

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016.
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM - CITY HALL

1. The worksession was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Backen at 7:30 pm.

2. Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy,

Staff Present: City Manager Glick, City Engineer/Public Works Director McCoy, Community Development Coordinator Pearson, Police Chief Franzen, and Police Captain Foley

3. UPDATE: South Twin Lake: McCoy shared GPS mapping for where the city consultant had taken samples for curly leaf pond weed and Eurasian milfoil. There were insufficient amounts of each weed available to apply for a DNR permit. Blonigan questioned the timing of the sampling for curly leaf pond weed indicating that when the test was done in April the water would have been too cold. McCoy will request further detail. Discussion followed regarding the challenges of providing coordination between the city contract and option for individual lake owners to request services at city contract rates. McCoy also shared information received from MNDOT related to the rip-rap repair process which indicated that they would work on a solution but did not have funds for a project.

4. UPDATE- 3333 Halifax: Pearson thought the judge was going to make a decision by now, but hasn't seen anything yet. Owner has served the tenant with an eviction notice in early July. An attorney representing the tenant was seeking 90 days.

5. DISCUSSION: Police Department staffing special events, Whiz Bang recap

- Whiz Bang went well overall. Issue on Friday were the Lodge objected to stop the music outside at 10 pm as indicated in their permit. Owner indicated he would pay a fine and keep going. Ultimately music stopped at 10:20. Police will research the amount of the fine. In any case, music would not be allowed to continue in violation of the specifications in the permit.
- Staffing at special events – a reserve officer at the Friday night event noticed a person apparently losing self-control. Officer approached and was shoved. Ultimately 2 persons were removed from the scene. If the city needs police officer presence at an event, no less than 2 officers would be assigned. \$70/hour is the average cost of having an officer at the event. Some cities charge \$100/hour. Budget discussion will include contemplation of the City funding part of the officer overtime for events during Whiz Bang Days or other community events.
- A resident complained about the parade preventing access to his home. Glick recommended distributing information to persons living in cul-de-sacs impacted by the parade route regarding how to get access to their homes during the annual parade.
- A resident complained about the fireworks being on a work night. Whiz Bang responded to the complaint noting that it was a 40 year tradition.

6. DISCUSSION: Police Department Report: Chief Franzen noted that the City Council provides civilian review of the department. He presented the highlights of a recent all-staff police department meeting looking back at the past year and ahead at challenges. The staff's main concern for the year was being fully staffed. This relates to medical leaves and challenges finding qualified staff. For the future:

- Body cameras: expense, state regulation, storage of data, officers overwhelmingly in favor. New state regulation: private unless you were involved, there was significant force or officer involved shooting after investigation closed. Researching equipment. Working on policies. Earliest implementation late 2017, early 2018. Potentially including replacement of dash cameras which would be linked to body cameras.
- Department has acquired shotguns that shoots beanbags as a less lethal option.
- New records management system will be going live in a couple of months which will involve staff training.
- Transitioning to bar coding evidence.
- Portable radios expected to be updated in 2019 (police and fire)
- 2017 external focus: Responsiveness – ready response and sympathetic to appeals, efforts, influences. Internal focus: Service.
- President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing – 6 pillars:
 - Build Trust & Legitimacy (guardian and warrior defend self and others)
 - Policy & Oversight
 - Technology & Social Media
 - Community Policing & Crime Prevention
 - Training & Education
 - Officer Wellness and safety.

(Handout distributed providing additional detail)

- De-escalation is part of normal training. In process of having all staff complete a full 40-hour course of responding to mental health crises.

Discussion – consideration of a forum involving Human Rights Commission/Police/Council to engage with community. Staff will investigate further.

7. DISCUSSION: Railvolution Conference October 9-12 (mobile demonstrations). Possible to register for hotel ahead of conference registration with option to cancel @3 days notice. SunCountry seems to be best rates. Interest in attending mobile demonstration Sunday on an uptown area, Tuesday on an inner ring suburb.

8. UPDATE: Bottineau LRT

- Glick distributed a Star Tribune article on the budget adjustment.
- Glick distributed information on the conversion of the Lawcon designation on the portion of Sohacki Park used for temporary construction site.
- Glick reported on the recent visit with Crandall-Armambula, county funded consultant from Portland looking over the station area plans and suggestions for modifications. Glick indicated that she expected that the Bottineau Project Office would be providing

response to whether a suggested relocation of the bus terminal within the ramp closer to the platform would be possible (putting more eyes on the platform.)

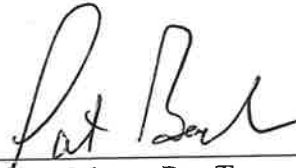
9. UPDATE: 7/5 storm/power outage: Glick reported that the downtown impacts, including Broadway Court, were traced to a failure of an underground cable. There have been marks on Hubbard prior to the storm indicating intent for Xcel to work on the cable. Glick reported on Great Lakes Managements efforts to work with residents during the 24 hour partial power outage. Staff will follow up on a suggestion to add a generator for power backup for the elevator and others. Suspect there may be more tree trimming around power lines in areas which have lost power in the past and this last storm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Backen adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.



Marcia Glick, Recorder



Pat Backen, Mayor Pro Tem

The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing

Six Pillars

Building Trust & Legitimacy

Promoting trust and ensuring legitimacy through procedural justice, transparency, accountability and honest recognition of past and present obstacles

Policy & Oversight

Developing comprehensive and responsive policies on key topics while also implementing formal checks/balances and data collection/analysis

Technology & Social Media

Balancing embrace of technology and digital communications with local needs, privacy, assessments and monitoring

Community Policing & Crime Reduction

Encouraging the implementation of policies that support community-based partnerships in the reduction of crime

Training & Education

Emphasizing the importance of high quality and effective training and education through partnerships with local and national training facilities

Officer Wellness & Safety

Endorsing practices that support officer wellness and safety through the re-evaluation of officer shift hours and data collection/analysis to help prevent officer injuries