



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

Calvin Hedricks, 4322 Toledo Ave. N., mentioned the Citizens Utility Board noting they help to educate folks on ways they can reduce their utility bills and asked if the city would want to partner on ways to spread this information.

Jack Chesney, 4118 Shoreline Drive, asked about the Shoreline Drive project and indicated he was at the last Council meeting. He stated he would still like to talk to staff about the project to understand more details. Sandvik noted staff would be in touch.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2025, MEETING AGENDA

City Clerk Peterson-Etem noted two additions to the agenda and one recommendation for tonight.

1. Addition of Other Business Item 11A, Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement
2. Addition of Public Hearing Item 8C, Updated List of Pending Special Assessments
3. Recommendation to move New Business Item C to New Business Item A

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to move New Business Item C to New Business Item and approve the October 7, 2025, City Council agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Blackledge removed Item G for further consideration.

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

- A. Approve City Council Meeting minutes from September 2, 2025
- B. Approve City Council Meeting minutes from September 16, 2025

- C. Approve Work Session meeting minutes from August 12, 2025
- D. Approve Special Work Session meeting minutes from August 19, 2025
- E. Approve Work Session meeting minutes from September 9, 2025
- H. Approve new citation platform for Police
- I. Receive Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2025
- J. Receive Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2025
- K. Investment Report
- L. Accept Organics Recycling Drop Off Grant from Hennepin County
- M. Deputy Registrar's Monthly Financial Statements
- N. Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' Monthly Financial Statements
- G. Recommendation for Charter Commission Appointment

Member Blackledge acknowledged Jessica Cameron for stepping into the Charter Commission role.

Mayor Sutton welcomed Jessica Cameron to the Charter Commission.

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the Recommendation for Charter Commission Appointment. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Sustainability Committee Presentation

Robbinsdale Sustainability Committee Member, Erin Hart, introduced the agenda for tonight, highlighted the Committee's community engagement, and stated the Committee's requests and recommendations.

Green Spaces and Land Use Sub-Committee Member, Megan Hanelitz, discussed the ongoing efforts in Robbinsdale to be an eco-friendly community and future goals at City Hall.

Climate Action Plan Sub-Committee Member, Nick Heid, discussed Robbinsdale's climate initiatives, discussed the need for a Climate Action Plan, and noted the sub-committee's recommendations.

Member Parisian expressed gratitude to the Committee for their efforts. She voiced her support for developing a Climate Action Plan and emphasized the importance of exploring funding opportunities and grants to hire a consultant. While she is interested in learning more about the Gold Leaf Challenge, she stated that her top priority is the Climate Action Plan if she needs to choose.

Member Blackledge asked what the most rewarding piece of being a part of the Committee has been. One Sustainability Committee Member stated it has been encouraging to know how many like-minded community members there are. Another Sustainability Committee Member stated that helping the community in this way and hearing the excitement from other community members was a positive experience. Another Member noted their excitement to make progress on the current climate crisis.

Member Blackledge asked if the Sustainability Committee knew of any other carbon-free cities. Heid stated he doesn't know of any United States Cities, but knows there are other Cities around the world that are carbon-free.

Mayor Sutton asked about cost offsets due to maintenance through replacing the berm and asked if the April plant sale was the one discussed in the presentation. Hart stated yes and highlighted that fiscal sustainability is also on their minds, both in the short and long term.

Mayor Sutton stated it would be great to see a collaboration between Ace and the Sustainability Committee.

Member Wagner asked if other Cities needed to make code changes before implementation. One Sustainability Committee Member noted decibel limits to installing heat pumps. Member Wagner commented on his support of the Climate Action Plan and noted his desire to find alternative funding options aside from raising property taxes.

Member Wagner asked if the Sustainability Committee is looking for specific action from Council in the future. Heid stated the biggest need is funding for a consultant to create the Climate Action Plan. Member Wagner stated he would like to see numbers for the consultant, for landscaping around City Hall, and for the Committee's desired swag.

Member Greenberg thanked the Committee for being engaged in the community and noted resource availability from Hennepin County.

Member Greenberg asked which area would have the greatest impact if efforts were focused on initiatives Robbinsdale is already pursuing. Heid responded that it's a complex issue, noting that reducing the residential carbon footprint has its limits. Hart provided examples of actions the City itself could take.

Member Parisian asked how community members can get involved. Heid stated residents can email the Sustainability Coordinator, Kayla and noted a sustainability section on the City website.

B. National Disability Employment Awareness Month Proclamation

Peterson-Etem introduced the Proclamation.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to adopt the Proclamation declaring October 2025 to be National Disability Employment Awareness Month in the City of Robbinsdale. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Finance Director Tahoun discussed current penalties and amounts.

Mayor Sutton asked about current balances and what communication with residents looks like. City Manager Sandvik noted the wide variety of offenses that can cause penalties and the wide variety of means of communication.

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

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

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 8176 “A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES.” The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

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

Tahoun introduced the Item and amounts.

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

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

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to adopt Resolution No. 8177 “A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR EMERGENCY WATER AND SEWER REPAIRS.” The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

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

Tahoun introduced the Item and amounts.

Member Greenberg asked if these amounts were from years past or solely this year. Tahoun stated just this year.

Member Wagner asked if the Staff can go over the process post tonight. Tahoun stated residents have up to November 14, 2025, to pay balances.

Mayor Sutton asked if residents would pay for the remaining balances in the end. Tahoun stated that some remaining balances are paid through taxes, but the State has some avenues.

Member Parisian asked about the formatting of the report. Tahoun stated they will fix that for future meetings.

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

Nick Heid, Resident, asked if this was gas, utility, or water. Tahoun stated water.

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

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to adopt Resolution No. 8178 “A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR DELINQUENT UTILITIES.” The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve settlement in Nelson v. Kusick

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the history of the situation.

Mayor Sutton MOVED, seconded by Wagner, to approve the settlement in the lawsuit Nelson v. Kusick and approve appropriating \$1.175 million from the City of Robbinsdale to the global settlement of any claims in this litigation, including attorney fees. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

B. Closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. section 13D.05, subd. 2(b) for preliminary consideration of allegations against the City Manager.

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve moving to a closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. section 13D.05, subd. 2(b) for preliminary consideration of allegations against the City Manager. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

C. Closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. section 13D.05, subd. 2(b) for preliminary consideration of allegations against Commissioner Jonathan Hansen.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve moving to a closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. section 13D.05, subd. 2(b) for preliminary consideration of allegations against Commissioner Jonathan Hansen. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Wagner, to reopen the session. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve disbursement requests for the period ending October 7, 2025. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sandvik thanked everyone who came to the Boo Bash, discussed the Manor Park removal and replacement, and thanked Staff for coming to the bus tour on Thursday.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Wagner asked if the Council would receive an update regarding the project status on Shoreline Drive. Sandvik stated that staff will update the Council when more formal information has been prepared. Member Wagner thanked residents who have spoken recently and noted that Council took the Settlement that was voted on tonight very seriously.

Member Blackledge thanked the Staff for putting together the bus tour and thanked fellow Council Members.

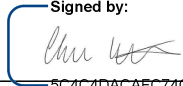
Member Greenberg expressed gratitude to all who contributed and attended Boo Bash. Member Greenberg noted they are currently working on the budget, and Council values resident feedback.

Mayor Sutton echoed the sentiments surrounding Boo Bash and highlighted the Council's care in creating budgets.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

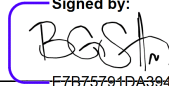
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Bradley Sutton, Mayor