

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 15, 2022
Meeting No. 4**

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: | Webb, Selman, Backen, Kline, Mayor Blonigan |
| Absent: | None |
| Staff: | Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk. |

**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 spoke about Member Kline’s actions and their impact on the community. Resident stated elected officials have higher standards and that Member Kline should resign.
5. Regan Murphy – 4001 Orchard Ave N: Resident asked Council to reconsider televising Opportunity for the Public portion of the meeting so residents could be better informed. Resident also asked for resignation of Member Kline and showed a Facebook message of Kline confirming another past DWI. Resident also stated a recall effort was under way and they would begin to collect signatures in April when the weather is better. Resident finally asked if the City or County will be prosecuting the case and what would be done about the damage to City property.
6. Greg Muntz – 4116 Abbott Ave N: Resident stated if Member Kline showed any real remorse he would resign and asked the rest of the Council to demand his resignation.
7. Amy Fisher – 4309 France Ave N: Resident spoke about her 16 year old son just beginning to drive and stated she should not have to worry about him sharing the road with her elected official.
8. In reference to Murphy’s questions, Glick stated the County would prosecute Member Kline. Glick did not know the specific insurance process for City police vehicles being damaged but would look into it.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2022 MEETING AGENDA

9. Leslie reported the following changes to the agenda:
 - Voucher Report for Other Business B.

10. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve the February 15, 2022 Agenda with the updates given to Council by the City Clerk. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

11. Member Backen removed items E & F from the Consent Agenda for further consideration.
12. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve the February 15, 2022 Consent Agenda with the exception of items E & F which were pulled for further consideration. 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 2/2/22
 - Special City Council Work Session minutes on 2/2/22
 - Regular City Council Work Session minutes on 2/8/22
- B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
- Senior Commission minutes on 12/6/21
- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 2/15/22.
- D. Motion to approve the January 2022 payment for City credit card charges.
- E. (Removed).
- F. (Removed).
- G. Motion to hold the 2nd reading and order the adoption of Ordinance #22-01 “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX B OF THE ROBBINSDALE ORDINANCE CODE AND GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE.”
- H. Motion to acknowledge the financial reports for the quarter ended December 2021.

CONSENT ITEM E: REAPPOINTING NICHOLAS BENHAM TO THE ROBBINSDALE CHARTER COMMISSION

13. Member Backen stated he pulled the Charter Commission reappointments to thank them for their volunteer service.
14. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7955 “A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT REAPPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED VOTER OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE TO THE ROBBINSDALE CHARTER COMMISSION” – Nicholas Benham. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT ITEM F: REAPPOINTING JEFF MUELLER TO THE ROBBINSDALE CHARTER COMMISSION

15. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7956 "A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT REAPPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED VOTER OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE TO THE ROBBINSDALE CHARTER COMMISSION" – Jeff Mueller. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS A: REDISTRICTING

16. Leslie gave the report highlighting different advantages between the proposed maps.
17. Member Selman stated he preferred proposed map #2 because it had less population deviations.
18. Mayor Blonigan stated he preferred proposed map #1 due to it being more historical and being less confusing for residents. Mayor Blonigan also stated there would be less deviations in the future with population changes.
19. Member Selman stated the law requires Council to only consider 2020 Census figures, not future figures.
20. Member Webb stated she supported proposed map #1
21. Member Kline stated he supported proposed map #1 as it met his goal was to come up with a map that was easy to explain to residents.
22. Mayor Blonigan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Webb to move Proposed Map #1 for second reading being held on February 22, 2022. A roll call was taken. Ayes: Webb, Kline, Mayor Blonigan. Nays: Selman, Backen. The motion passed on a 3-2 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS A: SET ANNUAL GOALS WORK SESSION & WORK SESSION WITH CITY MANAGER SEARCH CONSULTANT

23. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Kline to schedule the annual goals session for March 12 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and a work session with consultant Craig Waldron on February 22 at 6 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS B: DISBURSEMENT REQUESTS

24. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Webb to approve disbursement requests for period ending 2/15/2022. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

25. Glick spoke about the scavenger hunt put on by the Police Department and thanked them for a great event.
26. Glick stated the Recreation Services Department was coming up with new activities for the community and to check out the city's website: www.robbinsdalemn.com.
27. Glick stated she attended the school district meeting earlier in the day and that 12 bus drivers were unable to work the day of the Council meeting. Glick stated the bus company was still struggling with staffing.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

28. Member Backen reiterated that he would like to see Member Kline resign.
29. Member Backen gave his condolences to Officer Woodhall whose son had recently passed away.
30. Member Kline stated there was a number of people who came to the meeting asking for his resignation. Member Kline stated he is receiving treatment and will become a better person in the future and would not resign.
31. Member Webb stated Council members do not have any authority to make Member Kline resign. Member Webb stated the decision was up to Member Kline or the residents of his ward through a recall effort. Glick confirmed that no conditions were currently being met that would allow the City Council to remove Member Kline from the Council.
32. Mayor Blonigan stated he would be testifying in front of the legislature in support of changing investment laws so the City could have more flexibility in investing.
33. Mayor Blonigan asked City staff to check about Green Core which could give the City a free intern to work on environmental issues.
34. Mayor Blonigan offered his sympathy to Officer Woodhall's family.
35. Member Selman commended Mayor Blonigan's efforts on the proposed investment law change.
36. Member Selman stated the Council should discuss reconsidering televising the Opportunity for the Public portion of the meeting at a future work session.
37. Member Selman recapped comments from the Opportunity for the Public portion of the meeting in regards to Member Kline. Member Selman also read a letter received from a resident asking Member Kline to resign. Member Selman stated he would continue to read and share views from residents until Member Kline resigned from the Council.

38. Member Selman offered his condolences to Officer Woodhall's family.

Adjournment:

39. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.


Dustin Leslie, City Clerk
William A. Blonigan, Mayor