

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017.
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
CITY HALL

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Blonigan at 7:46 pm.
2. Councilmembers Present: Rogan, Selman, Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem Blonigan;
Absent: Backen
Staff Present: City Manager Glick

DISCUSSION: Memorial Day Event Planning

3. Mayor Murphy has been in touch with members of the Westphal American Legion and has also identified the 4th grade choir from Lakeview as possible participants. The City Concert Band is also available.
4. There was a discussion on the date/time/location. Suggestion of 3 p.m. on Memorial Day will be reviewed for coordination with other area programs and the availability of the City Band and choir. Staff will also check on the process for holding the event at the Victory Memorial Flagpole – which may require permits from the Minneapolis Park Board. City Hall was discussed as a possible alternate location.
5. Mayor Murphy will be working with the Legion as well as reaching out to potential speakers.

UPDATE: Simple Textile Recycling

6. The program has now been rolled out in area cities and the City Council indicated interest in moving forward with adding the service in Robbinsdale.
7. Glick will follow up with the contractor.

MONTHLY UPDATE: Problem Properties

8. Glick provided updates on the properties with a list distributed to add to the agenda packet. Glick highlighted that the yard and shed at 3800 Vera Cruz were cleaned up by a city contractor, and the new homeowner at 3440 Beard is working on his plan for a revised limited use permit for the fence in the right of way which would not require a height variance.
9. Council members asked for a list of properties owned by MNSF.

REVIEW: 2017-18 Goals

10. Glick distributed a handout to add to the agenda packet.
11. Highlights:
 - RFP responses for the staff wage/salary study were received, reviewed, and the city manager will be moving forward with the contract this week.

- Letters for the Mayor and Council Member signature will be prepared to invite new residents to meet with the Council for a new resident welcome. First letters covering the first quarter of 2017 are targeted to go out April 18th for a gathering at 6:30 p.m. before the May 16th City Council Meeting.
- Staff will get information on how other cities conduct a Mayor's State of the City event.
- Mayor Murphy has made preliminary outreach to fitness centers regarding interest in adding a facility in Robbinsdale which could be a city-partnership.

OTHER BUSINESS:

12. Councilmember Blonigan asked for an updated TIF projection for the Hy-Vee redevelopment area.
13. Councilmember Blonigan noted that legislation was moving forward which would allow installation of small cell antennas in city rights-of-way without city oversight. He asked staff to prepare a letter to the Governor noting the financial impact to the city should these facilities lead to termination of the city's leases for the larger antennas and how this lost income would be off-set by a % increase in property taxes or reduction of services.
14. Mayor Murphy noted an inquiry regarding woodchip use at playgrounds. Glick had previously obtained the information for Councilmember Rogan and will distribute the information to the full council.
15. Mayor Murphy indicated that he had received an email regarding a grant that he will forward to staff.
16. Councilmember Blonigan reported that Public Works Director McCoy will be meeting with MNDOT on March 23rd related to work on the rip-rap under the Highway 100 bridge over the Twin Lake channel.
17. Councilmember Blonigan noted that there is a Toastmaster meeting Friday morning at 7:45 a.m. and they were looking for a speaker. Councilmembers indicated that they were not available at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

18. Mayor pro-tem Blonigan adjourned the work session at 8:43 pm.



Marcia Glick, Recorder



William A. Blonigan, Mayor Pro Tem