



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; Chad Stensrud, Police Captain; Heather Rand, Director of Community Development; Dia Tahoun, Finance Director

MICROPHONE CHECK

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

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 19, 2025, MEETING AGENDA

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

1. Addition of Presentation Item B, Introduction of this year's Whiz Bang Days Ambassadors
2. Addition of updated resolution for Old Business Item A, Award the Sale of 2025A GO Bonds
3. Addition of the report for Other Business Item 11A, Voucher Disbursement Report

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the August 19, 2025, City Council agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve City Council meeting minutes from August 4, 2025
- B. Accept Senior Commission meeting minutes from June 2, 2025
- C. Receive Charter Commission minutes from June 6, 2024
- D. Receive Charter Commission minutes from August 15, 2024
- E. Approval of Licenses
- F. Octoberfest Event on September 19 & 20, 2025
- G. Hy-Vee Event

PRESENTATIONS

A. Special Thanks - Oscar Arreola Urrutia

Police Captain Stensrud introduced Cadet Oscar and noted the program he was a part of, described the tasks the Cadet completed this summer within the City, and asked Oscar a few questions regarding his time with the City.

Cadet Oscar stated his favorite part was working at City Hall and that he enjoyed his time with the City.

Mayor Sutton presented Cadet Oscar with a Certificate of Achievement and thanked him for his time with the City.

B. Introduction of this year's Whiz Bang Days Ambassadors

The five Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Days Ambassadors introduced themselves and thanked the City of Robbinsdale for their support and noted the privilege of sharing about Robbinsdale and serving their community.

Mayor Sutton asked if they had fun and what their favorite part was. The Ambassadors stated yes and noted the music as their favorite part.

Member Parisian thanked the Ambassadors for serving Robbinsdale.

Member Blackledge asked what it took to become a Robbinsdale Ambassador. The Ambassadors stated they filled out a Google Docs interest form, attended a candidate night out, participated in an ice cream social, attended the Blaine parade, and ended with the Robbinsdale parade and coronation. Member Blackledge thanked the Ambassadors for their dedication.

Member Greenberg thanked the Ambassadors for serving the City.

C. Met Transit Blue Line Extension (BLE) Public Light Rail Project Update

Community Development Director Rand introduced three representatives from Met Transit: Amada Marquez Simula, Ryan Kronzer, and Alicia Vap for further discussion on the Item.

Met Transit Community Outreach Coordinator Marquez discussed design advancements and gave an overview of the project schedule.

Met Transit Engineer Kronzer discussed design updates regarding the transit, roadways, and landscaping.

Met Transit Extension Project Director Vap discussed the timeline for construction.

Member Wagner asked what mitigation items were found. Vap stated Met Transit would be happy to provide an environmental matrix document to the City Council, but an example would be noise testing.

Member Wagner asked when the next community outreach would be. Marquez stated Met Transit will be attending the September 15th Meet and Greet and an upcoming farmers market.

Mayor Sutton asked if the Met Council was requiring an evaluation of the Met Transit versus rapid bus transit. Vap stated that a comparison had occurred in previous iterations, but the Legislature is requiring Met Transit to do a bus study that is due September 15, 2026.

Member Wagner asked about the estimated plan approval timeline and the estimated grant approval timeline. Vap stated the completion of the environmental piece was a step in the right direction and that Met Transit would be applying for federal funds in the spring of next year and should hear back within six months of applying.

Member Greenberg asked for clarification regarding the U.S. Bank Location. Rand stated she hasn't heard back from U.S. Bank since they came to the last Council meeting. Kronzer stated they've left space for U.S. Bank but haven't heard back. Member Greenberg asked when the Council will receive clarification. Kronzer stated Met Transit needs to make offers on properties and should hear back later next year.

Member Greenberg asked if the noise testing included noise from the stations themselves. Vap stated the environmental matrix includes the train, the bell when coming into the station, and alerts as the train arrives.

Mayor Sutton asked for further clarification on whether U.S. Bank plans to stay in the City. Sandvik stated the discussion is ongoing, and the property acquisition will be a large determining factor.

D. Elevate Hennepin Initiative to Support Local Entrepreneurs

Rand introduced Hennepin County Economic Development Manager Lily Shaw and gave a brief background of the Item.

Hennepin County Economic Development Manager Shaw discussed the Elevate Hennepin initiative, noted the City partners, presented the website, highlighted how they reach people, listed the programs the initiative provides, and shared the impacts.

Member Blackledge commented on the significance of the program's resources.

Member Parisian thanked Shaw for the presentation and enjoyed seeing the local data.

Mayor Sutton asked if there is anything the Elevate Program is looking to see from the City. Shaw noted she looks forward to speaking at the Chamber and asked the Council to spread the word.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Award the Sale of 2025A GO Bonds

Sandvik introduced Finance Director Dia Tahoun and Ms. Hogan from Baker Tilly.

Hogan discussed the results of the Bond sales that occurred that morning, noted the bond rating, discussed the credit rating report, and gave her recommendation to approve the Resolution of awarding the Bonds.

Mayor Sutton thanked Staff, Finance Director Tahoun, and Baker Tilly for their good work.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 8167 "A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025A, IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$ 8,350,000; FIXING THEIR FORM AND

SPECIFICATIONS; DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT." The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. None

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve voucher disbursement requests for the period ending August 19, 2025. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

B. Schedule Special Work Session

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and asked the Council to set a special meeting for September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to approve scheduling a special work session for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sandvik thanked the Council for their work on the 2026 budget, highlighted the good turnout for the MACV ribbon cutting, thanked Cadet Oscar and Staff for their support, and noted upcoming City events.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Wagner thanked the Staff for their work on the MACV opening, thanked Representative Omar for funding, and thanked Veterans and their families for their service.

Member Blackledge welcomed children back to school and encouraged residents to say hi to neighbors.

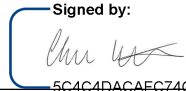
Member Greenberg reminded residents that the renaming of Sanborn Park is open till mid-September, thanked Staff for their work on the open house, and asked Sandvik if the Council can bring the discussion back surrounding the City Camping Ordinance. Sandvik stated yes, as long as the Council agrees. The Council agreed to rediscuss the Ordinance.

Mayor Sutton thanked Mason Knutson for assisting in Mayoral duties today.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

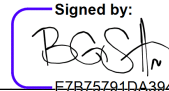
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Bradley Sutton, Mayor