

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

ROBBINSDALE COUNCIL CHAMBERS & WEBEX

Following the regularly scheduled 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting

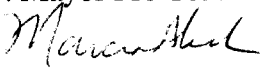
1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Backen at 8:00 p.m.
2. Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy (all via webex)
Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Jeff Zuba, Finance Director (via webex); Richard McCoy, Public Works Director/City Engineer (via webex); Ryan Parks, Recreation Supervisor (via webex)

General Fund 2021 Budget Review

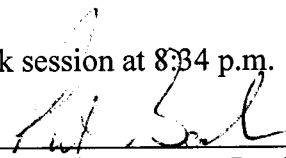
3. Zuba reviewed expectations in place when preliminary levy was set and updated projections. Presentation noted that Robbinsdale's tax rate impacts the services that the city can provide compared to others with higher tax rates and less dependency on residential properties.
4. Rogan noted that the one time CARES money used to fund a deficit will make it harder to address costs the following year. He suggested that the City want to consider using property taxes to help cover some of the utility rates.
5. Backen noted that the utility rates help to get contributions from non-tax paying properties.
6. It was agreed that the presentation for December 1 would be with the 7% increase as published in the proposed property tax notices and expectation that there would be a budget amendment on December 15 transferring part of the general fund balance to underfunded funds (i.e. parks improvements and equipment replacement)
7. Glick confirmed for the public that the 7% proposal will be presented December 1; public feedback on the proposal will be considered at the December 1 meeting; decision will not be made until December 15th meeting. She noted that the 7% proposal helps provide a cushion should state funding deficit lead to pull back on expected local government aid funding; reducing the levy is an option, though it would impact provision of services.
8. Blonigan requested information be included on city funding to assist in lake weed removal on South Twin Lake
9. Council-elect Kline and Webb authorized staff to share their personal contact information with council members.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Mayor Pro Tem Backen adjourned the work session at 8:34 p.m.



Marcia Glick, Recorder



Pat Backen, Mayor Pro Tem