

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
June 13, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING OF REDA
Robbinsdale City Hall
4100 Lakeview Avenue North

MINUTES

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Wagner at 8:20 p.m.
2. Council Members present: Murphy, Webb, Parisian, Blonigan, Mayor Pro Tem Wagner
3. Staff present: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Kayla Kirtz, Assistant to City Manager – Communications

Discussion: 3839 Lakeland Avenue N - Development

4. Pearson introduced the discussion and Yetzer of MWF Properties gave a presentation about the project.
5. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner and Yetzer discussed why there will be age requirements for residents, noting the Minnesota Housing Finance application which requires a member of the household be 55+.
6. Member Webb noted her support for affordable housing. Member Webb noted the utility package that the Reeve Apartments offers residents. Yetzer noted that residents would be responsible for cable and electric.
7. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner thanked the presenter and American Pressure for the letter they submitted.
8. Member Blonigan noted the site's proximity to the proposed light rail transit stop, the importance of working with neighboring businesses and properties, potential tax increment financing, the walkability of the site, and expressed interest in learning more about the energy efficiency of the property.
9. Member Murphy and Yetzer discussed easements on the property and details of the site plan. Yetzer addressed the fire department's concerns. Yetzer explained how the site proposal would impact neighboring properties' access to their sites. A neighboring property owner explained their experience working with the developer and other neighboring properties.
10. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner asked about updating parking requirements within the TOD overlay district and Pearson explained a parking variance. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner

expressed support for adjusting the parking space requirements and Member Parisian agreed.

11. Member Parisian expressed support for a shared walkway with access to W Broadway.

Discussion: Hollingsworth Park – Design Updates

12. Sandvik introduced the discussion.
13. Representatives of the Victor Donato Memorial Garden (VDMG) provided an update and asked for guidance from staff and Council. Sandvik recommended that the process go out for bid and that Council amend the limited use agreement.
14. Council and VDMG representatives discussed details of the project and the involvement of the Fire Department.
15. Sandvik clarified support from Council to amend the agreement and proceed with the project.

Staff Updates

16. Sandvik provided legislative updates on public safety and cannabis. Sandvik shared that under new legislation, exclusive (municipal) liquor stores are eligible for THC infused seltzers. Council gave support for the sales, understanding that staff still need to confirm things like insurance coverage.
17. Sandvik and Council discussed the current organized collection contract.
18. Sandvik and Council discussed scheduling a special work session to discuss the 2024 budget at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 31st.
19. Staff provided an update on Minnesota Department of Health licensed homes.

Council Updates

20. Council discussed funding from the legislature.
21. Council discussed participating in community events in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

22. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.



Kayla Kirtz, Recorder



Aaron Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem