



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Regular Council Meeting Virtual via WebEx

January 11, 2022

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Regan Gonzalez at 7:00 p.m. virtually via WebEx.

Council Members Present: Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mayor; Mary Supple; Simon Trautmann; Sean Hayford Oleary; and Ben Whalen

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Melissa Poehlman, Assistant Community Development Director; Ryan Krzos, City Planner; Jennifer Anderson, Support Services Supervisor; Rachel Lindholm, Sustainability Specialist; Kelly Wynn, Administrative Assistant; Chris Swanson, Management Analyst, and Kari Sinning, City Clerk.

Others Present:

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance

### OPEN FORUM

Administrative Assistant Wynn reviewed the options to participate:

- Participate live by calling 612-861-0651 during the open forum portion
- Call prior to meeting 612-861-9711
- Email prior to meeting [kwynn@richfieldmn.gov](mailto:kwynn@richfieldmn.gov)

Jeff Wright, 136 E 70<sup>th</sup> Street, shared his favor for a mask mandate for Richfield.

Tracy Satterlund, 6628 Stevens Ave, commented on the proposed project on the corner of 66<sup>th</sup> and Stevens Ave that would have a negative effect on the neighborhood.

Kathleen Balaban, 6526 Stevens Ave, commented also on the proposed development on the 66<sup>th</sup> street corner and asked Council to be cognizant of City projects and opposed the size and volume of the building being proposed but not to an apartment building on the site.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez read aloud an email from Jonna Klisch, 6641 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, which commented on the proposed development on 66<sup>th</sup> and Stevens Ave and urged the council to vote no on the proposed development.

Catherine Bender, 6637 Stevens Ave, commented on the size of the development and asked Council to consider the effects neighborhood.

Aaron Furuseth, 112 E 66<sup>th</sup> Street, echoed the comments of the other residents on the size of the building and the negative effects it could have on the solar panels on his house.

Julie Lapensky, 6621 Stevens Ave, shared her concerns on the development project at 101 E 66<sup>th</sup> Street and the adverse effects this project has on the neighborhood.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/Whalen, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the minutes of the: (1) Special City Council Meeting of December 9, 2021; (2) City Council Work Session of December 14, 2021; and (3) City Council Regular Meeting of December 14, 2021.

City Clerk Sinning took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

**ITEM #1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

M/Supple, S/Trautmann to approve the agenda with amendment to add a resolution related to covid after the City Manager Report.

Council Member Whalen asked for clarification of the discussion regarding the covid resolution and the options that could be done at that time.

Council Member Supple interpreted the amendment as a broad discussion about covid.

City Manager Rodriguez clarified that Council can take action during the City Manager’s Report on all options.

City Clerk Sinning took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

**ITEM #5 CONSENT CALENDAR**

--	--

City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- A. Consider approval of a Joint Power Agreement with the State of Minnesota Financial Crime Task Force and the City of Richfield acting on behalf of its Police Department. (Staff Report No. 1)

**RESOLUTION NO. 11924**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF RICHFIELD ON BEHALF OF ITS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- B. Consider approval of a Temporary On Sale Intoxicating Liquor license for the Blessed Trinity Catholic School's Sno\*ball event to take place on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at St. Richard's Catholic Church, located at 7540 Penn Ave S. (Staff Report No. 2)
- C. Consider approval of the Covid-19 Response Services Agreement with the City of Bloomington. (Staff Report No. 3)
- D. Motion to pass a resolution regarding Hennepin County SCORE 2022-2025 Agreement. (Staff Report No. 4)

**RESOLUTION NO. 11925**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022-2025 RESIDENTIAL WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY**

- E. Consider resolutions designating official depositories for the City of Richfield for 2022, including the approval of collateral. (Staff Report No. 5)

**RESOLUTION NO. 11926**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR THE INVESTMENT OF CITY OF RICHFIELD FUNDS IN 2022**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11927**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN SAVING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, BANKS, AND CREDIT UNIONS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF CITY FUNDS IN 2022**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11928**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING U.S. BANK A DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF RICHFIELD FOR THE YEAR 2022**

- F. Consider a resolution authorizing the use of credit cards by City employees otherwise authorized to make purchases on behalf of the City. (Staff Report No. 6)

**RESOLUTION NO. 11929**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS BY CITY EMPLOYEES AUTHORIZED TO MAKE PURCHASES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF RICHFIELD FOR THE YEAR 2022**

G. Consider a resolution designating an official newspaper for 2022 (Staff Report No. 7)

**RESOLUTION NO. 11930**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR  
2022**

H. Consider approval to designate an Acting City Manager for 2022. (Staff Report No. 8)

I. Consider the designation of a Mayor Pro Tempore for 2022. (Staff Report No. 9)

M/Whalen, S/Supple to approve the consent calendar.

Council Member Supple highlighted item A and stressed the importance of this joint powers agreement.

Council Member Trautmann lifted up the importance of the joint powers agreement and clarified the correction of item I of which City Attorney Tietjen stated that no further action was needed for the correction.

City Clerk Sinning took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

<b>ITEM #3</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
----------------	--

None.

<b>ITEM #4</b>	<b>CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A MIXED USE BUILDING AT 101 66TH STREET EAST. (STAFF REPORT NO. 10)</b>
----------------	---

Council Member Hayford Oleary presented Staff Report 10.

Council Member Hayford Oleary asked about the rejection of the proposal. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman explained that if Council were to deny the proposal the applicants could rezone the area for mixed use and then propose the same plan again or another plan that could be smaller or larger that would be approved for that zone.

Council Member Hayford Oleary also asked about restricting the number of units under the PUD process. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman stated that per the Comp plan the district would allow council to restrict the number of units and doing so would not change the outcome of the proposed project as it would only be a couple of units; the developer's costs would also be

higher which limit the number of affordable housing they could provide and could increase the subsidy necessary to make the project work.

Council Member Hayford Oleary questioned the use of restrictions of the retail space. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman explained that Council can restrict the retail uses to think about how the retail space would affect the neighborhood and gave an example of Plaza 66 commercial development.

Council Member Hayford Oleary also asked about what the City can do if the developer does not follow through with the installation of the headlight brush for the neighbor across from the parking ramp and questioned the height of the brush or fencing that would be installed. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman explained that they are required to do so per conditions of the PUD and the City could withhold the Certificate of Occupancy. Staff asked the developer to include Staff on any correspondence with the neighbor to make sure that it happens. Additionally, the developer could also create an escrow account to ensure the installation. In reference to the height of the brush or fence, Interim Community Development Director Poehlman stated that they would have to apply for a variance request; since this is a unique situation that could warrant the request being granted.

Council Member Hayford Oleary also asked about the effect of the solar panels on the house across the street. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman deferred to the developer to answer that question and stated that staff review of the plan agrees that there is not an effect on the solar panels across the street.

Council Member Supple asked about the traffic monitoring in the area. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman explained that traffic monitoring is to measure the volume of traffic and safety concerns; there will be a no-right turn sign but that will not be monitored by public works or the police department as it is a recommendation and stated that the residents of this building will be a part of the neighborhood too and should not feel unwelcome.

Council Member Supple also asked about the water pressure. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman stated that pressure would not be impacted as a result of this project.

Council Member Trautmann asked about the possibility to mitigate any financial harm caused by the impact on the solar panels of the neighbor across the street and also asked about the repercussions if the water pressure is affected by the building. City Attorney Tietjen stated that ensuring no financial loss might be something we could look into but further research would be needed. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman stated that the City monitors the water pressure for emergency purposes and that Public Works will continue to monitor it throughout the process.

Council Member Whalen asked if a smaller project is even financially realistic for this site. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman explained that those size projects are hard to fund and it would make it difficult for the developer.

Council Member Whalen followed up with a question regarding affordable units. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman explained that evaluation of this project by the HRA is preliminary and this is just a proposal by the developer and the financial consultant will be able to evaluate for more affordability. If the Council wanted to approve a smaller project the Tax Increment gap increases and it cannot be filled.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked for further clarification on the rejection of the PUD and what the impact would be if the number of units was dropped to 75 per acre. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman explained that if the PUD is not approved the developer could ask for the property to be rezoned for mixed use which can prompt for a larger project to be developed and if the number

of units were to be lowered it would not have much of an impact on traffic because it would only be three units less.

Council Member Supple asked the developer about the impact of the removal of the commercial space for more residential and also asked for a little background on the reason why the original plan of six-story plan was only brought down to five-story instead of going to four-story. Daniel Oberpriller, North Bay Companies, explained that they do not want to have a negative effect on the neighborhood and will work with the neighbors to address any issues. Mr. Oberpriller stated that the lowering of the building to 4 stories would create smaller units but not necessarily affect the number of units and that lowering the height would not have much of an effect on the shadow cast. He also explained the financial need for the commercial space and shared that they would like a local business to occupy the space.

Council Member Hayford Oleary asked if there was more information about the impact on the solar panels. Amanda Pederson, DJR Architecture, explained that the design software that they use for the models are drawn simulate the shadows cast at any given time throughout the year with accuracy. Mr. Oberpriller ensured Council that they will be working with the homeowner on the impact the building has on the efficiency of the solar panels.

Council Member Whalen asked if the developer could speak to the idea of fewer larger units to provide more family units and if the City were able to provide more of a subsidy for deeper affordable units. Mr. Oberpriller understood the need for family housing but does not see this property as a viable option for that. He also stated that North Bay has tried to make this proposal the best it can be now and there may be changes for it in the future. Interim Community Development Director Pehlman explained that this is the final decision on the land use approval and not necessarily the specific units in the building.

Council Member Whalen shared that he hears the neighbors' concerns and appreciated the Staff including those concerns in the resolution but encouraged the developer to work with the City to make it more affordable.

Council Member Trautmann thanked North Bay for taking the concerns seriously and thanked the neighbors for their concerns and explained the investments that the City must make to create a better experience for all residents. Council Member Trautmann shared that he is generally in favor of this project and appreciated the commercial space use that the developer proposed as an individually owned business instead of a national chain and that the site has been unsightly and unused for a decade.

Council Member Hayford Oleary shared is general favor of the development with further concerns and amendments and appreciated the efforts of the developer for the concerns from the neighborhood.

Council Member Supple understood the need for housing, the fiscal constraints on the developer, and appreciated the input from neighbors but was torn on making a decision and showed interest in the amendments that Council Member Hayford Oleary would like to see.

Council Member Whalen added that this points the City in a good direction for the future of the area and builds more community in this area and appreciated the neighbors vocalizing their concerns.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez shared her concerns with the project if it was rejected and how that would affect future proposals. Mayor Regan Gonzalez echoed Council Member Whalen in the need for more diversity of unit sizes. Mayor Regan Gonzalez also showed interest in the amendments that Council Member Hayford Oleary would propose.

Council Member Hayford Oleary reminded residents to contact him with any concerns with the project and also recognized the change that the development is in line with the Comp Plan that was already approved.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Trautmann to approve the attached resolution approving a Planned Unit Development, Final Development Plan and Conditional Use Permit for a mixed use building at 101 66th Street East.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11931**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A PLANNED UNIT  
DEVELOPMENT AT 101 66TH STREET EAST**

Council Member Hayford Oleary stated an additional condition to the PUD to provide the same fencing to each neighbor on adjacent to the properties on Stevens Ave and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Supple to add a condition that the developer add a continuous fence six feet in height for the property line bordering 6616 Stevens Ave S with the consent of cooperation of the owner of 6616 Stevens Ave and existing shrubs to be replaced with similar on the developer's property.

Council Member Trautmann asked for clarification on the need for a variance for the fence. Interim Community Development Director Poehlman clarified that a variance would be needed for the property to the East of the development.

Council Member Whalen asked for further clarification on the need for this condition from the property owner. Council Member Hayford Oleary stated that this condition comes from the feedback received from a previous meeting and attempted to reach the property owner but was unsuccessful; the clause of "with consent of cooperation" made it so the condition could be removed if the property owner does not want the fence.

City Clerk Sinning took roll call vote on the amendment:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Hayford Oleary also asked to formalize the commitment that the developer made regarding the solar power generation.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Supple to attach a condition that the developer cooperate with the property owner of 112 E 66<sup>th</sup> Street to mitigate any reduction of the solar power generation capacity by shading of the building.

City Clerk Sinning took roll call vote on the amendment:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Hayford Oleary suggested a discussion of the shift the driveway closer to the south to more align with the driveway of the property to the east at 6615 Stevens Ave instead of the living area.

Council Member Whalen shared that shifting the driveway closer to the southern property does not solve the issue entirely and thought about adding something above the driveway to block some of the lighting as the vehicles come out of the driveway.

Council Member Hayford Oleary mentioned that it is when the vehicles are coming out of the driveway at the peak that the lighting would be at its highest which is causing the problem and there wouldn't be anything that the developer could place at the end of the ramp to stop that lighting from happening. Council Member Hayford Oleary asked staff if there is anything else that they have thought of and Interim Community Development Director Poehlman stated that there was not anything else that they could think of and they will continue to work with the developer throughout the process to help mitigate the headlights.

