

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
July 7, 2020
Council Chambers
4100 Lakeview Avenue North
Robbinsdale, Minnesota
Following the 7:00 p.m. regular City Council Meeting

Meeting will be conducted via Webex. To access the meeting, please call in to 1-312-535-8110 and enter Access Code 133 479 4201. If prompted, please hit #.

AGENDA

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEM
2. ROLL CALL: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy
3. DISCUSSION: Water tower design options
4. UPDATE: Water regulations on Lower Twin Lake – code attached
5. UPDATE: Human Rights Commission plans; Council feedback on vision for taskforce on Race & Equity
6. UPDATE: Problem properties
7. UPDATE: Strategic goals
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

New Water Tower – Decorative Elements

Part of the discussions at the next work session is to start looking at the decorative elements for the proposed new Water Tower in the vicinity of CR81 / TH100 / CR8.

The Architect for the Water Infrastructure Projects has mocked up some options for review, comment and direction. These are attached.

Although the bid for the construction of this work is not scheduled until early 2021, it is necessary to formulate some options, or at least a preferred option (that may not necessarily be from those presented in the attachment). It would then be prudent to share the preferred design and allow some time for public consultation prior to finalizing the plans and proceeding to bid.

Please forward any comments or questions to Richard.









- (c) if the City Council has by resolution modified the closing hours and directed posting of such modified hours; (Amended, Ord. No. 18-14, Sec. 1)
- (d) City personnel may be in the parks at any time if acting in the course of their official duties;
- (e) City personnel may assign special hours of use by posting at park site;
- (f) if a person is walking through city park property on park pathways after closing hours; and (Amended, Ord. No. 18-14, Sec. 1)
- (g) dogs are allowed to be unleashed in designated dog parks as long as owner complies with rules stated at the park. (Added, Ord. No. 18-14, Sec. 1)

Subd. 3. A person violating the provisions of this subsection or a resolution enacted in accordance with subsection 815.06, subdivision 2(c) is guilty of a misdemeanor or required to pay an administrative fee. (Amended, Ord. No. 18-14, Sec. 1)

 815.07. General rule. Subdivision 1. Application. It is unlawful to navigate, operate, dock or anchor a boat, motor boat, or watercraft (excluding canoes) on Crystal Lake, Twin Lakes or Ryan Lake (the lakes) except in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. This subsection applies to the operation of boats, motorboats and watercraft in the lakes.

Subd. 2. Mufflers required. It is unlawful to use a boat propelled in whole or in part by gas, gasoline or naphtha unless the same is provided with a stock factory muffler, underwater exhaust or other modern device capable of adequately muffling the sound of the exhaust of the engine. The phrase "adequately muffling" means that the motor's exhaust must be so muffled or suppressed as not to create excessive or unusual noise. The discharge of cooling water through the exhaust of an inboard engine is considered an adequate muffling device. Motorboats may be operated with cut-outs or mufflers open while actually competing in a race licensed to be held by the city.

Subd. 3. Speed and operation of motorboats. The operator of a motorboat must navigate the same in a careful and prudent manner and at a safe speed and along a safe course. It is unlawful to operate a motorboat at a rate of speed greater than that which will permit the motorboat to be brought to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead. It is unlawful to operate a motorboat in a careless or reckless manner. Reckless navigation of a motorboat includes operating the same in a manner which unnecessarily interferes with the free and proper use of the navigable waters of the state or unnecessarily endangers other boats therein, or the life, limb or property of any person. It is unlawful to exceed the speed limit of five miles per hour while going under bridges or through channels.

Subd. 4. Operating distances. It is unlawful to run, operate, navigate or direct a boat, motorboat or watercraft within 75 feet of an area in which a person is fishing or within 100 feet of an area in which a person is swimming or within 200 feet of any area designated as a public swimming beach or within 150 feet of a shoreline, except when the craft is entering or leaving the lake. An area designated as a public swimming beach will be clearly marked with buoys.

Subd. 5. Time.

- (a) Crystal and Ryan Lakes. A mechanical powered boat, motorboat, or watercraft may not be operated from sunset to sunrise the following day.

