

**ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Following the REDA Meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m. Robbinsdale City Hall

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Kline at 7:20 p.m.
2. Councilmembers Present: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
3. Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director; Diaa Tahoun, Finance Director

Public Works Report on Solar Panel Options

4. McCoy has been gathering information on contractors being mindful of getting the best deal for the city. The water treatment plant was designed for solar panel additions; city hall and public safety were not. Confirming the availability of more space for solar panels makes the project size more attractive to companies. He is in contact with the City of Blaine as they are developing and RFP for solar panel installation on city buildings. Glick suggested that the company that developed the specifications for the recent re-roofing at city hall and public safety may have structural information to respond to the question on the question of adding panels on the flat roofs of those buildings.
5. Mayor Blonigan indicated that delay of the project for minor savings is offset by missed solar energy credits. Glick affirmed that the expectation is for the RFP to be ready for a project in 2022.

Discussion on sidewalk installation/removal process

6. McCoy reviewed the Lee/38th street construction project and outreach regarding design components. The plan to remove the short sidewalk segment north of 38th on Lee was discussed at meetings with the area residents.
7. Member Selman noted that the public could be better advised by highlighting changes to sidewalks in the same way as removal of trees has been noted on plans. Staff will work to highlight additions/removal of sidewalks on future plans.

Council Request – Data requests for accident sites and investigation on license applicants

8. Glick shared information from Chief Foley:
The fleeing vehicle damaging other cars starting near 4180 West Broadway involved 5 vehicles and the police initially was only aware of the cars further to the south. With the focus on the vehicles involved, they did not initially note the damage to the building. The report sent to Ms. Shahidi accidentally redacted the driver information when redacting date of birth, etc. Sergeant Weber followed up and confirmed that Ms. Shahidi has received all the information now.

Regarding the question on Pawn America report vs. other second hand goods, Chief Foley noted that previously City Council had requested that police calls be included in the pawn

shop license reports. Business checks for all licenses include reviewing calls for service to the business to identify any potential issues as well as calls for service and local checks on the business owner/applicant and Better Business rating. More detail is collected for Liquor and Pawn licenses.

9. Selman shared his observation that the Better Business rating is more of a marketing tool and doesn't necessarily provide valid information.

Partners In Energy Application Process

10. Glick noted that the applications are due either January 15 or July 15 and while staff can supply the general information on the community, the other sections of the application require community input.
11. Council members indicated that they would provide ideas to Mayor Blonigan as well as ideas on community members that may be interested in the program.

Work Session Schedule for 2022

12. Council members confirmed that keeping work sessions after REDA meetings works well while noting that Member Selman will not be available January 11 and the January work session should be on January 4, 2022.

Problem Property Update

13. Pearson provided updates on other properties on the report.
14. Mayor Blonigan suggested checking on option of city acquisition of tax-forfeited property. Person will investigate.

Project Updates

15. Glick highlighted that the rental license ordinance update would be on the January 18th agenda. Comments are due by January 7th.

Other Business

16. Glick noted that there would be an additional public hearing on utility rates on January 4th to meet the requirement of a newspaper notice.
17. Glick noted that the city council had indicated interest in doing brainstorming on Robbinsdale's conditions related to LRT. Council members indicated this would need to be postponed.

ADJOURNMENT

18. Mayor Pro Tem Kline adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Marcia Glick, Recorder



Tyler Kline, Mayor Pro Tem