

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 2, 2021
Meeting No. 3**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Charnelle Dengnoue, HR and Risk Management Specialist; Rick Pearson, Community Development Director; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director; 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. There were no speakers and the mayor has closed the session

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Leslie noted there was an update to Consent Agenda Item D with an additional license and an additional application for Old Business A.
6. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve the February 2, 2021 Agenda with the update noted. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

7. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to approve the February 2, 2021 Consent Agenda A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, 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 1/19/21
 - Special 6:15pm work session minutes of 1/19/21
 - Special 9:15pm work session minutes of 1/19/21
 - B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Planning Commission 11/19/20 (December meeting canceled)
 - Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission 11/24/20 (No December meeting)
 - C. Motion to affirm the action of the City Manager and support the appointment of Dustin Leslie as City Clerk commencing February 2, 2021.

- D. Motion to approve issuance of licenses from list dated 2/2/21.
- E. Motion to acknowledge the Deputy Registrar's financial reports for the month of December 2020.
- F. Motion to acknowledge the Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' financial reports for the month of December 2020.
- G. Motion to approve the December 2020 payment for City credit card charges.
- H. Motion to authorize modification to the Employee Handbook as noted.
- I. Motion to hold the 1st reading of Ordinance No 21- 02 "AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR 3883 WEST BROADWAY IN CITY CODE SECTION 550.07."
- J. Motion to approve the proposed new sign for Subway at the Robbinsdale Town Center, 4080 West Broadway.
- K. Motion to acknowledge the financial reports for the quarter ended December 2020.
- L. Motion to acknowledge the Investment Report for the quarter ended December 2020.
- M. Motion to concur with the recommended adjustment to the City Manager's compensation for 2021 and authorize the Mayor and Mayor ProTem to execute the 2021 Employee Agreement Supplement shown as Exhibit B.

OLD BUSINESS: Blue Line Citizens Advisory Commission Appointment

- 8. Glick presented the staff report.
- 9. Selman indicated that this appointment would be one of the most important decisions the city will make for the next 100 years and someone with a proven track record should fill the role. Selman recommended David Ulbrich due to his experience with the Planning Commission and noted his consistent attendance.
- 10. Webb stated there should be equity and new voices for future appointments.
- 11. Glick reviewed qualifications for each candidate.
- 12. **Selman made a motion to appoint Ulbrich to the CAC, Backen seconded the motion**
- 13. Kline stated he has had no interaction with any of the candidates but agreed with Webb that this should be an opportunity to give someone new a voice in the city.

14. Blonigan indicated he would vote against the motion due to Ulbrich possessing other roles within the city. Blonigan reviewed other candidates' experience.
15. Backen stated there are new voices in other areas of the city and this is a very important appointment due to the ramifications of future policy set by the commission. Further argued that the CAC will put forward policy for the next 100 years, so experience is necessary.
16. **A role call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen; Nays: Kline, Webb, Blonigan. The vote fails and the motion does not carry.**
17. Mayor Blonigan stated he prefers Gene Montanez for the appointment due to his past experience.
18. **Backen made the motion to appoint Gene Montanez to the CAC. Webb seconded the motion. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Backen, Kline, Webb, Blonigan; Nays: Selman. The motion carried.**
19. Blonigan pointed out that all applicants were qualified for the role and thanked them for their interest.

OLD BUSINESS: Ordinance prohibiting the practice of conversion therapy

20. Glick presented the staff report.
21. Kline noted that he was pleased this has been moved along. Most residents he speaks with are surprised this is still going on in the community.
22. Blonigan noted conversion therapy has no scientific basis and is harmful.
23. **Moved by Kline second by Webb to Hold the 2nd 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: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS: Motion to approve disbursement requests for period ending 2/2/21.

24. **Moved by Backen second by Blonigan to approve the disbursement requests for period ending 2/2/21. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

25. Glick welcomed Leslie as the new City Clerk.

26. Glick noted she would be testifying the morning of 2/3/21 regarding tax relief on 4D housing and how it could hurt the city. Blonigan noted this policy may hurt the city and that savings may not even be passed onto residents by the landlords.
27. Glick gave a reminder about the Whizbang Days *Show the Love* campaign for small businesses in the community.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

28. Webb gave a reminder about the Bird Bash. Best way to access information is to visit the 7 Dreams Foundation website. Backen and Blonigan echoes statement and discusses importance of the event.
29. Kline and Blonigan discussed and gave an overview of the legislative breakfast for other members of the council.

ADJOURNMENT

30. **Member Kline MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor