



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Parisian, Wagner, Murphy, Webb, Mayor Blonigan

Absent: None

Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk; Heather Rand, Community Development Director

MICROPHONE CHECK

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

Miles Toth, 4318 West Broadway, discussed light pollution from the new water tower and provided some negative effects of light pollution on humans. He noted Minnesota law and city code and stated he believes the water tower lighting is violating this statute and ordinance. He thanked the Council for listening and thanked Richard McCoy, City Engineer, for his work, and hoped they could find some solution to the light pollution.

Member Parisian asked for an update from staff. Sandvik noted lights will not be on until the Council provides staff direction, but staff is working on testing the lights.

Member Parisian asked about how the lights function and how the timing works with the lights. Sandvik stated there was some retrofitting to allow for more control over the lighting, but staff is still exploring options.

Member Wagner asked staff to provide light pollution ordinances and statutes as well as other requirements that may be necessary, like the FFA guidelines.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 21, 2025 MEETING AGENDA

Peterson-Etem noted the addition to Other Business Item A, which included the actual report for the voucher disbursement report.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge to approve the January 21, 2025, agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Greenberg removed item P for further consideration.

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

- A. Approve City Council meeting minutes from October 1, 2024

- B. Acceptance of Hennepin County Youth Activities Grant
- C. Approval of Credit Card Charges and Payment – November 2024
- D. Approval of Credit Card Charges and Payment – December 2024
- E. Investment Report
- F. Deputy Registrar's Monthly Financial Statements
- G. Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' Monthly Financial Statements
- H. Acceptance of Robbinsdale Planning Commission 2024 Activity Report
- I. 2nd Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Changing Text Related to Public Utility Building
- J. Approve Professional Service Agreement with Rum River Consulting for Building Official Services
- K. Approval of Licenses
- L. Second reading of an ordinance amending Section 205 of the City Code Salaries of Elected Officials
- M. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Adopting Updates to Appendix B - Fee Schedule
- N. Approve Multi-jurisdictional Elevate Hennepin Contract Agreement
- O. Accept Quote for Separating Bucket - Project 8211
- P. Acceptance of Mortenson Family Foundation Grant

Member Greenberg removed this item to recognize and thank the Mortenson Family Foundation for the grant and explained what the grant would be used for.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian to accept the Grant. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- Q. Receive Sustainability Committee Meeting minutes from November 20th, 2024
- R. Receive Planning Commission Minutes of November 12, 2024.
- S. Authorize City Manager to execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LELS Local 179

PRESENTATIONS

- A. None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Final Plat for 3505 Bottineau Boulevard (Hy-Vee) Robbinsdale Mall Forth Addition

Rand provided an overview of the item, noting this is the Hy-Vee property and that this is not an unusual request. She continued that this provides Hy-Vee more flexibility in the future, but nothing immediately would happen with the land use. She noted the preliminary plat was previously approved, and there was a small change, but nothing overly significant.

Member Greenberg asked about the benefits of being able to sell versus lease.

Jeff Stine, Director of Site Planning, Hy-Vee, 5820 West Elm Parkway, noted typical practice is to keep this type of development as separate parcels, and this may have been missed when originally plating.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge to adopt Resolution No. 8141 "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR ROBBINSDALE MALL FOURTH ADDITION AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK." The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

B. Appointment of Commissioners

Sandvik introduced the item and provided background as to the appointment process for commission members. He stated the standing commissioners were asked if they wished to continue their service and provided letters of interest. Those who submitted letters are in front of the Council tonight for reappointment.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Blackledge to appoint Commissioners as determined at the January 14, 2025, City Council Work Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner asked if the Council was nominating folks or appointing them and wondered how it would work without the Mayor at this meeting. Sandvik noted the discussion from the Work Session provided direction to staff, which indicated the names listed tonight were all supported by the full Council, and he is comfortable to move forward tonight.

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

C. City Council Appointments

Sandvik provided a brief overview and stated this is done annually and is not an exclusive list. He noted this was discussed at last week's Work Session and staff is recommending moving forward with these appointments.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to approve the City Council assignments for 2025. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to approve disbursement requests for the period ending 1/21/2025. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sandvik stated the new website is up and running and encouraged people to check it out. He noted the Home Energy Squads visits will continue and encouraged folks to schedule one if they haven't yet. He thanked those who attended Robbinsdale events over the last couple of days.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Wagner thanked staff for the update on the website and hoped all had a good Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He also recognized the change in leadership at the federal level and stated he is open to listening and discussing any concerns or feelings about it.

Member Parisian noted her excitement about the website and hoped all had a meaningful Martin Luther King Jr. Day, noting the recognition Chaz Sandifer had at the MLK Jr. Breakfast. She mentioned the upcoming Bird Bash event and noted she would be open to connecting with staff or the Council if others would like to attend.

Member Greenberg noted he attended the MLK Jr. Breakfast at Elim Church and it was a great event. He stated residents can have a lot of influence in the City of Robbinsdale and encouraged all to get involved.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge also noted he attended the Breakfast and was happy to see the community connection and how folks are coming together to honor the past and work towards the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Parisian to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Signed by:



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Chase Peterson-Em, City Clerk

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Bradley Sutton, Mayor