

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

TUESDAY, October 29, 2019

Sixth Corner Meeting Room

1. The hearing was called to order by Mayor pro-tem Selman at 7:09 p.m.
2. Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy
Staff Present: Jeff Zuba, Finance Director; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Pam Schmitz, Recreation Services Manager; Marcia Glick, City Manager

Discussion: 2020 Budget & Internal Service Fund Analysis

3. Patty Kettles, Baker Tilly, presented the Internal Services Fund Analysis Report. She noted that generally the fund allocations and processes were appropriate but recommended additional funds be allocated to the Equipment Replacement Fund to avoid borrowing where possible.
4. Zuba provided an update on the status of union contract negotiations. He also reported that the County Assessor and staff had met with the City Manager and Finance Director on Monday and reported that they expected a 5% increase in property values from 2019-2020.

Discussion: 10 Year Capital Improvement Program

5. McCoy highlighted that the 2020 street reconstruction project would start with Beard and the extension of storm water connection on Chowen north of CR 9, followed by work in Chowen Avenue south of CR9 as permitted in the construction season. He noted concern that Crystal Lake and connected water table is still at an elevation of 850 which could make construction difficult. The 2021 street reconstructions were focused on connections to the new water treatment plant site.

Update: Water Treatment Plant – Status of Plan Development

6. McCoy noted that the plans are progressing well. The lime storage silo is currently shown as 14' diameter and 27' high. He shared preliminary building plans and noted concern that with the sandy soils, construction of any type near trees could require moving or losing those trees. Council requested plans showing night views of the building
7. McCoy also shared photos of a recent trip to a water softening plant in St Cloud.

Discussion: Spring Flooding-Action Triggers and Focus Areas

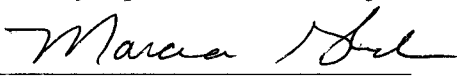
8. Council verified that first priority is roads, second priority public rights-of-way/ice hazards, third priority imminent threat of private property damage. It was noted that options are available for private property flooding including purchase of pumps or hiring third party vendors instead of pulling city staff from regular priorities.

Discussion: Drainile Discharge to Sanitary Sewers

9. McCoy noted a situation at two homes where sump pumps run year round, water is discharged onto the streets, and in the winter this creates ice hazards. An option is to allow/require the properties to pump into the sanitary sewer during winter months. This does create an increased fee for extra sanitary sewer processing, but was advantaged over the time to address on-going ice issues. Consensus support for a \$100/winter fee and increased code enforcement for nuisance if sump pump discharge onto streets in winter.
Disconnection from the sanitary sewer option would be required by March 15.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Mayor pro-tem Selman adjourned the work session at 9:15 p.m.


Marcia Glick, Recorder


George Selman, Mayor Pro Tem