



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting Virtual Meeting held via WebEx

February 09, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Council Members Absent: Simon Trautmann

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; John Stark, Community Development Director; Chris Regis, Finance Director; Rachel Lindholm, Sustainability Specialist; Jane Skov, IT Manager; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Executive Analyst; and Kelly Wynn, Senior Office Assistant

Others Present: Amanda Janzen, Senior Development Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN FORUM

Senior Office 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@richfielmn.gov

Sandra Spanier, 7144 Knox Ave S, expressed the desire for a tree preservation policy.

Gordon Hanson, 6311 Sheridan Ave S, spoke of the benefits a tree preservation policy would have on the city.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Whalen, S/Supple to approve the minutes of the (1) City Council Work Session of January 23, 2021; (2) City Council Work Session of January 26, 2021; (3) City Council Meeting of January 26, 2021; and (4) City Council Work Session of January 30, 2021

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Regan Gonzalez stated Council Member Trautmann would not be attending the meeting tonight and had given notice. She also spoke of applications being accepted through February 24, 2021 for the Advisory Board of Health, Arts Commission, Civil Service Commission and Friendship City Commission. The city will also be accepting applications for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and Charter Commission.

Item #1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Whalen to approve the agenda

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 4-0

Item #2 CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

A. First reading of transitory ordinance providing funding for certain capital improvements from the Special Revenue Fund. Staff Report No. 19

B. Consider the approval of a Declaration of Covenants related to the use of City property by Rya Apartments, LLC for the construction of a public pocket park at approximately 63rd Street East and Richfield Parkway. Staff Report No. 20

C. Consider approval of the first reading of an ordinance rezoning property at 6945 Penn Avenue South as Neighborhood Business (C-1) and schedule a second reading for February 23, 2021. Staff Report No. 21

D. Consider the adoption of a Competitive Bidding Policy. Staff Report No. 22

E. Approve the cancellation of a special assessment for unpaid false user fees from the 2020 Unpaid False Alarm Fees From Private Property assessment roll. Staff Report No. 23

RESOLUTION NO. 11824

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF AN ASSESSMENT TO THE PROPERTY AT 200 78th STREET WEST FROM THE 2020 UNPAID FALSE ALARM FEES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL

F. Consider the approval of a resolution restricting parking along Municipal State Aid Street 108 (77th street) from Bloomington Ave S to Old Cedar Ave S/Richfield city limits at TH 77. Staff Report No. 24

RESOLUTION NO. 11825

RESOLUTION RESTRICTING PARKING ON MUNICIPAL STATE AID STREET 108 KNOWN AS 77TH STREET BETWEEN BLOOMINGTON AVE SOUTH AND OLD CEDAR AVE SOUTH/RICHFIELD CITY LIMITS

G. City Coalition Letter Commenting on Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Integrated Resource Plan. Staff Report No. 25

RESOLUTION NO. 11826

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD AS A SIGNATORY ON THE MINNESOTA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COALITION LETTER IN RESPONSE TO XCEL ENERGY'S INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP)

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

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 4-0

Item #3	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT
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	CALENDAR
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None

Item #4	CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH THE LABOR AND TRADES LOCAL 49 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. STAFF REPORT NO. 26
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Council Member Whalen read staff report 26.

Assistant City Manager Dmytrenko reiterated this is a one year contract for 2021 and negotiations went well.

M/Whalen, S/Supple to adopt a resolution approving the provisions of the 2021 labor agreement with the Labor & Trades Local 49 bargaining unit and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 11827

RESOLUTION APPROVING LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RICHFIELD AND INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 49BARGAINING UNIT FOR YEAR 2021

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 4-0

Item #5	CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENTS TO CITY ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSIONS. STAFF REPORT NO. 27
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Council Member Hayford Oleary presented staff report 27 and appreciated all residents for taking the time to interview.

Senior Office Assistant Wynn thanked residents for applying and interviewing with Council.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez stated there are openings still available and applications will be re-open Wednesday, February 10 and close Wednesday, February 24. More information along with the application is available on city website.

M/Supple, S/Hayford Oleary to appoint members to fill the expiring or vacant terms on City advisory board and commissions referenced in the attached list.

Council Member Supple stated this is one of the most enjoyable parts of being on the Council as they get to hear the excitement of residents.

Council Member Whalen encouraged residents to apply as it is a great opportunity to become more involved in the community.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked staff for all their work and also encouraged residents to apply for boards and commissions.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 4-0

Item #6	CITY MANAGER REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez supplied brief Covid-19 update. She also stated Bloomington Public Health is actively looking for a large site to give vaccines when they are available to the general public.

Council Member Whalen asked for clarification on potential sites.

City Manager Rodriguez stated there are two potential sites being examined currently but are open to suggestions.

Item #7	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Hayford Oleary, S/Supple that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	02/09/2021
A/P Checks 294292 - 294628	\$ 1,180,826.92
Payroll: 159803 – 160107 43391	<u>719,452.69</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,900,279.61

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 4-0

Item #8	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Supple spoke of the Congress of New Urbanism Legacy Project selecting Bloomington and Richfield for a project around Portland and 494. More information is available on the city website of how to contribute ideas. She also spoke of the AR&LE (Adaptive Recreation & Learning Exchange) Ski & Snowboard Lesson program is nearing the end of their 34th season. Lastly, she wished Richfield Spartans basketball good luck this evening.

Council Member Whalen spoke of the upcoming joint work session regarding the inclusionary housing policy and encouraged residents to continue to reach out with comments.

Council Member Hayford Oleary thanked the Planning Commission for explaining decisions made and thoughtful discussions during all meetings.

City Manager Rodriguez stated the Finance Department was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 36th year in a row.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke of the new data request system through the city website.

Item #9	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:37 p.m.


Date Approved: February 23, 2021



 Kelly Wynn
 Senior Office Assistant



 Maria Regan Gonzalez
 Mayor



 Katie Rodriguez
 City Manager