



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Blackledge, Parisian, Wagner, Sutton

Absent: Greenberg

Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Matt Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager

MICROPHONE CHECK

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

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2025 MEETING AGENDA

Sandvik noted the voucher disbursement report for Other Business Item 11A had been generated and is available for viewing.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Parisian to approve the February 4, 2025, meeting agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Application
- B. DNR Local Train Connections Program Grant
- C. Erin Sparks Approval for Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission
- D. Approve City Council Work Session meeting minutes from November 12, 2024
- E. Approval of Licenses
- F. Receive Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission minutes from November 26, 2024
- G. Approve City Council Work Session meeting minutes from December 10, 2024
- H. Bond Reimbursement Resolution

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Black History Month Proclamation

Sandvik introduced the Black History Month Proclamation and noted the theme for this year is "African Americans and Labor."

Member Parisian acknowledged and wished all a meaningful Black History Month and appreciated the city's efforts to uphold this Proclamation. She encouraged people to continue to educate themselves on Black History and noted there are many ways to connect with their community.

Mayor Sutton encouraged people to also educate themselves on Black History and why it's important.

Member Wagner noted the theme of Black History Month and recognized a labor organizer named Isaac Myers, who was a pioneering black labor leader. He wished all a Happy Black History Month.

Member Blackledge noted Black History is American History, and he is excited that Robbinsdale is intentional about recognizing that. He also encouraged people to continue educating themselves in Black History.

B. Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report and Parks Master Plan Presentation

Bazyk presented the item, noting he would be providing an overview of the Recreation Department's Annual Report, and presenting the Parks Master Plan. He noted several focus areas in 2024 including grants awarded in 2024, programs and partnerships, annual events, park updates, and indicated 2025 recreation program goals.

Member Wagner asked about the increase in registration from 2023 to 2024 and what types of programs people are registering for. Bazyk stated most of those have been in youth sports programs, but noted there was also an increase in leagues, and enrichment programs are continuing to increase. Wagner asked if the grant helped increase league registration. Bazyk stated he believed so but also noted increased communication and community engagement has helped improve involvement. Member Wagner also called out the fitness park and encouraged others to look into it.

Member Parisian highlighted several areas that she was excited about, including increased grant/funding, high school student involvement, and the distribution of events across parks. She also pointed out the increase in girls' and women's sports engagement and noted she would love to see messaging on how our programs can be welcoming to non-binary people.

Member Blackledge noted his time on the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission and how they had discussed the things that have now come to fruition. He stated his appreciation to Bazyk and his team for elevating the recreation programs in Robbinsdale.

Mayor Sutton thanked Bazyk for his work, and the work of his team. He asked about the in-house youth programs and what an example of that could look like. Bazyk stated they are hoping to offer an eight-week program of 45-minute sessions and are hoping to keep costs around \$60 per session. He noted they are also hoping this promotes job opportunities for community high school students.

Parks Master Plan Presentation.

Bazyk highlighted details of the plan, noting the timeline, SWOT analysis, community engagement/involvement, final Sanborn Park Plan, and top 2025 priorities.

Mayor Sutton asked about the intention of the building at Sanborn Park. Bazyk stated it would have a similar footprint to the building that is currently there but would have office space so it could remain open throughout the day as well as programming space for all seasons.

Member Parisian highlighted the great work happening throughout this project and is excited to see the overall vision of city parks, the collaboration, and the increased connectivity.

Member Blackledge echoed Member Parisian's comments and noted his excitement about the Parks Master Plan and Sanborn Park. He thanked Bazyk and his staff for their work.

Sandvik reiterated staff's appreciation to the Council, noting their support is instrumental. He noted that Sanborn Park would be done in coordination with utility projects happening in the area and that staff would continue to communicate changes happening on this project and throughout the city.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 3883 W Broadway - Rezone from Residential (RB) Business District to Limited Commercial (B2) Business District

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the history of the parcel and surrounding parcels, zoning needs and requirements, and the intended purpose of the parcel. He stated a public hearing had been held at the Planning Commission at which no member of the public spoke, and no written comments have been submitted. He also noted this would require 4/5 approval from the Council.

Member Wagner asked what the different requirements for the updated zoning. Sandvik noted parking requirements, inspections of the previously non-commercial space, and noted standards for the B2 zoning code have been met.

Member Parisian asked about considerations of large-volume trucks and if there would be an increase in those. Sandvik stated he didn't have exact numbers on that data, but stated the parcel being on the corner does provide some advantages in space needs and noted the potential occupant didn't have concerns. Parisian asked if TIF would be used. Sandvik stated no TIF was discussed and that wouldn't be used.

Member Wagner asked about existing structures and what the difference between redevelopment and renovation would be. Sandvik stated redevelopment would be a full teardown and more substantial, noting this footprint would not be changing.

Sandvik noted a public hearing took place at the Planning Commission and approval was recommended.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Wagner to adopt Resolution No. 8143 "A RESOLUTION REZONING 3883 WEST BROADWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS (RB) TO LIMITED COMMUNITY BUSINESS (B2)." The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Wagner to approve disbursement requests for the period ending 2/4/2025. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sandvik noted the Fire and Ice event is taking place this Friday and starts at 6:00 p.m. at Sanborn Park. Sandvik noted the transition to the new Waste Hauler, Republic Services and stated there is an FAQ page on the city website and mailers will also be going out to all. He encouraged people to reach out with any questions. Community garden plots are currently open, and the Home Energy Squad Visits are now open, and the portal is up online. He stated the new website has gone live and encouraged folks to let city staff know if they see anything concerning.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Blackledge encouraged folks to explore the community programs available to them. He thanked former Council member Sheila Webb for her contributions to Robbinsdale, specifically around Black History.

Member Wagner echoed those sentiments and wished all a Happy Black History Month.

Member Parisian wished all a Happy Black History Month.

Mayor Sutton also wished all a Happy Black History Month and noted he is glad to be part of this Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Parisian to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

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Chase Peterson-Em, City Clerk

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Bradley Sutton, Mayor