

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, November 7, 2018
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
CITY HALL

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Rogan at 8:15 p.m.
2. Council members Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy
Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Meagan Donahue, Assistant to City Manager;
Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator;
Richard McCoy, Public Works Director.

UPDATE: Utility Reconnection Incentive (carried forward from April)

3. McCoy provided an overview of discussion from April 3rd Council meeting and explained to Council that there are about 200 houses with either water or sewer lines with back yard hook ups. It is his recommendation to have these switched to connect to stubs at the front of homes for easier access.
4. Kayla Pieper, 3658 Halifax Avenue North, Robbinsdale: Provided an overview of their experience with their sewer line failure. They paid \$5,000 to have it repaired, but it is still hooked up to the alley main rather than the stub at the front of their house. They had been quoted about \$17,000 to have the lines reroute to go to the front of their home. She stated if the City would have had some sort of incentive in place at the time they likely would have been willing to pay a little more if the City were to also contribute to the cost.
5. The consensus was for staff to prepare a policy for future issues where the City contributes a percentage, with a maximum, to encourage home owners to move their water and sewer lines to the front of their house.

DISCUSSION: Tobacco Discussion

6. Minneapolis is now 21+ for Tobacco and Brooklyn Center is having a public hearing to possibly become 21+ as well.
7. Council would like to address this issue at a January Council meeting.

DISCUSSION: Fair Housing Policy

8. Metropolitan Council has added a requirement that cities adopt a Fair Housing Policy prior to receipt of certain grants.
9. Glick explained to Council that this is a Policy that the City will have to come up with and the Council will likely be seeing something on this at an upcoming meeting. Most of the action will relate to internal communications and making existing policies available on the website.

UPDATE: Organics Recycling

10. Glick provided an update on the progress of an Organics Recycling program. Residents will be receiving a tri-fold brochure and post card with more information and sign up in the next month or so.
11. Hennepin County created the brochure and post card and will also be covering the costs of sending it out to residents. The city will cover the cost of business reply postage.

DISCUSSION: Annual Goal Session

12. Council decided to hold the Annual Goal Session on a Saturday at the end of January. The tentative date is January 26th at 9 a.m. Staff will facilitate.

INFORMATION: Drones

13. Discussion about the use of drones within the City. The practicality of enforcement as well as existing FAA regulations were discussed – both near Crystal airport and North Memorial helicopter area. No further action at this time.

MONTHLY UPDATE: 2018 Goals

14. Glick discussed the highlighted areas on the report. Council and the City need to look at what we want to see in the future for Hubbard Marketplace, discussion needed for Triangle Park Master Plan and planning for a community input process for the future use of the lower level of the library building under the current museum area.

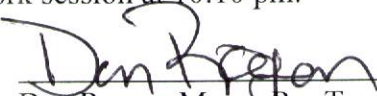
OTHER BUSINESS

15. Discussion about complaints of drainage affecting a property on Orchard Ave. N. next to Quail Ridge. Topography studies from the 1990's show the property is located in the lowest area of the block between Orchard and Perry Avenues North.
15. Glick will follow up with Chief Franzen on police calls in the Clare Terrace area.
16. Selman and Blonigan to recap the Rail-Volution Conference at a work session following the November 20th Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

17. Mayor pro-tem Rogan adjourned the work session at 10:10 pm.


Meagan Donahue, Recorder


Dan Rogan, Mayor Pro Tem