

**ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL WORK SESSION**

November 1, 2022

Immediately following the City Council Meeting that takes place at 7:00 p.m.

Robbinsdale City Hall

4100 Lakeview Avenue North

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Webb at 8:02 p.m.
2. Councilmembers present: Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
3. Staff present: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director; Diaa Tahoun, Finance Director; Kayla Kirtz, Assistant to City Manager – Communications

Discussion: Continued discussion on 2023 budget

a) Capital Improvement Plan (Attachment 1)

4. Sandvik introduced the attachment.
5. Tahoun explained new elements in the CIP.
6. Tahoun and Councilmembers discussed the leasing, owning, and maintenance of office copy machines. Tahoun suggested the City own rather than lease.
7. McCoy, Tahoun, and Blonigan discussed the potential benefits, uses, and cost of drones for City departments.
8. Tahoun and Sandvik discussed the issuance of bonds.
9. Blonigan suggest a small write-up about the City's sustainability efforts.
10. Tahoun and Sandvik discussed parks funding. Selman and McCoy discussed the timeline of playground replacement and infrastructure updates at Sanborn Park. Blonigan inquired about future volunteer opportunities for residents at Sanborn Park.
11. Sandvik posed the opportunity for Councilmembers to provide feedback for specific items in the CIP.
12. McCoy posed multiple conversation points, including:
 - Various capital equipment expenses within the CIP
 - The City's focus on creating a network of fiber internet
 - Suggestion of a future discussion about the old water tower
13. Blonigan asked about the energy-saving potential for City-owned LED streetlights and discussed elements of the Inflation Reduction Act. McCoy explained that the CIP does not include funding budgeted for the purchase of solar.

14. McCoy explained the timeline and processes for road resheeting.
15. Blonigan asked about the ability to amend the CIP.
16. Selman asked about taking advantage of water maintenance in the presence of low water levels.

b) Public Safety/Police Department Fund (Attachment 2)

17. Sandvik introduced the attachment.
18. Blonigan asked clarifying questions about Community Service Officers.
19. Sandvik noted a compensation study.
20. Staff and Councilmembers discussed housing for PD staff.
21. Backen asked about PD bonuses and Sandvik provided an explanation.
22. Sandvik explained the process for formally approving and presenting the fund to PD.
23. Blonigan requested a comparison of the PD fund to other cities.

c) Council Requests

24. Mayor Pro Tem opened the floor to discussion of Council requests.
25. Sandvik and Councilmembers discussed yard waste.
26. Blonigan and Sandvik discussed the City's GreenCorp member and other sustainability efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

27. Mayor Pro Tem Webb adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.



Kayla Kirtz, Recorder



Sheila Webb, Mayor Pro Tem