- (b) South Twin Lake: Gasoline-powered watercraft. Watercraft which is powered by means of an internal combustion engine may not be operated: (a) between the hours of 12:00 (noon) and 6 o'clock P.M. on any day: unless such watercraft is operated for the limited purpose of traveling on South Twin Lake to or from Middle or Upper Twin Lake, and at a no wake speed (not greater than five miles per hour); or (b) from sunset to sunrise of the following day. (Amended, Ord. No. 90-14, Sec. 1)

Subd. 6. Channels. It is unlawful to obstruct a channel. It is unlawful for a person to swim or dive from a bridge that crosses a channel.

Subd. 7. Water skiing. For the purpose of this section, the term "other similar devices" means any device such as knee boards or inner tubes which are towed or dragged behind a watercraft and upon or in which a person can be carried. The term does not include watercraft which is being towed.

- (a) Crystal and Ryan Lakes. Water skiing and the use of other similar devices are prohibited in the primary harbor, which is defined as 150 feet from shoreline. Water skiing and the use of other similar devices are permitted from the hours 10 o'clock A.M. to 7:30 o'clock P.M., and it is unlawful to ski or use other similar devices at any other time.
- (b) South Twin Lake. Water skiing and the use of other similar devices are prohibited in the primary harbor which is defined as 150 feet from shoreline. Water skiing and the use of other similar devices are prohibited from the hours of 12 noon to 6 o'clock P.M., and from sunset to sunrise of the following day. (Amended, Ord. No. 90-14, Sec. 2)

Subd. 8. (Repealed, Ord. No. 90-14, Sec. 3)

Subd. 8. Duties of operator in case of accident. The operator of a boat involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to a person or in damage to property must immediately stop the boat at the scene of the accident and give to the person struck or the operator or occupants of the boat collided with, the person's name and address and full identification of the boat, together with the name and address of the owner and render to any person injured in such an accident reasonable assistance, and report such accident to the nearest or most convenient law enforcement agency or office. (Renumbered, Ord. No. 90-14, Sec. 4)

Subd. 10. (Repealed, Ord. No. 90-14, Sec. 3)

Subd. 11. (Repealed, Ord. No. 90-14, Sec. 3)

Subd. 9. Docks. It is unlawful to have floating docks away from the shore, except during the boating hours set forth in subdivision 6. It is unlawful to have docks at public or private easements, or to have docks extending more than 30 feet from shore, unless the water is less than two feet deep at that distance, in which case said dock may be extended to a point at which the water is at least two feet deep at the extremity of the dock. (Renumbered, Ord. No. 90-14, Sec. 4)

Subd. 10. Enforcement. In addition to the provision in section 120.01 of this code to the contrary, the provisions of this subsection may be enforced by personnel employed by the following:

- (a) Hennepin County Sheriff's Department; and
- (b) Conservation officers of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Minnesota.

Provided, however, that all such enforcement activities shall be deemed to be under the exclusive supervision and control of the agency employing such personnel and the city shall have no responsibility or control over such activities. (Added, Ord. No. 90-14, Sec. 5)

Subd. 11. Exemption. All authorized resource management, emergency and enforcement personnel, while acting in the performance of their assigned duties are exempt from the foregoing restrictions. (Added, Ord. No. 90-14, Sec. 6)

Subd. 12. Signs. The city shall erect and maintain signs at each public launching facility on South Twin Lake, and at other locations if deemed necessary by the city, notifying the public of the essential requirements of subsections 815.07, subd. 5(b) and 815.07, subd. 7(b). (Added, Ord. No. 90-14, Sec. 7)

Section 2040 - Crystal Lake and South Twin Lake Speed Regulations during high water levels

(note: regular lake regulations are found in Section 815.07)

(Added, Ord. No. 97-12, Amended, Ord. No. 19-01, Sec. 3)

2040.01. Purpose. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 86B.201-205, 459.20 and Minnesota Rules parts 6110.3000-6110.3700, it is the purpose of this section to temporarily regulate the operation and speed of watercraft on Crystal Lake and South Twin Lake.

2040.03. Definitions. Subdivision 1. For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases have the meanings set forth below:

Subd. 2. "Persons" includes an individual, partnership, corporation or any body of persons whether incorporated or formed into an association or not.

Subd. 3. "Operate" means to navigate or otherwise use a watercraft.

