ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
CITY HALL

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Blonigan 10:01 p.m.

2. Councilmembers Present: Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy Mayor Pro Tem Blonigan Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Larry Jacobson, Finance Director; Richard McCoy, City Engineer; John Tingley, Assistant to City Manager.

UPDATE: Tobacco Recap

3. Glick gave a recap on what council stated at the September 26th City Council meeting.

4. Member Blonigan suggested that Council pull Tobacco 21 language out of the current proposed ordinance and place it in a separate ordinance for a separate vote.

5. Glick compared components of the proposed ordinance with Minneapolis's city code regarding tobacco sales.

6. Mayor Murphy stated he would be in favor of removing tobacco products from the municipal liquor store.

7. Glick stated that raising the legal age to purchase tobacco to 21 is not on the radar of our neighboring cities at this point. Council could look at drafting a resolution or drafting an ordinance that raises the legal age and hold until other cities are ready.

8. Member Rogan stated that at minimum, Council should pass a resolution stating its intention to pass an ordinance raising the legal age to purchase tobacco to 21 when other neighboring cities are ready to move forward. He noted that he doesn't want Robbinsdale to be used as an example by the tobacco lobby if an ordinance raising the legal age to 21 doesn't pass.

DISCUSSION: Enterprise and Capital Fund Budget 2018 & CIP 2018-2022

9. Jacobson reviewed the staff report and gave an update on the progress of the utility rate study. He further discussed the health of the city's enterprise funds.

10. Council gave feedback regarding the proposed CIP and which projects should be completed by 2018.

DISCUSSION: PAH Contamination of Storm Water Pond Sediment – Option

11. Member Blonigan asked staff to review Golden Valley's lawsuit of a private firm that seal coats parking lots and determine if Robbinsdale was harmed as well.

12. Glick asked Member Blonigan to obtain contact information.

REPORTS: Railvolution

13. Council agreed to give a report at a later date when time allows.

14. Member Blonigan stated that CCX interviewed him about the conference and suggested the video be shared on social media.

MONTHLY UPDATE: 2017-2018 Goal Updates

15. Glick updated Council on progress. Staff is putting together a letter to be sent to apartment buildings and churches to establish contact persons. Staff is meeting with the contractor on Thursday to discuss the results of the wage market study.

MONTHLY UPDATE: Problem Properties

16. Glick provided an updated list of problem properties.

OTHER BUSINESS:

17. Jacobson gave an update on Invoice Cloud and that people continue to sign up to pay their utility bill online. He has been in contact with the vendor about issues some people have had registering.

18. The next Comprehensive Plan Open House with the Planning Commission will be Thursday, November 16th.

19. Council stated concern about the deterioration of the decorative historical pictures outside of Walgreens.

ADJOURNMENT

20. Mayor Pro Tem Blonigan adjourned the work session at 11:13 p.m.

John Tingley, Recorder

William A. Blonigan, Mayor Pro Tem