



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, Wagner, Sutton

Absent:

Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Matt Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager; Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk

MICROPHONE CHECK

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

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20, 2025, MEETING AGENDA

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

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to approve the May 20, 2025, City Council agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Sutton removed Item G for further consideration.

Member Greenberg removed Item I for further consideration.

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

- A. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2025
- B. Resolution Appointing a Data Practices Responsible Authority
- C. Deputy Registrar's Monthly Financial Statements
- D. Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' Monthly Financial Statements
- E. Approval of Licenses
- F. Second Reading, Ordinance Amending City Code Sign Ordinance (Chapter V, Planning and Land Use, Section 410 - Signs)

H. USTA Tennis Court Grants

G. Appointment of Human Rights Commissioners (HRC)

Mayor Sutton commented that he removed Item G because he would like to speak with Human Rights Commission applicants before appointing them. He also noted his concern regarding some of the questions listed on the application.

City Manager Sandvik stated Staff is in agreement and many Commissions have moved to letters of interest. He recommended tabling the item and bringing the candidates back at a later date.

Member Wagner asked if this item was necessary to have on the agenda due to the lack of Council action. Sandvik noted acknowledgment, transparency, and celebration for those who have stepped up to volunteer.

Member Wagner echoed Mayor Sutton's sentiments and agreed to table Item G.

Member Greenberg noted he also agrees to table the Item.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Wagner to table Item G, Appointment of Human Rights Commissioners (HRC). The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Mayor Sutton expressed his gratitude to residents who applied for the Commission.

I. Sanborn Park Building RFP

Member Greenberg commented that he removed Item I to inform the public that the Council is discussing building a new structure in Sanborn Park.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian to approve the submission of the Sanborn Park Building RFP for distribution. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

A. None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing related to Solid Waste Fees

Peterson-Etem introduced the history of solid waste fees, the addition of a \$5 yard waste fee, and a \$10 cart exchange fee.

Member Parisian asked for Peterson-Etem to highlight the additional 5-bag rule with yard waste bin collection. Peterson-Etem noted that yard waste collection allows for five additional compostable bags in addition to the bin.

Peterson-Etem asked the Council if they'd like him to add those additional line items to the Resolution and bring it back to the Council. Member Parisian stated she thinks that would be helpful to have stated in the Resolution.

Member Greenberg asked if the language regarding the extra bags is necessary, if the wording in the Resolution of \$5 per month for an additional bin is accurate, and if the website and other areas note the allowance of

additional bags. Peterson-Etem stated the allowance of extra bags is clear in other communications, and this is purely a fee Resolution. Sandvik stated he is satisfied with the current wording in the Resolution.

Mayor Sutton asked if the \$10 administration fee covers the City's time. Peterson-Etem stated the fee was at \$5, and this increase will better cover labor and costs of the exchange.

Member Greenberg asked if the \$10 fee occurs every time someone exchanges a bin. Peterson-Etem noted the \$10 exchange fee is in regard to trash and yard waste services and residents are able to get an additional recycling bin at no cost.

Member Greenberg asked if a resident got an additional yard waste bin and decided they no longer needed it, would the \$10 fee occur at the time of receipt and return. Peterson-Etem stated yes. Member Greenberg felt that wasn't clear in the language. Member Blackledge noted that in the Resolution, it stated per occurrence and feels the wording is clear.

Mayor Sutton asked if Peterson-Etem had stated there wasn't a fee for an additional recycling bin. Peterson-Etem stated that is correct as the City wants to encourage recycling. Mayor Sutton asked, why then, is there a charge for an additional yard waste bin. Sandvik noted the fee is to deter excess bin exchanges.

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

There were no public comments.

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

Mayor Sutton asked for clarification regarding how the Council would like to word the Resolution. Member Parisian commented that if Staff feels a change in Resolution language is not necessary, she is okay with that as long as residents have access to additional bag information on other platforms.

Member Greenberg commented that he has received lots of feedback from residents related to going from unlimited yard waste to the bin and five bags, and asked if other Council Members are also receiving feedback. Mayor Sutton noted he has heard feedback regarding the challenge this poses for residents and empathizes with people, but noted the positives of switching haulers. Member Wagner stated he has heard some concerns, but has also heard about missed yard waste pickup, which he feels will change as time goes on. Member Wagner shared an email of concern regarding the issue, but does believe most residents will not have an issue with the change and believes the switch in the hauler is a good compromise.

Mayor Sutton asked if a resident requests two more bins, will there be a \$10 fee per bin or per administrative transaction. Peterson-Etem stated per bin.

Member Parisian asked if a resident wanted additional bags picked up on top of the five allowed and if there is an option for that. Peterson-Etem stated that option is currently not available, but could be discussed. Member Parisian stated she'd love to be proactive and further discuss options with Republic.

Member Greenberg noted that residents have voiced their lack of control related to how many leaves they have and when they drop. Therefore, Member Greenberg agrees with Member Parisian and would like to find a solution for residents with yard waste above what is allowed. Sandvik stated Council discussed this in the work session last week and highlighted that the yard waste agreement currently works for most people, most of the time, at an efficient rate.

Mayor Sutton asked how long the term of the agreement is with Republic. Sandvik stated five years and noted a more in-depth conversation of the agreement could be discussed at a later date.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Blackledge to adopt Resolution No. 8156 "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY SOLID WASTE FEES FOR ADDITIONAL YARD WASTE CARTS AND CART EXCHANGE FEES." The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider a Closed Session to Discuss the Purchase of Real Property

Sandvik explained that under Minnesota State Statute Chapter 13 D.05, the City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss the purchase of a property. He said that the property in question is 3400 Oakdale Avenue N and staff recommends entering into a closed session to begin further discussions.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian to enter into a closed session to discuss the potential purchase of a property located at 3400 Oakdale Avenue N. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The City Council entered into a closed session.

Mayor Sutton called the meeting back into order at 8:12 p.m.

B. City Manager Annual Performance Review

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and explained that under Minnesota State Statute Chapter 13D, an annual performance review of the City Manager is allowed to be conducted in a closed session.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Blackledge to approve moving to a closed session to discuss the City Manager's annual performance review. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The City Council entered into a closed session.

Mayor Sutton called the meeting back into order at 9:37 p.m.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Parisian to approve executing the contract adjustment agreement moving the City Manager to Step 5. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Wagner to approve voucher disbursement requests ending May 20, 2025. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sandvik encouraged residents to check out City communications.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Wagner discussed the conversation Council had with Sandvik, expressed gratitude for his work as City Manager, and highlighted things accomplished under Sandvik's leadership. Member Wagner also wished everyone a happy Memorial Day weekend.

Member Parisian extended her thanks to Sandvik for all his work.

Member Greenberg echoed other Council Members' thanks to Sandvik. Member Greenberg noted a community clean-up event on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Hollingsworth Park, expressed gratitude to Parks and Rec Staff for doing activities with kids at Lakeview Elementary, and wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial weekend.

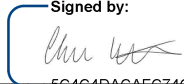
Member Blackledge thanked Sandvik, reminded residents about the community survey that is out, and encouraged people to greet their neighbors.

Mayor Sutton commented on all of the unseen work Sandvik does, wished people a happy Memorial Day, and highlighted Member Greenberg's initiative to check on community members' post on the tragic event that occurred a few weeks ago.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

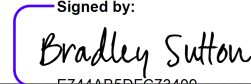
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Bradley Sutton, Mayor