

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

TUESDAY, November 19, 2019

Sixth Corner Meeting Room

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor pro-tem Selman at 7:24 p.m.
2. Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy
Staff Present: Jeff Zuba, Finance Director; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Marcia Glick, City Manager

Discussion: Community Building

3. Council members expressed interest in moving up the timeline for this project including checking on possible youth sports grants for shifting the hockey rinks which may involve soils work. Staff was directed to look into options for funding partners. General support for a levy increase over 20 years to fund the project similar to what other cities have been doing for community spaces.

Discussion: Water Tower Planning

4. McCoy noted that he had been studying tower height related to addressing low water pressure particularly in areas of Ward 4. He also noted that the estimated cost to paint and rehabilitate the water tower by North Memorial was half the cost of a new tower. There was discussion of options for a taller tower in a nearby area. One new taller water tower could serve the entire city, but it is good to have a 2nd tower for reserve and maintenance. McCoy will bring back information on tower height needed and staff will explore available sites.

Discussion: Grader

5. McCoy provided information about the importance of the equipment. Council members indicated that they had no further need to discuss. Replacement will be in the 2020 Budget.

Discussion: Website Update

6. Glick shared options and that we are waiting to hear back on the cost of the preferred design. Council members supported the extended image, preference for rectangular buttons, larger logo and preference for tan background if extended image is cost prohibitive.

Discussion: Transition Planning

7. Glick indicated that while she was starting to look at retirement options, she expected it would be in a three-year window. She noted that adding an Assistant Manager position could rule out some exceptional candidates. Blonigan agreed that he had seen excellent city manager candidates when the City Council had hired Fran Hagen and Dennis Kraft and that the internal candidate option when Glick was appointed wasn't the only route. Glick noted that she had no intention of leaving the area after retirement and would be available when institutional history was needed.

Discussion: Potential Dome Costs

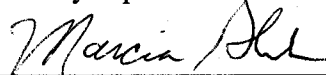
8. Glick and McCoy noted that study of a dome option included the possibility of cutting new water and sewer connections into the recently reconstructed Toledo Avenue. Council indicated that while supportive of those costs, it should be considered as part of field access.

Discussion: 2020 Budget/Levy Impacts

9. Zuba shared a document from the Hennepin County Assessor showing the spread of percentage and dollar increases and decreases for the proposed 2020 Levies.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Mayor pro-tem Selman adjourned the work session at 9:07 p.m.



Marcia Glick, Recorder



George Selman, Mayor Pro Tem