

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Wednesday November 7, 2018

Rear Council Meeting Room

4100 Lakeview Avenue North

Robbinsdale, Minnesota

Immediately following Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEM
2. ROLL CALL: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy
3. UPDATE: Utility Reconnection Incentive (carried forward from April)
4. DISCUSSION: Timing for Tobacco Discussion (see attached)
5. DISCUSSION: Fair Housing Policy (see attached)
6. UPDATE: Organics Recycling Update
7. DISCUSSION: Annual Goal Session
8. INFORMATION: Drones
9. MONTHLY UPDATE: Problem Properties
10. MONTHLY UPDATE: 2018 Goals
11. OTHER BUSINESS
12. ADJOURNMENT

Tobacco Discussion

Minneapolis joined T21 cities on October 1. Other T21 metro area cities include Plymouth, Minnetonka, Excelsior, St Louis Park, Edina, Richfield, Bloomington, Falcon Heights, Roseville, Shoreview. On November 13th, Brooklyn Center is holding public hearing on T21 as well as reducing the total number of tobacco licenses it issues.

On November 7, 2017, Robbinsdale City Council Resolution stated

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE, MINNESOTA: that the City of Robbinsdale is in favor of raising the legal age for tobacco sales from 18 to 21 years old but is concerned about creating significantly different rules between neighboring jurisdictions which could create confusion and significant negative business impacts only on businesses within the City. The City Council therefore stands ready and willing to take action on the proposal to raise the minimum age for tobacco sales at such time as other neighboring cities in the Robbinsdale School District, and the metropolitan region, begin to take such steps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager will report back to the City Council on the efforts of other cities in Minnesota raising the legal age for tobacco purchase to 21 in November, 2018.

Robbinsdale School District has not responded to an inquiry regarding their position on the matter.

Hennepin County will be checking in with staff after tonight's meeting so that they can provide timely updates on Robbinsdale's license holders and other information requested on this issue.

Fair Housing Policy Discussion

Metropolitan Council has added a requirement that cities adopt a Fair Housing Policy prior to receipt of certain grants. The policy relates to Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act which assures equal housing opportunities for all citizens. Elements include identification of the person who will be responsible for intake, processing and referral of all fair housing complaints [Housing Inspector (or admin staff)- would need to maintain a log of referrals to HOMELine], Assure information is available on the city website, certain information available in the native language of residents frequently encountered with other languages able to be requested, annual staff training, housing analysis of types/barriers at a reasonable interval, code analysis to identify disparate impact or treatment, community engagement on housing projects/zoning changes/land use planning, ... Discussion of this process will be added to the November 7th regular work session.