

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
July 11, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING OF REDA
Robbinsdale City Hall
4100 Lakeview Avenue North

MINUTES

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Wagner at 7:41 p.m.
2. Council Members present: Murphy, Webb, Parisian, Blonigan, Mayor Pro Tem Wagner
3. Staff present: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Kayla Kirtz, Assistant to City Manager – Communications; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Rick Pearson, Community Development Director

Discussion: Reduced Speed on Residential Streets (Attachment 2)

4. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved item #4 up for discussion.
5. Residents shared their observations of speeding on residential streets.
6. Sandvik explained the attachments.
7. Member Murphy asked residents what a perfect traffic calming scenario would look like, residents mentioned speed bumps. Sandvik pointed out other pedestrian-friendly facilities in Robbinsdale.
8. Member Webb shared her observations of speeding on residential streets.
9. McCoy explained the data from the Zenith Ave Speed Study.
10. McCoy shared that there will be potential for looking at traffic calming options when street redesign occurs. Member Parisian asked about low-cost traffic calming options – McCoy noted painting lines as a low-cost option and explained that it would not work due to the width of the road. McCoy said that he does not recommend speed humps and prefers horizontal deflection instead, such as roundabouts. Member Blonigan supported the idea of experimenting somewhere in the City with a roundabout. Member Blonigan discussed “photo cop” as an option. Member Murphy and McCoy discussed chicanes.
11. Staff and Council discussed what an ideal speed limit would be.
12. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner proposed including traffic calming measures in future budget discussions and noted in favor of a city-wide reduction of speed.

13. Member Parisian stated appreciation for the use of data. Member Parisian voiced her concern for overall increase in vehicle size. Member Parisian noted support for reducing speed limits.
14. Staff, Council, and residents discussed alternative traffic calming measures.
15. Sandvik stated that in the immediate staff can place a speed trailer on the block, and staff will look into data. Longer term, when street projects come up residents can provide support for pedestrian-friendly facilities.
16. Staff, Council, and residents discussed short term solutions.

Discussion: Zoning Text Amendments (Attachment 1)

17. Pearson introduced the attachment and explained the zoning text amendments.

Discussion: Public Parking Policy (Attachment 3)

18. Sandvik introduced the attachment.
19. Staff and Council discussed parking enforcement.
20. Staff and Council discussed challenges with enforcing on-street parking and upkeep of street maintenance such as plowing and sweeping.
21. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner discussed identifying areas in the city to designate as parking/no parking zones.
22. Member Murphy discussed the need to gain resident buy-in if changing the city parking policy.
23. Staff discussed a winter time parking policy and emphasized remaining consistent with enforcement.
24. Member Murphy proposed a permitting process.
25. Member Parisian shared anecdotes from Ward 3.
26. Sandvik discussed being more consistent with the lots the city already maintains.

Staff Updates

27. Sandvik provided an update on the organized labor negotiations.
28. Sandvik noted updating Fire Department wages.
29. Sandvik reminded Council of upcoming special meetings.

30. Pearson provided a commerce update on Robin Center.
31. Pearson shared an update on the revised site plans for Robin Hotel.

Council Updates

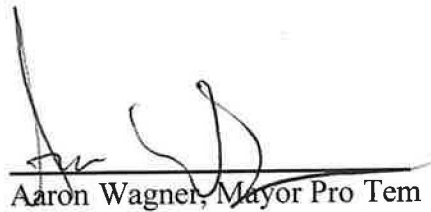
32. Member Murphy discussed Whiz Bang Days funding.
33. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner described a municipality that is constructing a new City Hall building with multifamily housing on top.

ADJOURNMENT

34. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.



Kayla Kirtz, Recorder



Aaron Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem