



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, Heather Rand, Community Development Director; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director/City Engineer

MICROPHONE CHECK

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

None.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 17, 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 June 17, 2025, City Council agenda as amended. 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. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2025
- B. Approval of Credit Card Charges and Payment – April 2025
- C. Approve Quote for Sidewalk Replacement
- D. Authorize Adoption and Implementation of State Performance Measures
- E. Hennepin County IGNITE Community Climate Mitigation Fund
- F. Consumer Fireworks Sales Application
- G. Approval of Licenses
- H. Recreation Receives Hennepin County Arts & Music Grant

PRESENTATIONS

A. 2025 Juneteenth Proclamation

City Manager Sandvik introduced the background of the Proclamation and noted the Proclamation's importance to Staff and Council.

Member Blackledge commented on his appreciation for this Proclamation and thanked Staff for putting the Proclamation together.

Member Parisian noted her support of this Proclamation, stated she hopes others have plans to celebrate Juneteenth, and highlighted how she plans to celebrate Juneteenth.

Member Wagner stated there is still work to do despite having this Proclamation and thanked the DEI Committee for putting the Proclamation together.

Member Greenberg echoed the sentiments shared by fellow Council Members and thanked the DEI Committee for putting the Proclamation together, Staff for making it available to Council, and for Council supporting it.

Mayor Sutton shared his support and expressed gratitude towards the DEI Committee and Staff for putting this Proclamation together.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Wagner to waive the reading and order the adoption of the 2025 Juneteenth Proclamation of Freedom Day. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Affirming Commitment to Our City

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the background pertaining to the Resolution.

Member Parisian thanked everyone involved in the effort of creating this Resolution to create equity within Robbinsdale, noted her appreciation for the detailed history of past efforts to create equity by the City, and highlighted affirmations noted in the Resolution. Member Parisian specifically expressed gratitude towards Julie on the Human Rights Commission for her intentionality and assistance.

Member Greenberg believes this Resolution is important to show Robbinsdale's commitment to being a welcoming place and is happy to support this Resolution.

Member Wagner commented on his appreciation for the federal-level economic piece discussed within the Resolution.

Member Blackledge expressed his gratitude towards the Human Rights Commission and appreciated the accountability the Resolution creates.

Mayor Sutton stated the passion within the Resolution is clear and highlighted that all should feel welcome in the City. He also thanked the Human Rights Commission, along with Staff, for their work on creating this Resolution.

The League of Women Voters expressed its support and endorsement of the Resolution. The League of Women Voters did note some discrepancies in how the LGBTQ+ community was acknowledged within the resolution.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Blackledge to adopt Resolution No. 8159, A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE'S COMMITMENT TO MAINTAINING AND SUSTAINING THE CITY'S VALUES AND INTERESTS IN WELCOMING AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND IN THE ORDERLY FUNCTIONING OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SECTOR SYSTEMS. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

B. First Reading of an Ordinance Clarifying Zoning Text Code about Cannabis Business Zoning Regulation

Community Development Director Rand provided an overview of the item and detailed the history of the City Code pertaining to Cannabis, specifically in regard to zoning.

Member Greenberg asked for clarification regarding the zoning of B2 and the language in the memo. Rand stated that if something is permitted in zone B2, it is automatically permitted in B3 and B4.

Member Wagner thanked Rand for her work on this and the process behind this.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Wagner to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Containing Text Amendments to Chapter V. Land Use and Planning Regulations of the Robbinsdale City Code. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

C. Reject All Bids for Sanborn Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts – Project 23625

Public Works Director/City Engineer McCoy provided an overview of the item and detailed the CIP, range of bids, issues with grant funding, and amendment plans.

Member Greenberg asked if the specifications related to grant funding had recently changed. McCoy stated that by the time Staff was given feedback, it was already too late to create an addendum.

Member Parisian asked if this second round would be expedited. McCoy stated that it may potentially change, given that the material is moving from concrete to asphalt.

Member Blackledge asked what the significance is for moving the courts in different directions. McCoy stated it is a United States Tennis Association standard.

Member Greenberg asked if the orientation of the tennis courts would impact the rest of the Sanborn Park remodel. McCoy stated there would be no substantive impact.

Member Wagner clarified that the Council is not rejecting the creation of these courts.

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to approve waiving the reading and adopting Resolution No. 8160, A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS AND AUTHORIZING RE-BIDDING OF THE SANBORN PARK TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS – PROJECT 23625 FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

D. First Reading of an Ordinance Amending City Charter

Peterson-Etem provided an overview of the item, discussed which sections would be revised, and noted voting requirements.

Member Blackledge commented that the overview was very clear.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Parisian to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending the City Charter. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Blackledge to approve the voucher disbursement requests for the period ending June 17, 2025. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sandvik offered his condolences to the family of Representative Hortman and his thoughts are with Senator Hoffman and his wife. Sandvik encouraged residents to continue to engage in the community and check out the City website. He also stated that he hopes everyone has a meaningful Juneteenth.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Wagner expressed his condolences to the families of Representative Hortman and Senator Hoffman and his struggles with this assault on democracy. Member Wagner also thanked the Senator, Representative, and all elected officials in Minnesota for their service. Additionally, Member Wagner thanked Chief Elder for his attentiveness, the Staff for providing resources, and the Mayor for sending out a statement to City residents. Member Wagner noted he went on the tour this evening of the Public Works facility and hopes they can make progress in creating a new facility. Member Wagner wished everyone a meaningful Juneteenth.

Member Parisian gave her condolences to those affected by the tragic events that occurred over the weekend. She commented on her gratitude to the law enforcement communities who took quick action. Member Parisian hopes residents can find ways to celebrate Juneteenth.

Member Greenberg echoed the sentiments shared by other Council members and shared a message of supporting one another versus divisiveness. He also noted the movie at Hollingsworth Park on Friday at 8:30. He wished everyone a meaningful Juneteenth.

Member Blackledge appreciated his fellow Council Members' remarks. He commented that violence is never the answer and stated that lives are precious. He wished those celebrating a Happy Juneteenth and encouraged residents to learn the history of the holiday.

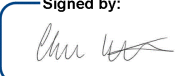
Mayor Sutton stated the importance of democracy and the importance of finding common ground despite different political beliefs. Mayor Sutton wished everyone a Happy Juneteenth and thanked the Advisor Realty Group for paying off the remaining Whizbang fireworks bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. The vote was

unanimous and the motion carried.

Signed by:



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Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk

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Bradley Sutton, Mayor