

City of Robbinsdale
REGULAR MONTHLY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2016
8:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.
2. Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tem Backen
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director

REVIEW: Information on Metropolitan Council Governance from Minnetonka and Dakota County Communities

3. City Manager Glick shared that Minnetonka had asked cities to consider following their example adopting a resolution supporting the policy position for Metro Cities related to Metropolitan Council Governance. Another packet had been received from Dakota County communities along with a letter from the Executive Director of Metro Cities discussing the request from Dakota and other counties.
4. Council members indicated that they support the appointment process and liked the suggestion of staggered appointments. They acknowledged that across the country there are groups of elected officials involved on area planning agencies but also concern regarding the time needed to devote to a regional agency and balancing that time against City and other obligations.
5. Consensus for the City Manager to prepare a resolution following the Minnetonka example for March 15 agenda.

REVIEW: Plans for deposit of IDRB Fees

6. Glick noted that bond sale fees are normally directed to be deposited into the Street Permanent Improvement Revolving (PIR) Fund or the General Fund. Council members have been suggesting the option of using the fees from the 2015 North Memorial bond sale to pay for the planned picnic pavilion at Lakeview Terrace Park. This change in deposit needs to be reflected by a council action.
7. Council members discussed whether just the first year's fees should be deposited into the park fund and concluded that all of the fees from this issue should be deposited into the Park Improvement Construction Fund. The City Manager will prepare a resolution for the March 15 agenda.

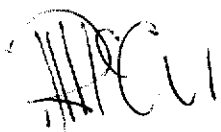
DISCUSSION: Updates on Projects including Grazier Park

8. Glick noted the City Attorney estimated range of legal fees for acquisition of fee title to be in the \$15,000-\$20,000 range plus potential fees to MnDOT for releasing their easement and unknown payment to the property owners once identified.

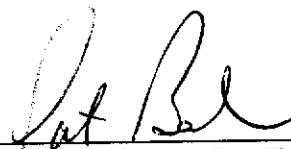
9. Council members indicated support for moving forward on the acquisition action knowing the process was likely to take 2 years. They also indicated interest in developing a master plan for the park before any improvements would be undertaken by the City or volunteers.
10. McCoy noted that all of the downtown streetscape lights have been converted to LED and that the lights at Manor Park use a similar fixture. There is a difference in that the Manor Park lights are designed to be dimmed at a certain time every night and the LED lights used in the streetscape fixtures are not dimmable. After discussion, the City Council concluded that they would like to retain the flexibility for adjusting the light level in the park. Staff will continue to explore options and also look at the actual cost of lighting the park at the present time.
11. Glick confirmed with the City Council that food would be provided as usual for the goal session workshop scheduled for March 8th.
12. McCoy and Glick provided an update on North Memorial's work on the tunnel under Oakdale. It is likely that this area will be reconstructed in 2017 and include pedestrian and lighting improvements.
13. McCoy provided an update on the County Road 9 construction project.
14. McCoy noted that the size of the cul-de-sac on Josephine Lane may be reduced following additional neighbor feedback. Staff will be modeling the turning movements required by fire trucks, garbage trucks, and other large vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

15. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro Tem Backen at 9:20 p.m.



Richard McCoy, Recorder



Pat Backen, Mayor Pro Tem