



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Caceres Aranda, Sutton

Absent:

Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Chase Peterson-Etem, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

MICROPHONE CHECK

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

Greg Salyers, 3980 Lake Curve, mentioned the Work Session last week and reminded people to be respectful to one another at public meetings.

Brenda Remus, 3614 Abbott Ave N., noted at the May 19 City Council meeting she invited the Council to recite the Pledge of Allegiance with her and asked why some members chose not to.

The Council provided responses for their choices.

Gene Trattles, 3320 Ewing Ave N, noted the construction on Oakdale and that he hoped the boulevard would be replaced as it was before the work started. He also indicated he saw people not following park rules and encouraged the Council that a Park Ambassador could help monitor.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 16, 2026, MEETING AGENDA

City Clerk Peterson-Etem noted three additions to the agenda for tonight.

1. Addition to Consent Item H, Appointment to Human Rights Commission.
2. Addition to Other Business Item 11A, Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement.
3. Move Consent Item F, Whiz Bang Days Committee - Event Requests, to New Business Item D.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the June 16, 2026, City Council agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Parisian removed Item H for further consideration.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve the consent agenda as revised. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

A. Approve City Council Meeting minutes from June 2, 2026

B. Authorize City Manager to execute an agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and

accept Local Climate Action Planning Grant Funds.

- C. Authorize City Manager to execute an agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and accept Local Climate Action Implementation Grant Funds.
- D. Authorize City Manager to execute an agreement with the Metropolitan Council and accept Water Efficiency Grant Funds.
- E. Approve Quote for Mill and Overlay Work
- F. Whiz Bang Days Committee - Event Requests
- G. Approval of Licenses
- H. Appointments to the Human Rights Commission (HRC)

Member Parisian thanked everyone who applied for the Human Rights Commission and noted strong civic engagement within the City. She commented that she is supportive of the three individuals who were recommended; however, she also noted policy gaps that were highlighted through the application and selection process. Member Parisian stated that she would like to review and formalize the application and selection process.

Member Greenberg supports Member Parisian's sentiments and noted that the formalization of applications and selections should apply across all Commissions.

Mayor Sutton voiced his support.

Member Caceres Aranda expressed his support and asked when this would be brought before Council next.

City Manager Sandvik noted that Staff will review the framework provided by Member Parisian and bring forward a recommendation to Council.

Member Blackledge voiced support.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve Appointments to the Human Rights Commission (HRC). The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Juneteenth Proclamation

Sandvik presented a brief background on the Proclamation.

Member Parisian wished everyone a Happy Juneteenth and thanked Staff for putting the Proclamation together. She also shared some celebratory opportunities.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to proclaim and recognize June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth Freedom Day in the City of Robbinsdale. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. None

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorize Staff to Issue RFP for Climate Action Plan Consulting Services

Sandvik detailed the history of the Item and noted the City is being awarded \$49,950 from the MPCA for a local climate action planning process.

Mayor Sutton asked who secured the grant. Sandvik stated it was Sustainability Coordinator Kirtz.

Mayor Sutton asked how much grant funding Sustainability Coordinator Kirtz has secured during her time as a City of Robbinsdale employee. Sandvik estimated over \$200,000. Mayor Sutton congratulated her and highlighted the benefits to the City.

Member Greenberg asked if there would be quotes beyond the budget. Sandvik stated he believes that applicants quote within the parameters provided by the City.

Member Caceres Aranda MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to Authorize Staff to issue a Request for Proposals for Climate Action Plan Consulting Services for the City of Robbinsdale. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

B. Cities for Safe and Stable Communities (CSSC) Coalition

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the cost to move forward.

Mayor Sutton explained what the coalition is and why the coalition is beneficial to the City of Robbinsdale.

Sandvik highlighted the importance of having a framework at a very minimal cost.

Member Caceres Aranda voiced his support and asked if there would be formal meetings where cities get together to create policy recommendations. Sandvik noted that other groups and coalitions already fulfill that role, so in order to keep costs minimal and not have duplicative work, the plan is to lean on other organizations for policy initiatives.

Member Greenberg voiced support and noted appreciation for the work of the Staff and the Mayor to become a part of this coalition.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with CSSC for the City of Robbinsdale to participate as a full member. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

C. Authorize Adoption and Implementation of State Performance Measures

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the history of discussing a more robust survey in the future.

Mayor Sutton commented that he would like to see more data collection on personal experiences within the City and would like to use data to inform City goals and priorities. He also highlighted the importance of utilizing the data collected to create less survey fatigue.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Caceres Aranda, to adopt Resolution No. 8228, A RESOLUTION DECLARING ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE PERFORMANCE MEASURES. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

D. Whiz Bang Days Committee – Event Requests

Whiz Bang Day's President, Becky Schwartz, noted that she is struggling to speak this evening due to a sore throat and introduced Director Nick Scheiller.

Director Scheiller noted some errors in the letter provided to the City regarding the City band concert and street closure and highlighted new events happening this year.

Mayor Sutton highlighted the excitement surrounding Whiz Bang Days.

Mayor Sutton asked if he could be provided a point of contact to inform him of events he needs to attend. President Schwartz responded affirmatively.

Member Caceres Aranda MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to approve the request for Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Days activities and locations from Thursday, July 9 to Sunday, July 12, 2026, as follows: • Approve use of city parks as requested and reserved through the Recreation Services Department. • Approve alcohol permit allowing participants to bring their own beverages (beer) to the Wood Bat Softball Tournament and Bags Tournament only. • Approve blocking West Broadway from 41st Avenue North to 41 ½ Ave North for the Kid's Market, leaving Walgreens pharmacy clear for exiting, as well as maintaining emergency vehicle access at all times. Removal of all stages, tables, etc., at the end of the event before re-opening the roadway to general traffic. • Approve the street-spanning Whiz Bang Days banner subject to requirements of the city code and waive the \$100 permit fee. • Approve the request to have the parade on Sunday, July 12, starting on West Broadway at 42nd Avenue, then south on West Broadway to 40th Avenue, then east to Shoreline Drive and ending at Sanborn Park with appropriate traffic control at all times. • Approve fireworks for Sunday, July 12, at approximately 10 p.m. to be launched over Crystal Lake from Lakeview Terrace Park with shell casings and any other remaining fireworks debris cleaned up and disposed of at the end of the display to avoid lake pollution and littering. • The Whiz Bang Days Committee or businesses holding events on their sites must provide and pay for portable sanitation units near each event location. • Noise levels must be kept at a reasonable volume, and entertainment at any location must take direction from Police Officers to adjust volume, if requested. • Waive city license fees for Whiz Bang Days events. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve voucher disbursement requests for the period ending June 16, 2026. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Peterson-Item wished everyone a Happy Juneteenth and noted the office will be closed on Friday, June 19. He also noted that at the last City Council meeting, the Council voted to move from 46-day early voting at City Hall to 18 days and noted options for people who are looking to vote early next Friday.

Sandvik discussed the PFAS testing that is occurring within the City, why the testing is occurring, grants received for exploring where the PFAS is coming from, and future mitigation plans. He noted upcoming events and that the community gym will be closing on August 30.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Blackledge encouraged people to say hi to their neighbors.

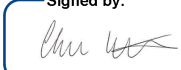
Member Greenberg stated that Member Caceres Aranda, the Assistant City Manager, and he will be available to talk on Wednesday at Pig Ate My Pizza. He also highlighted the success of the PRIDE festival and thanked all those who made it possible.

Mayor Sutton recognized America's 250th birthday and asked all to celebrate safely.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

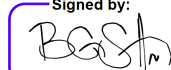
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Bradley Sutton, Mayor