



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Blackledge, Greenberg, Caceres Aranda, Sutton

Absent: Parisian

Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Chase Peterson-Etem, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk; Jenna Wolf, Water Resources Specialist; Richard McCoy, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Will Bucheger, Assistant Planner

MICROPHONE CHECK

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Linda Harrison, 4158 Shoreline Dr., asked about the Shoreline and Sanborn Park projects, specifically about timeline, hazards, and usability.

Kelly Goski, 4129 Beard Ave. N., inquired about Sanborn Park and the Shoreline construction project voicing concern about the tax burden for residents and asked about the timeline for each project.

Sandvik noted a phased approach for these projects as there are a lot of moving parts. He continued that often underground infrastructure is completed first and restoration of the park will happen as soon as possible. He encouraged folks to continue to monitor community engagement efforts and noted the Council will continue to have discussions about these projects.

McCoy added that it's too early in the year to start some of the projects, because of the weather. He did note that sod would be used instead of seed and reiterated the phased approach to the work being done, including timing for a potential tennis court and playground.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 7, 2026, MEETING AGENDA

City Clerk Peterson-Etem noted the addition of Other Business Item 11A, Voucher Disbursement Request.

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the April 7, 2026, City Council agenda, as amended. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Caceres Aranda, to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

- A. Approve City Council Meeting minutes from March 17, 2026

- B. Receive November 19, 2025, Sustainability Committee Minutes
- C. Receive January 21, 2026, Sustainability Committee Minutes
- D. Accept Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission minutes from January 27, 2026
- E. Accept Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2026
- F. Approval of Credit Card Charges and Payment
- G. Adopt Resolution Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget
- H. Off-Site Gambling Application for City of Lakes Youth Hockey Association
- I. Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church Event
- J. North Memorial/Manor Park - Mobile Food Units in Excess of 10 Days/Year
- K. Robin Center - Mobile Food Unit In Excess of 10 Days/Year
- L. Resolution of Support for Grant Application to Met Council Liveable Communities' Program for 3839 Lakeland Ave Affordable Housing Project
- M. Approval of Licenses

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Annual Report

Water Resources Specialist Wolf discussed the impact of stormwater pollution, MS4 Permits, segments of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, Crystal Lake Flocculation Plant 2025, and the plan for 2026.

Member Greenberg thanked Wolf for all of her work to increase water quality in the City and asked her professional opinion on the water quality of Crystal Lake. Wolf stated the data shows the water quality is greatly improving since the creation of the flocculation plant and highlighted the amount of wildlife on the lake.

Mayor Sutton asked if the lake is safe to swim in. Wolf stated that it is, but noted the City does not test for toxic algae blooms due to the time it takes to receive test results.

Member Caceres Aranda asked if there are any upcoming events this spring into summer. Wolf encouraged him to participate in a flocculation plant tour and noted upcoming trash pick-up events.

Member Blackledge encouraged her to create a day-in-the-life video.

Mayor Sutton asked about the process for reporting leaks from cars. Wolf stated that she first sends out a letter to the property owner regarding illicit discharge with a remediation deadline. She noted that if the remediation deadline is not met, the City will then move to the process for abatement. Wolf commented that vehicles parked on the street are more difficult because they are not easily attached to a specific property, and she sometimes needs to involve the police department.

Mayor Sutton voiced gratitude for her presentation and all of her hard work.

Mayor Sutton opened the public input session.

Sophie Viena, 3730 West Broadway Avenue, thanked Wolf for her informative presentation and noted that she would love more information on native wildlife in the rain gardens or to participate in a photography tour. Wolf stated that she loves the idea of a photography tour.

Greg Salyers, 3980 Lake Curve, stated that he and his wife swim on Crystal Lake almost daily and noted the continual effort of neighbors to keep the shoreline clean. He noted the visual differences in the lake from ten years ago and is encouraged to see all of the work that has been done and will continue to be done.

Mayor Sutton closed the public input session.

