

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Following the City Council Meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m. Robbinsdale City Hall

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Kline at 9:00 p.m.
2. Councilmembers Present: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
3. Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Patrick Foley, Police Chief; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator

Crime Free Housing Update

4. Foley confirmed the City Council expectation that the modified code would be more specific in describing nuisances- predominantly citable offences, hold the landlord responsible, and if problems continue, the property owners will be called to defend their actions before city council. Code information that Life-Health-Safety issues are not included as nuisances or disorderly behavior. Property owner classes to continue. Item target for review at October 12 work session with first reading October 19.

Lake Regulation Research

5. Glick noted the DNR information attached to the agenda report. Chief Foley will be following up on next steps described in the document. This will delay ordinance consideration. Letters will be prepared to advise those who had spoken at council meetings or provided written comment will be updated on this next step.
6. Blonigan noted that there was an on-going issue with rocks falling (being tossed) into the channel under Highway 100.
7. McCoy noted that MNDOT regulates this area. Options had been explored and the current option was the only one that was feasible. Staff will contact MNDOT to advise that the system applied isn't working and determine what other measures are available.

Follow up from Park Tours

8. After clarification on the proposed pickle ball/basketball facility location at Manor Park (next to the narrow end of the tennis court), there were questions on operations. This proposal will be going to the Park/Rec Commission for review.
9. Suggestion to look at remnant MNDOT parcel (Toledo north of 42nd – triangle) to see if it could be available for recreation.

Partners in Energy Program

10. Mayor Blonigan indicated need for additional information. Staff will contact Xcel so they can follow up directly.

Housing "Affordability"

11. Pearson reviewed the staff report attached to the agenda. Council discussed the challenge of providing affordable housing and also the value of scattered sites where small homes are already located between larger/more expensive properties.

Public Safety Tour – Public Works Tour

12. Council members confirmed they would be available for a public safety tour at 6pm on September 28th. Tour of public works facilities would wait until summer 2022.

Problem Properties

13. Person reviewed the staff report attached to the agenda.

Project updates

14. Glick confirmed that the City Council expectation for September 21 was that the focus of discussion with Met Council representatives is LRT proposed on CR81. She highlighted that there had been some developer inquiries on properties in the downtown area. Related to recent complaints to City Council about downtown bands, she reminded City Council that the expanded outdoor service in 2020-21 related to COVID restrictions on indoor service were not expected to extend into 2022. Anticipate that outdoor music (other than smaller groups on existing patios) requires City Council approval as special events.

Other Business

15. Mayor Blonigan indicated that with expectation of progress on the list of desired projects by City Council, an additional Assistant to City Manager position should be included in the 2022 budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Kline adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.



Marcia Glick, Recorder



Tyler Kline, Mayor Pro Tem