

City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 5, 2021
Meeting No. 1

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Andrew Biggerstaff, City Attorney

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC

3. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda.
4. Melanie Sedqi congratulated the newly elected members.
5. The Mayor closed the session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Glick noted an updated list of council appointments from the work session and an updated list of Advisory Commissioners on Consent Agenda E –noting the correct spelling of Michelle Vaith.
7. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to approve the January 5, 2021 Agenda with the update noted. **A roll call was taken. Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Member Backen removed item E from the consent agenda for discussion.
9. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to approve the January 5, 2021 Consent Agenda **A roll call was taken. Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
 - A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the City Council meeting:
 - Council Meeting Minutes on 12/15/20.
 - B. Motion to affirm the action of the City Manager's appointment of Sherry O'Donnell as City Clerk for 2021 until the City Clerk position is filled and Deputy City Clerk for the year 2021.
 - C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses from list dated 1/05/21.

- D. 2021 Council Appointments:
- Motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem for 2021.
 - Motion to appoint appropriate council and staff representatives to organizations as determined during the January 5, 2021, Council Work Session.
 - Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution No. 7876: "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING RICHARD MCCOY AS DIRECTOR AND PAT BACKEN AS ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE SUBURBAN RATE AUTHORITY" for 2021.
- E. (removed)
- F. Motion designating the Crystal/Robbinsdale *Sun Post* as the official newspaper for the City of Robbinsdale for the year 2021.
- G. Motion to approve meeting dates of the City Council as determined at the January 5, 2021, City Council Work Session.
- H. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution No. 7877: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROBBINSDALE'S FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS."
- I. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution No. 7878: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CITY CREDIT CARDS TO LISTED CITY EMPLOYEES."
- J. Motion to remove Mayor Regan L. Murphy and add Mayor William A. Blonigan and retain City Manager, Marcia Glick, as authorized signers of City checking accounts.
- K. Motion designating the following:
- US Bank and Citizens Independent Bank as depositories for the City of Robbinsdale for 2021;
 - US Bank Institutional Financial Services to safe-keep the City's investments for 2021; and
 - Directing Marcia Glick, City Manager, and Jeff Zuba, Finance Director, to execute the necessary documents to assure continuity of banking services.
- L. Motion to appoint Business Advisory Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee members for METRO Blue Line Extension.
- M. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution No. 7879: "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ELECTED OFFICIAL OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL POLICY."
- N. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Fair Housing Policy.
- O. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Social Media Policy.

- P. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Public Purpose Expenditure Policy.
 - Q. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Investment Policy.
 - R. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Capital Asset Policy.
 - S. Motion to affirm the appointment of Jeff Lenarz as Deputy Registrar for the Robbinsdale Motor Vehicle Office.
 - T. Motion to direct the City Manager to contract with the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Fund for the workers' compensation insurance at an affixed cost regular premium option rate of \$352,997.
 - U. Motion to acknowledge the Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' financial reports for the month of November 2020.
 - V. Motion to acknowledge the Deputy Registrar's financial reports for the month of November 2020.
10. Member Backen indicated that he had removed Consent Item E to thank the outgoing commissioners for their contributions over the years. He encouraged them to continue to participate in city activities. He also thanked the new commissioners for stepping into their new roles. Member Selman concurred.
 11. Mayor Blonigan also thanked the new members noting that they represent different backgrounds and experience. He noted that he had appointed four commissioners; one from each ward.
 12. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to appoint the advisory commissioners as determined at the January 5, 2021 organizational work session. **A roll call was taken. Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
- PUBLIC HEARING A: Fly Vintage & Vinyl – Consignment License – 3900 36th Ave N**
13. Glick reviewed the staff report noting that the second hand goods license had been approved at the December 15, 2020 meeting and the consignment license was submitted later.
 14. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing. No one spoke.
 15. Member Backen **MOVED**, and Member Selman seconded to close the public hearing. **A roll call was taken. Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
 16. Member Backen **MOVED**, and Member Selman seconded the motion to approve the consignment license for Fly Vintage & Vinyl – 3900 36th Ave N. **A roll call was taken. Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: 1st Reading Regulation of Conversion Therapy

