

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020
ROBBINSDALE CITY HALL – SIXTH CORNER MEETING ROOM
FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Backen at 8:20 p.m.
2. Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy.
3. Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Jim Franzen, Police Chief; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director; Pam Schmitz, Recreation Services Manager; John Tingley, Assistant to City Manager

REVIEW: Parking Enforcement Practices

4. Staff, Council and residents in attendance discussed on going parking issues along 37th Avenue and broader areas across the city.
5. Chief Franzen discussed the city's current winter parking enforcement practices and the reasons why.
6. Council discussed practices other cities use in comparison to Robbinsdale.
7. Staff will research practices of cities similar to Robbinsdale, potential ways to incorporate technology to track repeat offenders and decreasing the time between when cars are tagged and then towed.

DISCUSSION: Cost Projections for Proposed Community Center and Scheduling of Open House(s)

8. McCoy provided the latest cost estimates for the community building.
9. Council and a Cooper-Armstrong Hockey Association representative discussed possible partnership opportunities for an outdoor refrigerated rink at Sanborn Park.
10. Council discussed setting open house dates on March 18th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and March 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for feedback on the initial design of the project.
11. Staff estimates the earliest the project would break ground would be May 2021.

UPDATE: Possible Sunday afternoon Summer Car Shows

12. Glick discussed feedback from businesses.
13. Staff indicated in best case scenario, West Broadway between 41st Avenue and 42nd Avenue would hold about 57 cars. 22 cars could be held on 41-1/2 Avenue.
14. Council discussed charging \$5 a car and holding up to 4 shows this first year. There was a consensus to explore one event per month in June, July, August and September.

DISCUSSION: Green Step Cities Requirement for Step 3 and Beyond

15. McCoy provided an update on the program and that the city should qualify for Step 2 after submitting before April 1st, 2020. Staff will look at requirements for step 3 and if its reasonably attainable without fatal flaws. Everyone agreed to review the document to identify potential goals. This will come back for discussion in May.

DISCUSS: Topics for March 4th Work Session with Liquor Store Manager

16. Council asked for the liquor manager to be prepared to discuss buying practices and the potential increase of specials to boost sales.

REVIEW: Robbinsdale Priorities Handout for Legislative Breakfast

17. Council approved of the handout drafted by staff with minor amendment.

REVIEW: Strategic Direction & Identify Key Topics for 2/8/2020 Goal Session

18. Staff talked about simple recycling and that no more drop-off bins are in the community. Other items were the Beach South parking lot, timing of discussion to consider changes to outdoor liquor sales in the downtown area, and status of point-of-sale program.

MONTHLY UPDATE: Problem Properties

19. Staff reviewed the list of problem properties.
20. Council gave special thanks to code enforcement staff for their efforts in shrinking the number of problem properties in Robbinsdale.

OTHER BUSINESS

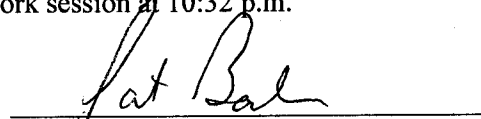
21. Council discussed pedestrian safety concerns at 36th Avenue and Kyle Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

22. Mayor pro-tem Backen adjourned the work session at 10:32 p.m.



John Tingley, Recorder



Pat Backen, Mayor Pro-Tem