



City of Robbinsdale

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Meeting No. 19

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Wagner (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), Murphy, Webb, Parisian, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk; Diaa Tahoun, Finance Director

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

Sean Austad, 3610 Abbott Ave N., asked the council to remove the special assessment status on his property as he had previously been in contact with the city.

Mayor Blonigan stated he would identify this statement in the appropriate public hearing.

Ben Hansen, 3927 Noble Ave N., stated his support for the Blue line extension.

Latisha Holmes, 3320 Douglas Drive N., Apt. 15, noted a new restaurant coming to Robbinsdale, Johnnie Mae's Lounge, and stated they are in still in the process of opening.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2023 MEETING AGENDA

Peterson-Etem noted several updates to the agenda for tonight's meeting, including:

- Addition of Consent agenda Item R, a request for a Mobile Food Unit at Lakeview Terrace Park from Flame Mobile Kitchen.
- The voucher disbursement report to be included with Other Business Item A.
- Updated memo's and pending assessment reports for Public Hearing Items 8C and 8D.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Webb to approve the October 3, 2023, meeting agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Blonigan removed items O and P from the Consent Agenda for further consideration.

Member Murphy MOVED, seconded by Webb to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion Passed.

- A. Motion to approve the City Council Special Work Session meeting minutes of September 5, 2023.
- B. Motion to approve the City Council Special Work Session meeting minutes of September 12, 2023.
- C. Motion to approve the City Council meeting minutes of September 19, 2023.
- D. Receive Planning Commission meeting minutes from August 17, 2023.
- E. Receive Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission minutes from August 22, 2023.
- F. Receive Human Rights Commission meeting minutes from July 27, 2023.
- G. Receive Human Rights Commission meeting minutes from August 24, 2023.
- H. Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' Monthly Financial Statements
- I. Deputy Registrar's Monthly Financial Statements
- J. Approval of Credit Card Charges and Payment
- K. Approval of Licenses
- L. SECOND READING of an Ordinance rezoning 3826 West Broadway from B-2, Limited Community Business to B-4, Community Business.
- M. FIRST READING of an Ordinance amending City Code Section 520.07, Subd. 2 concerning the inclusion of Retail Financial Services as a permitted use.
- N. Consideration of Overnight Work on County Road 9
- O. Removed
- P. Removed
- Q. Robbinsdale School District Event

CONSENT ITEMS REMOVED

- O. Recommendation for Charter Commission Reappointment

Mayor Blonigan recognized and thanked Dennis Motl for his service to the city.

Mayor Blonigan MOVED, seconded by Parisian to approve Resolution No. 8054 "A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT REAPPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE TO THE ROBBINSDALE CHARTER COMMISSION." This vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

- P. Recommendation for Charter Commission Appointment

Mayor Blonigan thanked Dustin Leslie for his commitment to the City of Robbinsdale and wished him well as he starts with the Charter Commission.

Member Webb MOVED, seconded by Wagner to approve Resolution No. 8055 "A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED VOTER OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE TO THE ROBBINSDALE CHARTER COMMISSION." This vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS

A. None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Adoption of Assessment Roll for Emergency Water and Sewer Repairs

Tahoun provided an overview of the item and noted there were five properties that requested these assessments for emergency water and sewer repairs. He also provided the details for paying the assessment.

Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing. No members of the public spoke.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Murphy to close the public hearing. This vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Murphy to adopt Resolution No. 8056 "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR EMERGENCY WATER AND SEWER REPAIRS." This vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

B. Public Hearing and Adoption of Assessment Roll for Forced Tree Removal Costs

Tahoun presented this item and noted the City Forester recommends the removal of certain trees on private property based on public safety needs, and noted this only includes one property.

Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing. No members of the public spoke.

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

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Webb to approve Resolution No. 8057 "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FORCED TREE REMOVALS." This vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

C. Public Hearing and Adoption of Assessment Roll for Unpaid Administrative Penalties

Tahoun provided an overview, noting this is for unpaid administrative citations ranging from \$50 to \$2,200.

Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing. No members of the public spoke.

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

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Murphy to approve Resolution No. 8058 "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES." This vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

D. Public Hearing and Adoption of Assessment Roll for Delinquent Utilities

Tahoun gave an overview of this item and noted people could still submit a payment to the City for their delinquent utilities before it is assessed to the County in November.

Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing.

Mayor Blonigan noted that Sean Austad, 3610 Abbott Ave. N., spoke to the Council earlier at this meeting and also provided a letter asking for the Council to consider removing the delinquent amount related to their

property.

Cheryle Johnson, 3939 Quail Ave. N., stated the Council has received a letter from their attorney challenging the amount and circumstances related to the delinquent utility payments for their property. She noted they are working with staff to come to a decision.

Sean Austad, 3610 Abbott Ave. N., stated he came to a City Council meeting in May regarding a smart meter installation and thought the City was looking into it. He stated he has continued to pay for the utilities he has used, but doesn't feel he should be paying for the fees related to not having the new meter installed.

Mayor Blonigan summarized Mr. Austad's letter and the process the City goes through having to read old meters and replace old water meters.

Sandvik noted the City could have a staff member contact Mr. Austad the next morning.

Member Murphy stated that if there was in fact a lack of communication from the City, his thought is that this should be removed from the assessment roll.

Member Webb asked about next steps for this assessment. Sandvik responded with the next steps.

Tahoun explained the benefits of the new smart water meters and why the technology is beneficial.

Benjamin Fragale, 3847 Quail Ave. N., stated he thought he was on an auto pay option and didn't realize he had missed several payments. He is asking the Council to remove the delinquent amount.

Member Murphy MOVED, seconded by Webb to close the public hearing. This vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Member Wagner asked if there was any flexibility in the assessment due date. Sandvik stated no.

Sandvik stated the recommendation is that the Council pass the assessment roll as is. He noted that staff is willing to work with property owners to figure out any discrepancies.

Mayor Blonigan MOVED, seconded by Wagner to acknowledge the receipt of the attorney's letter from 3939 Quail Ave. N. as well as the written materials from 3610 Abbott Ave. N. This vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Council discussed the three properties that were spoken about tonight and made the following decisions:

3610 Abbott Ave N: Remove from the assessment roll.

3847 Quail Ave. N: Keep on the assessment roll, but at a reduced amount that removes any additional penalties that have been accrued.

3939 Quail Ave N: Leave on the assessment roll while staff continue to work with the property owner.

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Webb to approve Resolution No. 8059 "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR DELINQUENT UTILITIES," including the above-mentioned properties.

A roll call was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Wagner, Murphy, Webb, Parisian, Mayor Blonigan.

Nays: None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. None

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Murphy MOVED, seconded by Parisian to Approve Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement. The vote was unanimous and the motion Passed.

B. City Council Meeting Date Change

Member Blonigan MOVED, seconded by Murphy to Motion to cancel the Tuesday, November 7, 2023, City Council Meeting and Schedule a City Council Meeting for Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sandvik noted job opportunities the City currently has open, including a Human Resource/Risk Management Manager and a Water Resource Specialist. He noted open positions can be found on our website and through NEOGOV. He congratulated the success of the Robbinsdale Farmers Market as well as the Wheels of Italy event. He also noted the Birdtown Boo Bash will be taking place on Friday, October 6, 2023 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Sanborn Park. Lastly, he stated the School District will be hosting an event on Saturday October 7, 2023 and more information can be found in their materials.

Peterson-Etem welcomed Noah Knapp, who is the new GreenCorps member for Robbinsdale. He also stated the Robbinsdale Human Rights Commission collected messages from community members at the Commerce Meet and Greet event and created a unity tree from those comments. He noted the tree is hanging in the Council Chambers.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

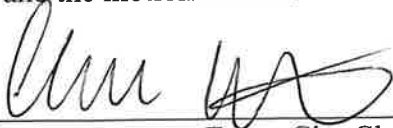
Member Wagner thanked the residents who attended tonight's meeting and also noted he had the opportunity to attend the League of Women Voters forum in Golden Valley. He also recognized the UAW strikers and gave his support.

Member Webb also recognized the residents who participated in tonight's meeting and thanked them for their involvement.

Member Blonigan mentioned the Flame Mobil Food Truck and their customer appreciation event happening on Saturday, October 14, 2023. He also asked about staff memos and if percentages could be included with enterprise fund memos.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Murphy MOVED, seconded by Webb to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion Passed.



Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor