

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
CITY HALL

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Blonigan 10:55 pm.
2. Councilmembers Present: Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem Blonigan
Staff Present: City Manager Glick, Public Works Director McCoy, Finance Director Jacobson, Community Development Coordinator Pearson.

UPDATE: Comprehensive Plan Review

3. Coordinator Pearson presented the framework for the 2040 Comp Plan update including projections and land use recommendations discussed by the Planning Commission.
4. City Manager Glick explained that there would be an open house scheduled for April 20 with the Planning Commission dedicated to the Comprehensive Plan. Council members were encouraged to read the handout which was added to the agenda packet and discussion will continue at a special work session following the REDA meeting on April 11th.

DISCUSSION: Construction Funding/Bonding/Rate Study

5. Finance Director Jacobson provided a handout which has been added to the agenda. The report included anticipated costs for 2017 projects and steps to be taken. It was noted that unforeseen projects such as County Road 9 have impacted the timing of other projects.
6. A resolution will be placed on the April 18th agenda indicating the intent to issue a bond and allow for costs incurred prior to the bond sale to be repaid through future bond funds. Council members supported moving forward in getting a proposal for an updated rate study from Ehlers and other information helpful for projecting borrowing impacts on future levies.

UPDATE: Discussion of Organics with Waste Management

7. Marshall, Glick, and Murphy had met with Waste Management representatives earlier in the day. Waste Management clarified that their proposal for organics collection assumed a five year contract extension to cover the cost of an organics recycling pilot program with Robbinsdale.
8. Council members indicated that seven years is a long time to go without getting bids for one of the largest service contracts in the City. Additional information should be requested including an option for a shorter extension.

UPDATE: Quasquicentennial Committee

9. April 19 is the meeting date one year in advance of the Quasquicentennial (125th) anniversary. The Senior commission and Historical society may have interest in getting involved. Committee volunteers have been notified and other groups are encouraged to come to the meeting.

DISCUSSION: Option for building use by public

Given the late hour, this item will be carried over to the next regular work session in May.

DISCUSSION: Information on community surveys

10. Glick distributed a sample list of questions which was added to the agenda packet. The quote from Morris Leatherman Company was \$13,500 for a phone survey of 400 people (mix of cell and land lines) and 60 questions. Additional questions can be added for a price.
11. Murphy reported that the YMCA is exploring options for facilities and would be interested in participating in the cost of the survey if certain questions were included.
12. Council was encouraged to review the document and the item will come back at the next regular work session.

DISCUSSION: Option to find a site for relocated CR81 Terrace Theater Sign

13. Glick reported that David Leonhardt had contacted her regarding the Terrace Theater sign on CR81 and asked if the city would have a place for it.
14. Council members were not able to identify a good location given the poor soil conditions in most parks and noted that the city had reviewed the option to install a city reader board in the past and decided it was not a priority. They recommended checking with North Memorial to see if there would be an option to relocate the sign to their portion of the site or Robbinsdale Middle School.

REVIEW: Letter inviting new residents to council open house

15. A draft letter was distributed and added to the agenda packet.
16. Member Blonigan submitted his suggested changes and it was decided that the letter would not include the names of any specific businesses.
17. Staff will update and distribute the update for further comment and have signature copies at the April 18th meeting.

MONTHLY UPDATE: Problem Properties

18. Pearson provided updates on the properties with a list distributed to add to the agenda packet. Two properties had been previously discussed during the regular agenda.

REVIEW: 2017-18 Goals

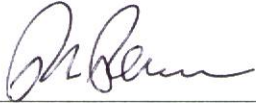
19. Glick distributed a handout to add to the agenda packet.
20. Highlights:
 - Relocation of the liquor store has hit some challenges both with a smaller floor plan layout and concerns related to competition should wine in grocery legislation pass during our tenancy. Option to simply let the city cancel the lease would create a difficult condition needing to locate a different store location option.
 - Glick reported on the BLRT meeting with 45th Avenue crossing neighbors. Concerns related to noise, option to close the crossing, and homes having freight moving 15 feet closer not being offered a solid fence.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

21. Mayor pro-tem Blonigan adjourned the work session at 11:29 pm.



Rick Pearson, Recorder



William A. Blonigan, Mayor Pro Tem