

**ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

TUESDAY, May 7, 2019

**ROBBINSDALE CITY HALL – SIXTH CORNER MEETING ROOM
FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING**

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Selman at 7:52 p.m.
2. Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy
Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Meagan Donahue, Assistant to City Manager

REVIEW: Special Assessment Policy for Alleys

3. McCoy provided an update on the proposed alley project. Bids opened last Thursday and the City received 3 bids and they came in \$20k+ higher than expected. He believes prices are being driven high due to demand and recent short construction seasons.
4. Council discussed possible updates to the Special Assessment Policy in regards to alleys. They would like to see a couple options at an upcoming meeting.

DISCUSS: Citizen Concerns – Single use plastic straws

5. Lilee Couture addressed the Council to explain her research findings about straws and the effect they have on the earth.
6. Council and staff will continue this topic and research ways to address the use of single use products, such as straws, plastic bags and non-recyclable or compostable to-go boxes.

DISCUSS: Citizen Concerns – Driving behavior by Cunningham

7. Citizens have expressed frustration about people driving fast in this area. Blonigan will discuss with residents about how they can move forward.

DISCUSS: Litter Concerns – Trash Busters

8. Council discussed what can be done to help the City with littering issues. The Council wants to encourage citizens to not litter and help clean up litter.
9. Council also discussed recycling bins/garbage bins in parks not being used correctly. They would like to look at options to possibly replace these bins with more effective bins.

DISCUSS: Partnership for Change Information on Marijuana Dispensaries

10. Council would like to find a meeting that doesn't have a lot of agenda items to have a presentation from the Partnership for Change organization.

DISCUSS: North Memorial Helicopter Presentation

11. Council would like staff to ask North Memorial to do a presentation to the Council next spring. Staff will follow up with North Memorial to see what they would like to do.

REVIEW: City Code amendments required to comply with water surface management plan

12. McCoy reviewed what parts need to be updated and stated that changes need to be made in the next 180 days.

DISCUSS: RailVolution 2019

13. RailVolution 2019 is September 8-11. These dates would interfere with the Chamber Meet and Greet on 9/9 and the REDA meeting on 9/10. Council would like to move the REDA meeting and will decide who would like to go in the next month or two.

MONTHLY UPDATE: Problem Properties

14. Council discussed updates to the Problem Properties list and reported concerns from citizens.

REVIEW: STRATEGIC GOALS

15. Glick provided overview of current goals presented in the packet.

OTHER BUSINESS

16. Member Blonigan showed pictures of the weir/fish trap that goes to Ryan Lake. Reported water is flowing as it should be, but would like the watershed district to clean it up.

ADJOURNMENT

17. Mayor pro-tem Selman adjourned the work session at 9:53 p.m.


Meghan Donahue, Recorder


George Selman, Mayor Pro Tem