REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
June 4, 2019
Sixth Corner Meeting Room
4100 Lakeview Avenue North
Robbinsdale, Minnesota
Following the 7:00 p.m. regular City Council Meeting

A G E N D A

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEM
2. ROLL CALL: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy
3. RECEIVE RESEARCH UPDATE: single use straws/packaging (See Attached)
4. RECEIVE UPDATE: tobacco moratorium study (See Attached)
5. REVIEW: Alley prioritization list
6. DISCUSS: Proposed 36th Ave median test by Hy-Vee
7. RECEIVE UPDATE: citizen concern street signage by Cunningham
8. PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS: CCX Media stories
9. DISCUSS: Date for work session on website design update
10. PROVIDE INPUT: Lions Club request for use of City Logo (See Attached)
11. MONTHLY UPDATE: Problem Properties
12. REVIEW: Strategic Goals
13. OTHER BUSINESS
14. ADJOURNMENT

Item 3 - single use straws/packaging

	straws	containers
Bean There – Samantha Denny	Must be paper wrapped per health department. Looked at Candy for lemonade and chocolate for coffee Looked at paper/noodle – temperature can damage, costly, limited shelf life	
Wicked Wort – Steve Carlyle	Minimal use of straws.	Avoid single use plastics in general. Reusable plastic containers lined with paper or cardboard "boats" Aluminum foil or plastic wrap if people want to-go.
Marnas – Rolando Diaz	Wouldn't mind switching to paper once current supply is gone. Hasn't done a lot of research in this area.	Paper straw observed at Granite City – shared by Tina Suglia
Nonna Rosa – Tina Suglia	Straws essential for cocktails most people want with soda. They don't hand out with waters. Paper straws don't work for too long.	
Hy-Vee – Dale Mitchel	Anticipate change to paper straws in the near future	
McDonalds – Kyle Olson-Patterson	Corporate hasn't made a change for straws – still using plastic.	Some have moved to paper bags for fries (vs coated carton) – use corrugated for burgers
PAMP/etc – Meagan Leafblad	Looking at re-usable/washable	Compostable green products
Broadway Pizza – Brad Eagles		Note dropped off 5/13
Athens - owner	Plastic – paper more expensive	Paper containers 4x more $$ Would pass extra cost to customers. Other options not available in all of the sizes they use. Some customers bring their own containers. Question – when you send people home with a recyclable container, how do you know that they will recycle it?
Subway		Note dropped off 5/13
El Toro		Note dropped off 5/13
Canton Gardens		
Dairy Queen		
Starbucks	Moving away from plastic per news	

Plastic Ban Information:

https://www.mndaily.com/article/2019/04/n-plans-to-charge-fee-on-plastic-bags-underway-in-minneapolis

4/22 – Minneapolis is moving ahead with efforts that would require residents to pay a 5-cent fee on paper and plastic bags.

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https://squareup.com/townsquare/why-plastic-straws-are-being-banned

As of July 1st, Seattle will be the first U.S. city to ban the use of plastic straws for vendors in the city, as well as plastic stir sticks and utensils. Straws made of compostable paper or plastic will be allowed.

New York City also introduced legislation to ban plastic straws by 2020.

San Francisco passed a proposal to outlaw plastic straws and stirrers in the city.

Starbucks will be one of the first globally recognized brands to announce it will be moving away from plastic straws

What are alternatives? Compostable straws, cardboard and paper straws, glass straws, silicone straws, metal straws.

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http://www.ncsl.org/research/environment-and-natural-resources/plastic-bag-legislation.aspx

This article has a table of "Enacted Plastic Bag State Legislation"

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https://www.cleanwateraction.org/plastics-toolkit

Potential Tool Kit – to create an ordinance.

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https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2018/07/news-plastic-drinking-straw-history-ban/

Starbucks plans to phase out plastic straws by 2020.

McDonald's announced it will ban plastic straws at its U.K. and Ireland restaurants.

Bon Appétit Management, a food service company with 1,000 U.S. locations, announced May 2018 they will phase out plastic straws.

Alaska Airlines will phase out plastic straws and stirrers.

It's estimated that 500 million straws are used every day, estimated that 8.3 billion plastic straws pollute the world's beaches, and 8 million tons of plastic flow into the ocean every year.

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http://fortune.com/2018/07/11/ditching-plastic-straws-replacements/

Companies who are in the works of eliminating plastic straws – Starbucks, Hyatt, Hilton, Marriott UK, American Airlines, Alaska Airlines, SeaWorld Entertainment, Royal Caribbean.

Item 4: Planning Commission discussion of land use controls relative to tobacco

On May 16, 2019, the Planning Commission discussed land use controls for tobacco. Background information provided explained that pipe(s) and tobacco are permitted uses in B2, Limited, B-3, Highway and B-4, Community Commercial districts. Furthermore, T-21 limiting the sale of the above products to persons 21 or older would have the effect of tobacco being an adult use further restricting sales to B-3 and B-4 districts only.

Generally, the Commissioners felt that current controls including T-21 is an appropriate level of regulation and that further land use controls were unnecessary, or would not be effective. Distance from incompatible land uses such as schools, parks and churches was discussed. One Commissioner felt that additional controls would be meaningless in light of the mobility of young persons the restrictions would be intended for. Consensus of the commission was that limiting purchase to age 21 in the B-3 and B-4 zoning districts seems to work well.

Item 10 – Lions request to use city logo

The Lions are in the process of updating their logo. The sample logo below was submitted and requested to use the City logo as part of the design.

Previously the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce was given approval to use the Robbinsdale bird as part of their logo below.

Staff suggests that the Lions modify the design so that the City bird is not the main focus. Council input is requested.