Council Member Supple reluctantly voted to approve the proposal but stated that there must be continual work with the developer to make it the best for the neighborhood.

City Clerk Sinning took roll call vote on the main motion with amendments:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

<b>ITEM #5</b>	<b>CITY MANAGER'S REPORT</b>
----------------	------------------------------

City Manager Rodriguez invited Nicholas Kelley from the City of Bloomington Public Health Division who presented City of Richfield statistics and shared how everyone is affected by this pandemic and urged residents to help each other.

Council Member Hayford Oleary asked about home testing statistics. Mr. Kelley stated that the statistics are undervalued as they are only lab tests and urged residents that if they are sick to stay home. Council Member Hayford Oleary also asked for clarification of a high quality mask. Mr. Kelley explained differences of the masks.

Council Member Whalen stated his confusion due conflicting messages around the intensity of the amount of cases and hospitalization rates. Mr. Kelley stated that the new variant is more transmittable but it is less severe which can cause the volume of cases to increase and the hospitalizations are the most severe cases that need medical intervention. Mr. Kelley also stated that Covid is not going to go away and it's how we address this issue as a society will dictate how will live with Covid.

Council Member Supple asked about the peak of the Omicron variant. Mr. Kelley stated that it is projected to be at the end of January.



Council Member Trautmann stated that even during a crisis that we are capable to have a logical conversation.

City Manager Rodriguez thanked Community Health Services Administrator Jennifer Anderson for her continued support in this and gave a presentation that explained staff impacts during Covid, current city Covid mitigations, federal vaccination program, local mask mandate concerns, and the options for Council to either implement: option one, a local mask mandate; or option two, pass a resolution that recognizes the spike in Covid cases and strongly recommends vaccination, wearing masks, testing, and staying home when sick.

Council Member Whalen asked about the next steps in the possible closure of buildings. City Manager Rodriguez stated that the community center may need to close along with limiting the number of people in the building but staff will wait for more numbers before making a decision.

Council Member Supple asked about staff at water plant. City Manager Rodriguez will follow up with specifics about back up staff.

Support Services Supervisor Anderson shared the concerns and confrontations that happened during the state mask mandate and how it was enforced or lack thereof.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked Mr. Kelley if there is any way to calculate the impact of implementing a mask mandate in Richfield. Mr. Kelley stated that the data that they have seen on mask studies have been all over the board so there is not a confident study that could calculate the impact due to the variables with masks.

City Manager Rodriguez shared her worries of the impact of a mask mandate on staff and delivering services along with the local businesses that would have to enforce the mandate. City Manager Rodriguez stated that if there was a way to ensure that the mask mandate would help end the pandemic, staff would recommend a mask mandate; however, that is not the case.

Council Member Hayford Oleary wondered about creating a limit of scenarios that we would use staff resources to enforce a mask mandate and still make it against the law not to wear a mask. City Manager Rodriguez stated that it might cause confusion in the community which can still take staff time by funneling calls. City Manager Rodriguez also stated that due to the rapid transmission of this variant we would not be able to implement a mask mandate as quickly as Minneapolis has done.

City Manager Rodriguez stated that the staff recommendation is for option two, to pass a resolution, as this option can be released to the community quickly and staff can continue to evaluate the situation for future mitigations if necessary.

Council Member Whalen asked Mr. Kelley about data in relation to long term impacts of covid. Mr. Kelley stated that it is a concern that health officials have and it will continue to be a concern for the future as a third of covid cases tend to have longer than clinical symptoms.

Council Member Supple shared that she is in favor of a resolution due to the time constraints and that it does not add more stress to our front line workers.

Council Member Trautmann echoed the comments of Council Member Supple and affirmed the judgement of City Manager Rodriguez and City Staff.

Council Member Hayford Oleary clarified that staff could create still a local emergency if needed and also stated that this is a tough decision to make without the backing of the State. Council Member Hayford Oleary hesitantly shared that he is okay with option two due to the fact that this decision is based upon logistics instead of what is best for public health.

Council Member Whalen echoed the comments of Council Member Hayford O'Leary and asked how we can be creative about addressing the needs to protect public health and city staff issues. Council Member Whalen questioned the implementation of a mask mandate and closing or limiting people in city buildings till the end of the month which could help slow the spread of the Omicron variant in Richfield.

