



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Blackledge, Greenberg, Wagner, Sutton

Absent: Parisian

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

None.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 15, 2025, MEETING AGENDA

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

1. Addition of Consent Item K, Memo Regarding Food Trucks at North Memorial
2. Addition of Public Hearing Item A and New Business Item B, Ordinance related to both items
3. Addition of Business Item 11A, Voucher Disbursement report

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Wagner to approve the April 15, 2025, City Council agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve City Council Meeting minutes from April 1, 2025
- B. Deputy Registrar's Monthly Financial Statements
- C. Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' Monthly Financial Statements
- D. Approval of Credit Card Charges and Payment – February 2025
- E. Approval of Credit Card Charges and Payment – March 2025
- F. Employee Handbook Updates
- G. Approval of Licenses

- H. Authorize Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) with Metropolitan Council
- I. Authorize City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME
- J. Investment Report
- K. North Memorial Manor Park Mobile Food Unit in Excess of 10 Days a Year

PRESENTATIONS

- A. None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. An Ordinance Adding a New Section 1165 to Chapter XI, Business and Trade Regulations of the City Code Pertaining to the Registration of Cannabis and Lower Potency Hemp Businesses with Related Regulations, and Repealing Section 1160 that regulates tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Products

Community Development Director Rand introduced a draft ordinance regarding cannabis product sales. The first reading of the ordinance will be tonight, April 15, 2025, with a second reading tentatively scheduled for May 6, 2025. She noted with the State legalization of cannabis there needs to be updates within the City code language. Rand highlighted the State has not moved forward with licensing, therefore, the City Attorney would recommend not repealing the THC chapter in City code.

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to open the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Mayor Sutton opened the public hearing.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

City Manager Sandvik recommended moving on to the next item as this topic is under New Business for further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reallocation of 2025 Sanborn Park Playground Budget

City Manager Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the history of projects related to Sanborn Park. Staff recommends approval of the item to reallocate a portion of the budget, but highlighted the reallocation still aligns with the Cities long-term goals.

Member Greenberg asked for clarification on what part of the Parks Master Plan is being addressed in Sanborn Park as it seems the priority are the tennis courts and pickleball courts. Sandvik stated that is correct. Sandvik noted a new storm sewer system is being put in Sanborn Park and runs into prior infrastructure plans that will need to get pushed back.

Member Wagner asked if there was a timeline for the grants mentioned to assist in completing these projects. Sandvik stated there is no hard date on when they will hear, as some are milestone grants and some are as funds are available, but they are being proactive.

Member Wagner asked if by shifting courts to the West side it will change the vision of the park. Sandvik stated it isn't a one-for-one footprint, but it is close and does not alter other project plans. He noted they are still open to feedback from the public.

Mayor Sutton asked how long it will take to complete the tennis and pickleball courts. Sandvik stated it depends on the bidding process, but believes it could be done by late summer or early fall.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Wagner to approve the reallocation of the 2025 Sanborn Park Playground budget. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

B. First Reading of An Ordinance Adding Section 1165 Cannabis and LPHE Business Regulations, and Repealing Section 1160, THC Products, to the Robbinsdale City Code Chapter XI, Business & Trade Regulations

Community Development Director Rand provided an overview of the item and noted that community members can contact City Council Members or Staff to give further input. Rand stated Staff has spent a lot of time developing these ordinances and expects other changes within the next few years as the industry changes. Rand reiterated the State will license Cannabis entities and the City will register them. Rand highlighted that only two retail cannabis businesses are allowed within the City, the City will suggest where they are located and the buffers needed surrounding them, and compliance checks will be completed. Staff suggests approval of the first reading of the ordinance.

Member Greenberg asked to clarify if Council is authorizing 1165 and not repealing 1160. Rand stated last week Staff thought they would need to repeal 1160, but the City Attorney stated to hold on repealing 1160 for now. Sandvik stated Staff is in agreement to keep 1160 till the State goes forward with their licensing process.

Mayor Sutton noted the State requires at least one retail cannabis operation per 12,500 residents. Rand echoed that statement.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Adding Section 1165 to the Robbinsdale City Code Chapter XI of Business and Trade Regulations and set second reading for May 6, 2025. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

C. Set Upcoming Special Work Session Dates/Times

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and suggested meeting dates of Tuesday, May 6, 2025, and Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Mayor Sutton noted he did a few ride-alongs and got a tour of the police department facility. He stated he is excited to see the public works facility and knows it is in rough condition. Mayor Sutton expressed his gratitude to Staff for setting up tours.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to approve special work sessions on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm at 4101 Hubbard Avenue North, Robbinsdale MN, 55422, and May 20, 2025, at 6:00 pm at 4601 Toledo Avenue North, Robbinsdale, MN, 5433. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Peterson-Etem provided an overview of the item and asked for approval.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Wagner to approve disbursement requests for the period ending April 15, 2025. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Peterson-Etem stated yard waste collection started this week and residents can also put additional yard waste bags out by their bin. He also noted organics bins are being picked up on Wednesdays through the month of April. Peterson-Etem stated if you have old waste management bins or errors in bin sizes please contact the City.

Sandvik noted upcoming sustainability events, the successful Eggstravaganza event, and Open Book appeal processes.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Wagner acknowledged International Workers' Day on May 1, 2025.

Member Blackledge highlighted the fun had at Eggstravaganza and wished everyone a Happy Holidays for whatever individuals celebrate. He encouraged everyone to get outside and say hello to neighbors.

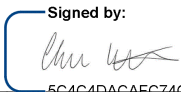
Member Greenberg thanked the City, volunteers, and City of Commerce for putting on the Eggstravaganza event and wished all those who celebrate a Happy Easter and Passover. He also reminded everyone it is tax day.

Mayor Sutton noted appreciation for the Lions Group, who helped out at Eggstravaganza and help out at many City events. He also wished everyone a Happy Passover, Happy Easter, and Happy Spring. Mayor Sutton echoed Member Blackledge's sentiment of getting out and saying hi to neighbors.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

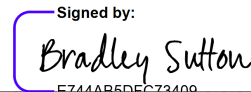
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Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk

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Bradley Sutton, Mayor