffic congestion worse at 42nd and 36th. There was also discussion about trying to

talk to Governor Walz. A suggestion was made to forward additional letter to federal representatives about lack of representation.

Project Updates

15. Glick highlighted that Elim Lutheran Church was discussing possible excess property sale to developers; the selected developer would likely meet with REDA at a work session prior to submitting plans.

Other Business

16. Glick asked if City Council had any comment on the City Manager outreach document. Mayor Blonigan reported there were numerous errors but had not submitted comments. He was to follow up with Glick on a re-write of the document.
17. Glick noted that HR was working on an expected OSHA policy requirement related to vaccines or masks and weekly testing.
18. Glick noted that redistricting was coming up – staff did not have the software yet to start the process; there would be a presentation to council at the next meeting and expected that special meetings would be required to comply with state timelines. Council members were asked to let the City Clerk know if there any requests regarding redistricting of the wards.

ADJOURNMENT

19. Mayor Pro Tem Webb adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.



Marcia Glick, Recorder



Sheila Webb, Mayor Pro Tem