

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016.

1. The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Backen at 8:05 pm.
2. Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy

Staff Present: City Manager Glick, Finance Director Jacobson, City Engineer/Public Works Director McCoy, Director of Administrative and Recreation Services Marshall

PREVIEW: 2016 Capital Improvement Program Projects including Streets, Park and Buildings

3. McCoy overviewed the 2017 Noble Avenue project including a number of connecting streets. It includes street, sewer, water, street design and estimated cost of \$6M. The neighborhood open house on this project has already been held and most residents are supportive of it. Council's primary concern is vehicles traveling too fast on this street. Solutions discussed included narrowing of the street, the visual effect of narrowing created by certain lane markings, a bump out at 37th and maybe others, or a center median at some intersections. Some trees will need to come down but staff will first determine if some can be spaded and relocated.
4. McCoy indicated next priority project as Oakdale Avenue requested by North Memorial coordinated with tunnel repairs. Council noted that maintenance of the center median must be the hospital's responsibility and needs to be written into an agreement. This project will have state-aid funding and hospital assessment.
5. Another potential project for 2017 is Toledo & Scott Avenues from 37th to 39th and including the Robbinsdale Middle School. McCoy said the street is on its last legs, the lift station needs to be replaced and the school needs to improve its storm sewer.
6. The city's mill & overlay projects were reviewed for 2017-19. Homeowners are not currently assessed for these.
7. Kelly Park discussion included whether the playground equipment should be more centralized in the park, should the basketball court be removed, staff will seek neighborhood input at the October 25th project open house. Member Selman asked staff to invite all residents within the area west of Highway 100 and south of 42nd Avenue.
8. The boat launch parking area by the lake at LVT Park is planned to be reconstructed. It needs to serve as both a drop-off area and for limited boat trailer parking- suggested two stalls only.
9. Sanborn Park idea of replacing the existing building with a two level building combining concessions & warming house on the lower level with a community meeting room on the upper level was suggested as a discussion item. This will be discussed again at the November 1st work session.

10. Triangle Park discussion of removing the wading pool due to its age, an upcoming \$8K cost of a resurfacing/repainting this spring, and serving a declining and small number of people for an expensive park feature. Possibility of reallocating staff to a different park. Discussion included a concept of just opening it up for free use and not staffed- but this only decreases the pool attendant cost. This will be discussed again at the November 1st work session.
11. McCoy reviewed that City Hall is scheduled to be re-roofed in 2017 including new skylights and will be going out for bid.

DISCUSSION: Downtown Streetscape Vision

12. Council's vision is of something special, such as a colorful inlaid bird. No pavers, rather asphalt or concrete.

UPDATE: Station Area Plans

13. Glick distributed a handout on the historic nature of the grand rounds rail line with a theme at each station required as part of the Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act. The Robbinsdale station will have the theme of community building inspired by A.B. Robbins riding a train through the area. Glick then reviewed Station Area Plans from Crandall-Arambula. Council noted there are four levels they agreed that a lot of the main level parking needs to be replacement of short term downtown parking, not dedicated to transit.

UPDATE: Municipal Liquor Study.

14. Glick said the past consultant will provide a report by November answering the questions of should the store completely move or should there be two stores.

FOLLOW UP – Affordable Housing Presentation on 9-16-16.

15. Glick noted she had forwarded this to council a week or two ago as an item to read. There was no further discussion on this item.

MONTHLY UPDATE: Problem Properties.

16. Report was distributed. Members discussed the idea of buying a problem commercial property and Glick added she will check on funds available in the REDA account.

MONTHLY UPDATE: 2016 Goals.

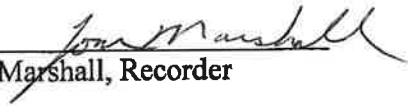
17. Update distributed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

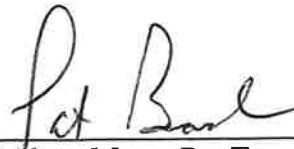
18. Glick reported updated Terrace plans are expected in October or November.
19. McCoy was asked to check on County Road 81 lights by North Memorial.
20. McCoy was asked about the condition of the Minneapolis storm sewer line that dumps into Crystal Lake and said its condition is poor in several areas; he'll follow up with Minneapolis.
21. Discussion on installing security cameras was discussed for having a strategy for key places.

ADJOURNMENT

22. Backen adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.



Tom Marshall, Recorder



Pat Backen, Mayor Pro Tem