17. Glick reviewed the staff report. She noted she had received questions regarding removal of the language referring infractions to the Human Rights Commission (HRC), particularly in regards to minors. She noted that there would be data protection regulation; that typically the staff would provide information to the City Council rather than to an advisory commission regarding city code issues. She gave an example of reports to the city council on the pawn shop investigations.
18. Member Webb asked for clarification on how the HRC can advocate in support if there were to be a situation involving a minor while respecting the confidentiality and data privacy of the minor.
19. Attorney Biggerstaff noted that it is appropriate for an advisory commission to bring something forward to advocate for creation of the policy. When it comes to enforcement action or advocating on an individual's behalf, he was not aware of any other city where an advisory commission or the city council would become involved in enforcement. He noted that the ordinance was similar to model ordinances provided as examples.
20. Member Webb explained that she was asking the question in order for the community to hear the explanation.
21. Glick noted that a report on the number of citations and other public information could be shared with the HRC on a regular basis.
22. Member Kline thanked the HRC and city council for being in front of this issue. He is glad to be part of the council that can continue to move this item forward.
23. Mayor Blonigan spoke in support of the ordinance and thanked those involved in bringing the matter forward. He noted the omission of a "the" in Section 2050.02, subd 2(c) which will be corrected before 2nd reading.
24. Glick recommended adding a section 3 to the ordinance to adjust the fee schedule to specify that violation of this code section as a level 5 offense.
25. Moved by Backen second by Kline to add Section 3 regarding administrative penalties and hold the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-01 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 20 TO PROHIBIT LICENSED PROVIDERS FROM PRACTICING CONVERSION THERAPY ON MINORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS. A roll call was taken. Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
26. Mayor Blonigan noted that City Council members had received some emails from parties interested in this item. That testimony had been added to previous reports on this item.

OTHER BUSINESS A: Resolution Accepting Donations

27. Glick reviewed the staff report.
28. Member Backen read the list of the donations and noted appreciation of the city for the generous donations.
29. Moved by Backen, second by Selman to order the adoption of Resolution No. 7880.
"RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS" A roll call was taken. Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS B: Voucher Requests

30. Moved by Backen, second by Selman to approve disbursements for period ending January 5, 2021. **A roll call was taken. Ayes: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

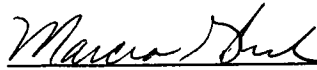
31. Glick noted that there the regular monthly work session will begin at the conclusion of the meeting. Need to log into a different WebEx Meeting.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

32. Member Kline thanked the residents of Ward 1 and his family for their support. He especially thanked Senator Rest for taking time to swear him in today.
33. Member Webb thanked the residents of Ward 2 for their support and also to the Human Rights Commission for their incredible work to bring forward the conversion therapy ban along with members of Birdtown Pride. She noted that there are a number of groups working on issues and she looks forward to working with the city.
34. Members Selman and Backen welcomed the new council members and congratulated Mayor Blonigan in his new position.
35. Mayor Blonigan congratulated the successful candidates. He indicated that it was unfortunate that the swearing in was in a different manner without being on camera. He thanked outgoing Mayor Murphy.
36. Glick confirmed that Birdhouse Restaurant had received the same credit calculation towards the 2021 liquor licenses based on the months that they had paid for a license in 2020 and were not able to be fully open. The City Council can consider whether they will provide similar assistance for 2021 impacts with reimbursements for months when businesses are closed.
37. Mayor Blonigan noted the improved experience modification number on the workers compensation renewal.
38. Glick shared photos of the new members being sworn in earlier in the day and noted that she would be putting the photos on the city website.

ADJOURNMENT

39. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.
A roll call was taken. Ayes: **Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan**; Nays:
None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Marcia Glick, Recording Secretary



William A. Blonigan, Mayor