

**ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION MINUTES**

TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA WEBEX -- FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Backen at 8:48 p.m.
2. Councilmembers Present by roll call vote: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy.
3. Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Jeff Zuba, Finance Director; Richard McCoy, City Engineer; Patrick Foley, Police Captain; John Tingley, Assistant to City Manager.

REPORT: Water Rate Study Update

4. Jessica Cook from Ehlers Financial presented the rate study to council. The water fund has been prudently managed. The upcoming water treatment plant project capital costs will necessitate an adjustment to water rates.
5. Council discussed rate equity between current and future users, future savings from city-wide water softening, how rates compare to neighboring communities, monthly billing and connecting North Memorial to the water system.

REPORT: Xcel Energy's "Heat Map" of electric energy use across the city

6. McCoy presented the PowerPoint presentation which showed electric energy use and updates on energy conservation through Xcel.
7. Council and staff discussed staff availability to implement electricity savings programs. An application to partners in energy will be evaluated next year.

DISCUSSION: Next option – Green Step Cities requirements

8. Council agreed to discuss this item at a future work session.

REPORT: Response to questions on Clare Housing

9. Captain Foley provided an update on levels of police calls related to Clare Housing.
10. Mayor Murphy and Council expressed frustration with issues related to the property.

REPORT: Restaurant outdoor operation regulations

11. Tingley provided an update on restaurant outdoor seating areas planned by city restaurants.

DISCUSSION: City Hall Operations

12. Glick and Tingley provided an update on city hall operations including upcoming absentee voting in City Hall.
13. Council agreed that having city hall open for absentee voting during the primary is important.

UPDATE: Problem Properties

14. Glick presented the list.

UPDATE: Strategic Goals

15. No update at this time.

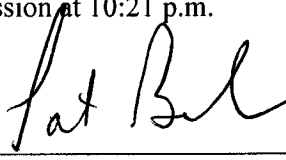
OTHER BUSINESS

16. Tingley gave an update from election filing. 17 candidates in total filled. 8 for Mayor, 3 for Ward 1 and 6 for Ward 2. The candidate withdrawal period ends 5:00 p.m. June 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

17. Mayor pro-tem Backen adjourned the work session at 10:21 p.m.



John Tingley, Recorder

Pat Backen, Mayor Pro-Tem