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to receive and note the annual report on the adopted SWPPP compliance for the 2025 calendar year, grant delegated authority to the Public Works Director / City Engineer and City Manager to process all comments received, create and keep a record of decision of each comment, and advise the city council of those decisions, and authorize the City Manager to sign the standard annual report upon the conclusion of comment investigation and submit the report to the MPCA by the designated date.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve Professional Services Agreement for PFAS Feasibility Report

City Engineer/Public Works Director McCoy discussed PFAS and the standards for safe drinking water. He noted that the City's levels are just above the newly established threshold and therefore Staff would like to obtain a feasibility report from AE2S to decide what type of treatment would be best for the City at a cost of \$565,500.00, which would be reimbursable from the MPCA grant. He then discussed next steps, deadlines, and Staff recommendations.

Member Blackledge thanked McCoy for the presentation.

Mayor Sutton asked how AE2S was selected. McCoy stated they were selected after a rigorous three-part vetting of submissions for the design of the plant. He noted the concerns with bringing in a new company to perform these next steps.

Mayor Sutton asked if the estimate provided was comparable with other consultants. McCoy affirmed that AE2S has competitive prices and is one of the best consultants.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Caceres Aranda, to approve a Professional Services Agreement with AE2S to conduct a Feasibility Report for PFAS Treatment for the City of Robbinsdale in accordance with the scope provided for a cost not to exceed \$565,500.00. Further, the Mayor and City Manager are authorized to sign the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Zoning Text Amendment to Code Section 520.09 Neighborhood Grocery District

Assistant Planner Bucheger provided an overview of the item, detailed the history of the Neighborhood Grocery

districts, and provided Staff recommendations.

Member Caceres Aranda MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 520.09 of the Robbinsdale City Code relating to Ng, Neighborhood Grocery district. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

B. Conditional Use Permit for 4740 42nd Ave N to allow the use of a Massage Therapy Service

Assistant Planner Bucheger provided an overview of the item, detailed the property location and zoning, and discussed the conditional use permit findings of fact.

Applicant Stephanie Keeffe shared her love for Robbinsdale and highlighted her excitement to grow her business in the community.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to adopt Resolution No. 8220, A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE USE OF A MASSAGE SERVICE AT 4740 42ND AVE N. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

C. Charter Commission Reappointment

Peterson-Em provided an overview of the item and detailed term expiration dates.

Member Caceres Aranda MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to adopt Resolution No. 8221, A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT REAPPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED VOTER OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE TO THE ROBBINSDALE CHARTER COMMISSION. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

D. Authorize Staff to issue deferral letters

City Manager Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the history of working with the Northwest Suburbs Cable Communications Commission (NWSCCC) and the authorization to issue deferral letters.

Member Greenberg voiced support and asked if broadband applies to anyone accessing high-speed internet. Sandvik stated franchising does not apply to this, but it is broadband-specific.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to authorize Staff to issue deferral letters to organizations seeking right-of-way permits for broadband servicing. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Caceres Aranda, to approve voucher disbursement requests for the period ending April 7, 2026. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

B. Schedule Town Hall Meeting

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the history of the past town hall and goals going forward.

Mayor Sutton asked about creating a survey for residents to better understand what they want to discuss. Sandvik stated that Staff would be happy to create a survey.

Member Greenberg stated that he thinks it would be beneficial to hear a high-level overview of priorities from each department head. He expressed interest in partnering with organizations that are part of the community and connecting with community members by providing a forum for feedback.

Mayor Sutton suggested allowing a five to seven-minute window for each department head.

Sandvik noted that at the end of May, he will do a State of the City address and asked about doing a condensed version for the town hall.

Council Members voiced support for that idea.

Member Greenberg commented that there are lingering public safety concerns and noted that this would be a good time to address that.

Member Sutton noted that he would like to set a speaking limit of four minutes.

Sandvik asked the Council to provide him with specific topics at the upcoming work session.

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve scheduling a Town Hall meeting for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Peterson-Emem stated that election judge applications are available online, noted that the candidate filing period for Wards three and four opens on May 19, and noted that yard waste starts on April 15.

Sandvik thanked the community for attending the Eggstravaganza, thanked the Chamber for hosting, thanked the Staff for their presentations tonight, highlighted upcoming events, and noted annual public works operations.


COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS


Member Blackledge thanked the staff for their presentations tonight, highlighted the Birdtown Brief, and encouraged residents to say hi to neighbors.

Mayor Sutton expressed gratitude for the wonderful presentations by Staff and wished a Happy belated Easter and Happy Passover to those who celebrate.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Caceres Aranda to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Signed by:

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Chase Peterson-Emem, City Clerk

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Bradley Sutton, Mayor