



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, Sutton (Remote), Caceres Aranda

Absent:

Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Chase Peterson-Etem, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

MICROPHONE CHECK

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

Julie Ralston Aoki, 3615 Abbott Ave. N., provided an overview of items the Human Rights Commission discussed related to immigration enforcement at their most recent meeting, including a separation ordinance, business impact, police involvement, after care, providing resources, and more. She also asked the City Council to hold a town meeting.

Greg Salyers, 3980 Lake Curve, voiced his concern around community members using social media and asked people to be civil towards each other.

Steve Carlyle, 4165 West Broadway, noted how the immigration enforcement currently taking place is affecting small businesses in Robbinsdale and asked how the city could help.

OATH OF OFFICE

A. Oath of Office for Ward 4 Council Member Alejandro Caceres Aranda

City Clerk Peterson-Etem reviewed the background of the appointment.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to adopt Resolution No. 8208, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALEJANDRO CACERES ARANDA AS THE ROBBINSDALE WARD 4 COUNCIL MEMBER. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Member Blackledge swore in Member Alejandro Caceres Aranda.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2026, MEETING AGENDA

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

1. Addition of Consent Item 7J, License List.
2. Addition to Other Business Item 12A, Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve the February 4, 2026, City Council agenda, as amended.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Greenberg removed Items D and E for further consideration.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the consent agenda, as revised.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

- A. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2026
- B. Receive PRFC Meeting Minutes from November 25
- C. Accept the meeting minutes from the October 22, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting.
- F. Authorize City Manager to Execute Organized Labor Agreement
- G. Deputy Registrar's Monthly Financial Statements
- H. Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' Monthly Financial Statements
- I. Approval of Credit Card Charges and Payment
- D. Accept Quote for Replacement of Street Sweeper – City Project 8004

Member Greenberg noted he is in support of this Item, along with Item E, but due to the large purchase price, he would like the City Manager to provide more details for the public's benefit. City Manager Sandvik discussed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and noted these specific vehicles have been in CIP for a significant number of years and commented that all City equipment is continually evaluated for trade-in, auction, or to continue usage.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to Accept Quote for Replacement of Street Sweeper – City Project 8004.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

- E. Accept Quote for Replacement of Tandem Dump Truck – City Project 8119

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to Accept Quote for Replacement of Tandem Dump Truck – City Project 8119.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Black History Month Proclamation

Sandvik introduced the Black History Month Proclamation and highlighted the Staff Luncheon, where Staff will watch a recording of Martin Luther King Jr., and noted other neighboring City events in honor of Black History Month.

Member Parisian thanked the DEI Committee for preparing the Proclamation, noted her support of the Proclamation, and shared that she is committed to learn about the reconstruction period post-Civil War. She also highlighted different events in honor of Black History Month.

Member Greenberg echoed Member Parisian's sentiments.

Member Blackledge echoed Member Parisian's sentiments and commented that Black history is American history that can be celebrated year-round.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Caceres Aranda, to approve the 2026 Black History Month Proclamation.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License w/ Sunday Sales and Restaurant License for Risata Cucina

Sandvik introduced the item and noted the Staff's recommendation for approval.

Member Greenberg commented on the excitement he has heard from residents regarding the restaurant coming to Robbinsdale.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to open the public hearing.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Mayor Sutton opened the public hearing.

Celeste Shaheete, owner of 4180 and 4168 West Broadway, stated she is here to support her tenants who will be opening the restaurant. She noted that she is impressed with their responsiveness and industriousness and believes these attributes will carry over to the benefit of the City of Robbinsdale.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to close the public hearing.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve the On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License w/ Sunday Sales and Restaurant License for Risata Cucina.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Sandvik introduced the statute that allows for the city to enter a closed session.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to move into a Closed Session to Consider a Closed Session to Discuss the Purchase of Real Property.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to move back into Open Session.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Schedule Special Work Session - Top Goals and Priorities Session

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the history of creating top goals and Council priorities.

Mayor Sutton stated that February 26 2026, jumps off the page for him.

Member Greenberg stated he can not meet on March 5, 2026.

Member Parisian stated she can meet on any of the dates provided.

Member Caceres Aranda stated he can meet on any of the dates provided.

Member Blackledge stated he could do February 26, 2026.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve Scheduling a Special Work Session for Top Goals and Priorities on February 26 at 4:00 p.m.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve voucher disbursement requests for the period ending February 4, 2026.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sandvik welcomed the new Council Member, noted that applications for community garden plots are now open, thanked those who are holding different events in recognition of Black History Month, and highlighted different communications related to immigration and the efforts of Staff to keep residents updated. He also noted that the city joined a plastic-free challenge for February, noted the home energy squad loan program and water efficiency rebates have been renewed, and recognized City Engineer Richard McCoy for receiving the Engineer of the Year Award and voiced his gratitude for his work.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Greenberg expressed his excitement to welcome Council Member Caceres Aranda. He discussed the detrimental effects of metro surge on the community and outlined the steps he is taking to support residents, including urging Mayor Sutton to join the Coalition for Safe and Secure Communities.

Mayor Sutton stated that he reached out to Sandvik earlier today regarding the Coalition for Safe and Secure Communities.

Member Blackledge reflected on his visit to the Capitol and discussions surrounding constitutional rights. He spoke about how important it is to stand up for what is right and emphasized the importance of kindness within the community.

Member Parisian thanked fellow Council Members for their remarks. She noted she has been thinking a lot lately about something Member Blackledge often says, to say hello to your neighbor, and shared that she feels encouraged by the community. She acknowledged the murder of Alex Pretti and extended her condolences. She reminded everyone to take care of their mental health. She thanked Julie and the HRC for their presentation and their requests. She asked the Staff to schedule a discussion on an aftercare policy. She expressed how impressed she was with the Richfield action plan, inspired by City feedback, and suggested presenting ideas and feedback gathered at the town hall in an executive summary with prioritized action items for Robbinsdale. She noted this could be done separately from the goals and priorities session. She also thanked the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce for the luncheon, highlighting women-owned business Coco Flake with Valentine's Day approaching. She concluded by congratulating Council Member Caceres Aranda.

Member Caceres Aranda thanked the Council and Staff for the warm welcome. He emphasized the importance of saying hello to your neighbor, noted the strong caucus turnout, and shared his excitement for the work ahead.

Mayor Sutton expressed his enthusiasm about having Council Member Caceres Aranda on board and noted how impressed the Council was with his interview. He thanked the HRC team and Julie for their work, reflected on the importance of supporting Robbinsdale businesses, and encouraged residents to be kind to one another and engage in meaningful conversations.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Signed by:



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Chase Peterson-Em, City Clerk

Signed by:



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Bradley Sutton, Mayor