Subd. 4. "Watercraft" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes 86B.005, subdivision 8.

Subd. 5. "Slow-no wake" means the operation of a watercraft at the slowest possible speed necessary to maintain steerage and in no case greater than 5 mph.

Subd. 6. "Crystal Lake" means section 5 and 6, township 029, range 24, the lake bordered by Lakeview Terrace Park on the south, Highway 81 on the west, Shoreline Drive on the north, Crystal Lake Boulevard on the east.

Subd. 7. "South Twin Lake" means section 6, township 029, range 24, sections 9 and 10, and sections 15 and 16, township 118, range 21, the lake bordered by Trunk Highway 100 on the north, Highway 81 on the west and County Road 9 on the south.

2040.05. Crystal Lake regulation. No person shall operate a watercraft at greater than a slow-no wake speed on Crystal Lake until the level has dropped to at least an elevation of 848 feet above sea level as determined by the engineering department and remained at or below that level for at least three consecutive days. (Amended, Ord. No. 01-04)

2040.06. South Twin Lake regulation. No person shall operate a watercraft at greater than a slow-no wake speed on South Twin Lake until the level has dropped to at least an elevation of 852.25 feet above sea level as determined by the engineering department and remained at or below that level for at least three consecutive days. (Added, Ord. No. 01-04)

2040.07. Exemptions. Authorized resource management, emergency and enforcement personnel, when acting in the performance of their duties, shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

2040.09. Marking. The city of Robbinsdale shall be responsible for informing the public, posting notification at all public accesses and marking or buoying areas affected by this section as necessary to give reasonable notice of the speed restriction of this section.

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2040.11. Enforcement. Primary responsibility for enforcement of this section shall rest with the Hennepin County sheriff's department. This, however, shall not preclude enforcement by other licensed peace officers.

2040.13. Penalties. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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Subdivision 1. **General requirements.** (a) In addition to requirements of other laws relating to watercraft, a person may not operate or permit the operation of a personal watercraft:

(1) without each person on board the personal watercraft wearing a wearable personal flotation device that is approved by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and has a USCG label indicating the flotation device either is approved for or does not prohibit use with personal watercraft;

(2) between one hour before sunset and 9:30 a.m.;

(3) at greater than slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of:

(i) a shoreline;

(ii) a dock;

(iii) a swimmer;

(iv) a raft used for swimming or diving; or

(v) a moored, anchored, or nonmotorized watercraft;

(4) while towing a person on water skis, a kneeboard, an inflatable craft, or any other device unless:

(i) an observer is on board; or

(ii) the personal watercraft is equipped with factory-installed or factory-specified accessory mirrors that give the operator a wide field of vision to the rear;

(5) without the lanyard-type engine cutoff switch being attached to the person, clothing, or personal flotation device of the operator, if the personal watercraft is equipped by the manufacturer with such a device;

(6) if any part of the spring-loaded throttle mechanism has been removed, altered, or tampered with so as to interfere with the return-to-idle system;

(7) to chase or harass wildlife;

(8) through emergent or floating vegetation at other than a slow-no wake speed;

(9) in a manner that unreasonably or unnecessarily endangers life, limb, or property, including weaving through congested watercraft traffic, jumping the wake of another watercraft within 150 feet of the other watercraft, or operating the watercraft while facing backward;

(10) in any other manner that is not reasonable and prudent; or

(11) without a personal watercraft rules decal, issued by the commissioner, attached to the personal watercraft so as to be in full view of the operator.

(b) Paragraph (a), clause (3), does not apply to a person operating a personal watercraft to launch or land a person on water skis, a kneeboard, or similar device by the most direct route to open water.

Subd. 2. **Age of operator.** Except in the case of an emergency, a person under the age of 13 years may not operate or be permitted to operate a personal watercraft, regardless of horsepower. It is unlawful for the owner of a personal watercraft to permit the personal watercraft to be operated contrary to this subdivision.

Subd. 3. **Operator's permit; adult supervision.** Except in the case of an emergency, a person 13 years of age or over but less than 18 years of age may not operate a personal watercraft, regardless of horsepower, without possessing a valid watercraft operator's permit as required by section [86B.305](#), unless there is a person 21 years of age or older on board the

DON'T MEET BY ACCIDENT

Many boaters in Minnesota enjoy the exciting sport of riding personal watercraft (PWC). These speedy little craft make up over four percent of registered boats in the state.

Although the number of personal watercraft accidents has declined, inexperienced riders still seem to account for many mishaps. They may not be aware of the unique handling characteristics of PWC or the special laws that apply to these craft.

Collisions are the most common kind of personal watercraft accident. PWCs collide with docks, swimming rafts and other watercraft. How do you avoid a collision on your personal watercraft?

Keep your throttle depressed while turning. Many PWC operators heading towards a hazard panic and release the throttle, or pull the cutoff lanyard, causing the engine to stop. **HUGE MISTAKE!** When the engine stops, the waterjet that propels and steers the craft stops and the craft continues in the same direction it was moving at the time the power was cut, regardless of any attempts to steer by the operator. Some recent-model PWCs are equipped with a device that assists steering in an off-throttle situation. However, even if your craft has this feature, keep the throttle depressed when you turn... even in an emergency.

Don't ride too close to other boats - especially other personal watercraft.

Make gradual turns. Turning too sharply can cause you to spin out and stop, giving any boat following you ample time to run you down!

Look before turning.

If someone is in the process of passing you, you could turn right into them.



LAWS

Every personal watercraft operator has the legal responsibility to know the law, so please take a few minutes to review the following regulations.

WHAT IS A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT?

A personal watercraft (sometimes called PWC or by brand names such as Jet Ski, Wave Runner, Sea Doo, etc.) is defined by law as a motorboat powered by an onboard motor powering a jet pump or by an outboard or propeller driven motor and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the craft, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside a motorboat.

Personal watercraft are considered motorboats under the law so they must follow all the regulations that govern other motorboats.

In addition, personal watercraft...

- Are required to have a rules decal (provided at no charge by the DNR) in full view of the operator.
- Operators and passengers must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V life jacket.
- Are required to carry a USCG approved fire extinguisher.
- Must travel at slow-no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of shore (except when a PWC is launching or landing a water skier by the most direct route to open water), docks, swimmers, swimming rafts, any moored or anchored watercraft or non-motorized watercraft.



- While towing a person on water skis or other device, must have an additional person on board to act as observer. Wide-angle rearview mirrors may be substituted for an observer but they must be factory-installed or specified by the PWC manufacturer.

- Cutoff lanyards must be properly used and attached to the person, life jacket or clothing of the operator.

- May only operate between 9:30 a.m. and one hour before sunset (see sunset schedule).

You may not...

- Chase or harass wildlife.
- Operate while facing backward.
- Operate in a way that endangers life, limb or property.
- Operate a personal watercraft if the spring-loaded throttle mechanism has been removed or tampered with so it interferes with the return-to-idle system.
- Weave through congested watercraft traffic or jump the wake of another watercraft within 150 feet of the other boat.
- Travel through emergent or floating vegetation at greater than a slow-no wake speed.

AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Contact the MN DNR at the address at the end of this pamphlet for home-study materials for a youth watercraft operator's permit.

It is unlawful for a PWC owner to permit its operation in violation of the age restrictions. (See chart on next column.)

Less than 13 years old	May not operate, even with an adult on board.
13 years old	Must either have: someone at least 21 on board, or a watercraft operator's permit and be in continuous visual observation by someone at least 21.
14-17 years old	Must either have: a watercraft operator's permit, or someone at least 21 on board.

SALES & RENTAL

Personal watercraft dealers are required to distribute a summary of the laws governing PWC operation. Upon request by a purchaser, they must also provide instruction regarding the laws and safe operation of the craft.

People who provide PWCs for rent must also provide a summary of the personal watercraft laws and instruction for the safe operation of the craft.

PWC dealers and rental operations are required to keep a signature record of people who buy or rent PWCs, acknowledging they have been provided a copy of the PWC laws and rules. People under the age of 18 who rent PWCs must show their watercraft operator's permit before renting a PWC and the rental agency must record this information on the signature record. Rental operators must also supply a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket to everyone who rents a PWC as well as all other required safety equipment (fire extinguisher, etc.) at no additional charge.