City Manager Rodriguez shared in the frustration with the Council that this decision is a difficult one to make and wished that this was carried out at a state, federal, and global level and stressed that staff has already been pushed to the limits over the past two years and continuing to do so could have long lasting effects on staff morale. City Manager Rodriguez stated that local businesses can have their own mask mandates to enforce.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez reflected on the affects that covid has had on everyone's lives. Mayor Regan Gonzalez supported option two due to the consideration of what is feasible for the City to carry out. Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked about regional conversations if the state or federal governments are not going to implement public health mandates. Mr. Kelley stated that there are conversations being conducted in the metro that support health care and capacity issues and shared that partners across the region are having the same conversations about best serving the community and are coordinating with partners the best that they can.

Council Member Hayford O'Leary asked that staff continue to monitor the situation and City Manager Rodriguez stated staff will keep council informed.

Council Member Whalen stated that since a mask mandate is unlikely to happen that the City try to be more proactive with deferring programs, limiting services, and providing testing and masks to the community. Council Member Whalen asked about the availability of high quality masks. Mr. Kelley stated that there are plenty of high quality masks available in the supply chains now compared to two years ago.

City Manager Rodriguez stated that the suggestions made by Council Member Whalen would be taken into consideration by staff.

Council Member Trautmann shared a word of support to the suggestions given by Council Member Whalen and placed trust into the executive staff to know where city staff resources are and to make the decision to better the community and to be able to allocate resources to make sure that residents survive the pandemic.

Support Services Supervisor Anderson stated that the Minnesota Department of Health has allocated rapid tests to local public health departments and that they would go to community organizations that are experiencing barriers to being tested.

Council Member Supple asked about masks being delivered to more vulnerable community members and organizations. City Manager Rodriguez appreciated the suggestion given and assured council that staff will follow up with these ideas.

Council Member Whalen expressed urgency in this matter and stated that there should be a shift of resources to address this issue.

Council Member Hayford O'Leary agreed with Council Member Whalen and stated that if the mask mandates in Minneapolis and St. Paul are effective that other long term projects should be put on hold.

Council Member Supple shared that this is a crisis and is a priority and anything that the city can do to increase access to masks and testing are all important and put faith in the public health experts to state what would have the biggest impact.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez agreed with other council members about the shift of resources as the city continues to monitor the pandemic.

<b>ITEM #6</b>	<b>CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO COMMUNICATE AND RESPOND TO THE RECENT SURGE IN COVID-19 CASES (STAFF REPORT NO. 11)</b>
----------------	---

Followed by the City Manager’s Report discussion.

M/Supple, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the attached resolution urging residents, employees and guests in Richfield to take all reasonable protective actions, such as wearing appropriate face coverings, maintain social distancing in public spaces, staying home when sick and getting vaccinated, if possible, in order to reduce the spread and negative impacts of COVID-19 during this period of infection surge caused by the Omicron variant.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11932**

**RESOLUTION URGING RICHFIELD TO FOLLOW COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE**

City Clerk Sinning took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked our staff working on the front lines of the pandemic and Jennifer Anderson, Nick Kelley and City Manager Rodriguez for the update on this difficult topic.

<b>ITEM #6</b>	<b>CLAIMS AND PAYROLL</b>
----------------	---------------------------

M/Whalen, S/Trautmann that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<b>U.S. Bank</b>	<b>1/11/2022</b>
A/P Checks: 302577 - 303255	\$3,820,792.78
Payroll: 167141 - 167747	<u>\$1,486,962.37</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,307,755.15</u>

City Clerk Sinning took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

<b>ITEM #7</b>	<b>HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS</b>
----------------	----------------------------------

Council Member Whalen encouraged residents to participate in the survey for strategic planning.

Council Member Hayford Oleary thanked everybody for putting in so much hard work and giving each other grace during these hard times. He also thanked the residents of City Bella for their holiday decorations for the residents to enjoy.

Council Member Trautmann promoted Wood Lake Nature Center events.

Council Member Supple thanked all the volunteers for the commission interviews. She also thanked all the essential workers (teachers, all the people on the front lines). She also promoted meal bundles for the Richfield Schools that will be provided since the schools are going to distance learning. Council Member Supple also expressed the need to spread kindness to all including ourselves.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked everyone from families to front line workers that this affects. She also expressed gratitude for the leadership of the Council and especially Council Member Supple to act as Mayor Pro Tempore while she transitions to a new position at work.

<b>ITEM #8</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
----------------	--------------------

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:13 p.m.

Date Approved: January 25, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Maria Regan Gonzalez  
 Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Katie Rodriguez  
 City Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Kari Sinning  
 City Clerk