

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 2, 2022
Meeting No. 3**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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| 2. Present: | Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan |
| Absent: | None |
| Staff: | Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Nichole Saba, Community Engagement Officer; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney. |

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

3. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda.
4. Jason Greenburg – 3603 Beard Ave. N: Resident asked for Council Member Kline to resign due to his arrest. Greenburg stated elected officials should be held to a higher standard.
5. Regan Murphy – 4001 Orchard Ave. N: Resident asked Council Members to go on the record and demand Council Member Kline’s resignation.
6. David Ulbrich – 3700 Hubbard Ave. N: Resident told Council he wanted to hear from all members and for them to demand Kline’s resignation.
7. Jackie Slater-Johnson - 3617 Lee Ave N: Resident stated Kline’s status as a Council Member should be decided by his ward.
8. Member Kline stated he violated the community’s trust and will take his recovery seriously. Member Kline stated he heard people wanting him to resign. Member Kline stated he ran to make the community better and refused to resign. Member Kline stated he wanted to show that people can go through chemical issues and come out better on the other side.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2022 MEETING AGENDA

9. Leslie reported the following changes to the agenda:
 - Voucher Report for Other Business B.
 - Updated proclamation for Black History Month with edits from the Mayor.
 - One public comment was received for Redistricting under Public Hearing A.

10. Member Kline MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to approve the February 2, 2022 Agenda with the updates given to Council by the City Clerk. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to approve the February 2, 2022 Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the City Council meeting:
 - City Council Meeting minutes on 1/18/22
 - Special City Council Meeting minutes on 1/25/22
 - Special City Council Work Session minutes on 1/25/22
- B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission minutes on 11/23/21
 - Human Rights Commission minutes on 12/9/21
- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 2/2/22.
- D. Motion to acknowledge the Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' financial reports for the month of December 2021.
- E. Motion to approve the December 2021 payment for City credit card charges.
- F. Motion to acknowledge the Deputy Registrar's financial reports for the month of December 2021.
- G. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7953 "A RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT."
- H. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7954 "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LABOR AGREEMENT LOCAL ISSUES BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE AND AFSCME."
- I. Motion to approve the Robbin Art Gallery event to be held on Saturday, July 9, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the grass area at 42nd and West Broadway.

PRESENTATION A: BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

12. Glick presented the proclamation stating it was written by the City Clerk with feedback from Member Webb.

- 13. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to declare the month of February as Black History Month in the City of Robbinsdale. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING A: REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING

14. Leslie gave the report comparing the two proposed maps. Leslie stated a public comment was received prior to the presentation.
- 15. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to enter the public comment into the record (Attachment A). The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
16. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing.
17. Jackie Slater-Johnson - 3617 Lee Ave. N: Resident asked for clarifications from Selman on the changes he proposed to the map. Member Selman stated the changes were based on feedback received from residents in his ward.
18. Derek Olson - 4226 Zenith Ave. N: Resident asked Mayor to clarify the address of the public comment and to confirm it was sent in by a Robbinsdale resident. Mayor Blonigan confirmed it was Rick Jaeger at 4548 Chowen Ave. N.
19. Jan Dickenson – 3512 Indiana Ave. N: Resident asked for clarifications on the maps and the process for creating them. City staff reviewed the process including the software received from Hennepin County.
- 20. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
21. Mayor Blonigan stated he preferred proposed map #1 as it appeared more contiguous. Mayor Blonigan also spoke about the history of ward 1 borders.
22. Member Selman stated he preferred proposed map #2.
23. Member Backen stated he did not have a preference but noted the proposed map #2 had less of a population deviation than proposed map #1.
24. Member Kline stated he wanted a map that looks less gerrymandered and is more in favor of proposed map #1.
25. Member Webb stated she wanted more public feedback and to table the decision to the next Council meeting. The rest of the Council agreed.

