

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, September 13, 2022

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Webb at 8:01pm
2. Councilmembers Present: Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
3. Staff Present: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Patrick Foley, Chief of Police; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Diaa Tahoun, Finance Director;
4. Discussion: Additional information requested for 2023 budget (Attachment 1)
 - Sandvik introduced the item and reminded Council that following the September 6th Work Session, by request of Council, staff produced additional information to address Public Safety and strategic thinking for recruitment, retention, and long-term success.
 - Chief Foley discussed recruitment, retention, and long-term strategic planning for the Police Department, including walking through the provided memo.
 - Blonigan asked about staffing. Chief responded that the PD continues struggle. This is not unique to Robbinsdale, so thinking creatively in compensation, as well as ways to continue to improve the working environment.
 - Council had general discussion about how salaries, and other items are budgeted
 - Sandvik emphasized that dollars would be considered in areas of operations to try and attract high level talent.
 - Council discussed strategy related to tax levy, including communications. Sandvik shared that staff will take on the role of improving how and what is communicated with the public when the preliminary levy is set.
 - Council all indicated support of a 12.8% levy increase for 2023
2. Discussion: October 4th meeting (Attachment 2)
 - Sandvik shared that this item was inserted as a placeholder for discussion prior to the setting of public hearings. Staff recommends we maintain the October 4th meeting date, but do a better job of communicating these potential conflicts at the start of the year. Council agreed to keep the date as is.
3. Update: Problem Properties (To be distributed at the meeting)
 - Pearson provided updates. Council asked questions and discussed philosophy.
4. Other Business

5. ADJOURNMENT – Council adjourned the work session at 9:10pm



Tim Sandvik, Recorder



Sheila Webb, Mayor Pro Tem