OLD BUSINESS A: SECOND READING – UPDATE TO SECTION 425 AND 927 OF CITY CODE REMOVING LEASE ADDENDUM REQUIREMENTS FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES

26. Glick gave the report and background of the ordinance changes and detailed changes which the Council would be considering.
27. Tietjen reviewed the process of overall changes for the ordinance.
28. Mayor Blonigan reviewed changes to the ordinance and stated he was ready to vote and approve the ordinance amendments. Mayor Blonigan further spoke about the differences between renters and homeowners and stated he was in favor of more changes down the line.
29. Member Webb stated she was in favor of repealing the ordinance all together as it still allows for inequities.
30. Member Backen stated if the ordinance was repealed there would be no recourse for landlords or renters. Member Backen further stated the updates give the possibility of hearings and adds protections for landlords and renters.
31. Member Kline stated he supported the document as-is.
32. Member Selman asked for clarifications on training.
33. Nichole Saba Community Engagement Officer confirmed that the training emphasizes that emergency calls, such as domestic abuse, are not nuisance conduct.
34. Mayor Blonigan asked for two changes on page 65. Mayor Blonigan stated instead of “municipality,” he would want it to read as “Minnesota municipality.” Tietjen stated that change could be made.
35. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to hold the second reading of Ordinance No. 21-12 “AN ORDINANCE UPDATING ROBBINSDALE CITY CODE SECTION 425 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND SECTION 927 REPEAT NUISANCE SERVICE CALL FEES” with the changes suggested by the Mayor. A roll call was taken. Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Mayor Blonigan. Nays: Webb. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote.**

NEW BUSINESS A: COUNCIL SALARY REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

36. Leslie gave the report.
37. Mayor Blonigan reviewed the math of the increases which the Council would receive. Mayor Blonigan stated the Council has not received an increase in pay since 2019 and

would be in favor of the salary adjustment.

38. Member Backen stated he has voted against increases in the past but was previously convinced of supporting raises due to the costs associated with being a Council Member.
39. Member Selman thanked the Salary Review Committee for their work.
40. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Mayor Blonigan to hold first reading of Ordinance #22-02 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 205 OF THE CITY CODE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS." A roll call was taken. Ayes: Selman, Backen, Webb, Mayor Blonigan. Nays: Kline. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote.**

OTHER BUSINESS A: SCHEDULE WORK SESSIONS WITH COUNTY ASSESSOR AND COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S TEAM

41. Glick stated the County Assessor and the County Commissioner wanted to meeting with the City Council. Glick stated the date originally looked at would be March 15 before the Council meeting. However, Mayor Blonigan and Member Selman are attending a conference on that date. Glick suggested moving the second City Council meeting in March to March 22, 2022 and to schedule a work session with the County Assessor and Commissioner.
42. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to schedule reschedule the March 15, 2022 Regular City Council meeting to March 22, 2022 and to schedule a work session with the County Assessor at 6:15 p.m. on March 22, 2022 as well as schedule a meeting with the County Commissioner on April 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS B: DISBURSEMENT REQUESTS

43. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 2/2/2022. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

44. Glick reminded Council members of a work session after the meeting to discuss legislative priorities.
45. Glick gave condolences to the family of Luis Aguilar, an employee at El Toro.

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46. Member Selman stated Luis Aguilar was a joy to be around and offered condolences to his family.

47. Member Selman stated he hoped Member Kline's family was ok and stated if it were him, he would have already resigned. Member Selman asked Member Kline to resign and that it is what the residents of Robbinsdale would want.
48. Member Backen gave best wishes to Luis Aguilar's family.
49. Member Backen stated he was happy Member Kline was seeking help. Member Backen stated he has received feedback from residents regarding Member Kline. Member Backen stated the public's trust was breached and asked for Member Kline's resignation.
50. Member Kline acknowledged his crime and apologized to the community. Member Kline refused to resign.
51. Member Kline stated his heart goes out to the victims of the school shooting in Richfield.
52. Member Webb stated there was a large amount of people who voted for Member Kline in Ward 1 and would not make a statement calling for his resignation. Member Webb stated she was happy no one was hurt and that the decision is up to Member Kline.
53. Mayor Blonigan stated he would not ask Member Kline to resign because he has not asked other problematic public officials to resign in the past.
54. Mayor Blonigan spoke about a meeting he had with Three Rivers Park District. Glick stated she would add the information to the weekly newsletter.
55. Glick spoke about Tip411 and encouraged residents to download the app onto their phones as it may work better. Glick also encouraged residents to sign up for Tip411 via text and email in case one option is offline.

Adjournment:

56. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor