



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Regular Council Meeting Virtual Meeting held via WebEx

**March 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

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; John Stark, Community Development Director; Chris Regis, Finance Director; Jennifer Anderson, Health Administrator; Jane Skov, IT Manager; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Executive Analyst; and Kelly Wynn, Senior Office Assistant

Others Present: Pejmon Nadimi, Sandy's Tavern; Jahn Brink, Sandy's Tavern; Tenzin Dangsang, Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota.

### 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@richfieldmn.gov](mailto:kwynn@richfieldmn.gov)

Senior Office Assistant Wynn stated there were no callers.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Whalen, S/Supple to approve the minutes of the (1) City Council Work Session February 23, 2021; (2) City Council Meeting of February 23, 2021; (3) Special City Council Work Session of March 02, 2021; and (4) Special City Council Work Session of March 4, 2021.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 5-0

<b>Item #1</b>	<b>PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 09, 2021 TIBET DAY</b>
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez presented the proclamation and stated how important it is to recognize this every year to support Richfield residents along with their beliefs and values.

Tenzin Dangsang thanked Council for their support and the City of Richfield for proclaiming March 9 Tibet Day and recognized the other members of the Tibetan community present in the council meeting.

<b>Item #2</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>
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M/Hayford Oleary, S/Whalen to approve the agenda

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina 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>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

A. Consider a resolution requesting an advance payment of 2021-2025 Municipal State Aid (MSA) Street Funds to collect funds available from the completion of an eligible past project. Staff Report No. 34

**RESOLUTION NO. 11830**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE OF 2021-2025 MUNICIPAL STATE AID STREET FUNDS**

B. Consider the approval of a resolution of support for MnDOT's Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application for Projects 1 and 2 of the I-494: US 169 to MSP Airport vision. Staff Report No. 35

**RESOLUTION NO. 11831**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MNDOT'S INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REBUILDING AMERICA (INFRA) GRANT APPLICATION FOR PROJECTS 1 AND 2 OF THE I494: US 169 TO MSP AIRPORT VISION**

C. Consider approval of a first reading of an amendment to the City's Zoning Code that would allow for slightly larger garage structures if an Accessory Dwelling Unit is attached, in the Single Family (R and R-1) Residential Districts. Staff Report No. 36

D. Consider the approval of setting a public hearing to be held on March 23, 2021, to consider the issuance of new On-Sale Intoxicating and Sunday licenses, with outside service and the optional 2 a.m. closing for Pizza Luce VII, Inc. d/b/a Pizza Luce, location at 800 66th Street West. Staff Report No. 37

E. Consider the adoption of resolutions granting subdivision waivers for property owned by the Richfield HRA (6600 Logan Avenue South and 6600 Newton Avenue South). Staff Report No. 38

**RESOLUTION NO. 11832**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBDIVISION WAIVER FOR 6600 NEWTON AVENUE SOUTH**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11833**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBDIVISION WAIVER FOR 6600 LOGAN AVENUE SOUTH**

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

Council Member Supple expressed excitement regarding Item C in seeing more accessibility and solar panels included.

Council Member Hayford Oleary asked about altering Item C to fit code.

Director Stark explained they always follow up with parties interested in an ADU if they choose not to reside and this seems to be the only physical change that has been desired.

Council Member Whalen highlighted the work session that spoke of the I-494 Project update and encouraged residents to view when available.

Senior Office Assistant Wynn took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE

Supple: AYE

Trautmann: AYE  
Hayford Oleary: AYE  
Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

<b>Item #4</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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None

<b>OPEN FORUM</b>
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez re-opened the open forum with unanimous consent from Council.

Paul Webster, Prior Lake resident, requested an amendment on closure times for billiards halls to include weekday hours of 10:00am-2:00am and open 24 hours on weekends. He stated he is currently working with a landlord to open a 6,000 square foot hall with no alcohol service.

<b>Item #5</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF TRANSITORY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND. STAFF REPORT NO. 39</b>
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Council Member Supple read staff report 39 and opened the public hearing.

Senior Office Assistant Wynn reviewed the options to participate:

- Participate live by calling 612-861-0651 during the public hearing portion
- Call prior to meeting 612-861-9711
- Email prior to meeting kwynn@richfielmn.gov

Senior Office Assistant Wynn stated there were no callers.

M/Supple, S/Trautmann to close the public hearing.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 5-0

M/Supple, S/Whalen to approve second reading of the transitory ordinance providing for the expenditure of funds from the Special Revenue Fund for certain capital improvements.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11829**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED USE OF 2021 URBAN HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY AND ANY REQUIRED THIRD PARTY AGREEMENTS**

Council Member Whalen highlighted the funds came from liquor store profits.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 5-0

<b>Item #6</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A NEW ON-SALE WINE AND 3.2 PERCENT MALT LIQUOR LICENSES WITH OUTSIDE SERVICE FOR MOS EISLEY CANTINA, LLC D/B/A SANDY'S TAVERN LOCATED AT 6612 PENN AVENUE SOUTH. STAFF REPORT NO. 40</b>
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Council Member Hayford Oleary read staff report 40.

Health Administrator Anderson explained the ordinance requires an application when a business has a change in ownership.

Council Member Hayford Oleary opened the public hearing.

Senior Office Assistant Wynn reviewed the options to participate:

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- Email prior to meeting kwynn@richfielmn.gov

Senior Office Assistant Wynn stated there were no callers.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Whalen to close the public hearing.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE

Trautmann: AYE  
Hayford Oleary: AYE  
Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

M/ Hayford Oleary, S/Supple to approve the issuance of new On-Sale Wine and 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor licenses with outside service for Mos Eisley Cantina, LLC d/b/a Sandy's Tavern located at 6612 Penn Avenue South.

Council Member Whalen thanked the business owners for attending and having their business in Richfield.

Pejmon Nadimi thanked Council for taking the time.

Council Member Hayford Oleary stated he is glad to see this license moving forward

Pejmon Nadimi asked about a timeline as long as the license is approved.

Health Administrator Anderson stated all documents had been sent to the State and usually will take a couple days to process.

Council Member Trautmann recognized the skills it takes to run a business and is glad to see them supporting a restaurant that has been a neighborhood staple for many years.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina 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>CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENTS TO CITY ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSIONS. STAFF REPORT NO. 41</b>
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Council Member Whalen presented staff report 41 and expressed appreciation for all the residents who are excited to serve the community.

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

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE  
Supple: AYE  
Trautmann: AYE

Hayford Oleary: AYE  
 Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

<b>Item #8</b>	<b>CONSIDER CITY COUNCIL CONFIRMATION OF THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER. STAFF REPORT NO. 42</b>
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez read staff report 42.

M/Regan Gonzalez, S/Whalen to approve appointment of as HRA Commissioner commencing on March 9, 2020 and expiring November 12, 2023.

Council Member Whalen expressed gratitude to work with Lee Ohnesorge in community housing and welcomed him to the HRA.

Council Member Supple thanked all the applicants and expressed how energizing it is to speak with the community.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 5-0

<b>Item #9</b>	<b>CITY MANAGER REPORT</b>
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City Manager Rodriguez commented on the upcoming one year anniversary of a declared pandemic. She then spoke of the growing number of people being vaccinated.

<b>Item #10</b>	<b>CLAIMS AND PAYROLL</b>
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M/Supple, S/Whalen that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<b>U.S. Bank</b>	<b>03/09/2021</b>
A/P Checks 295043 - 295330	\$ 1,221,890.01
Payroll: 160412 – 160709	<u>722,276.47</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,944,166.48

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:  
 Regan Gonzalez: AYE  
 Supple: AYE  
 Trautmann: AYE  
 Hayford Oleary: AYE  
 Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

<b>Item #11</b>	<b>HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS</b>
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Council Member Hayford Oleary acknowledged the opening of Chase Bank at 66<sup>th</sup> and Lyndale and how accessible the building is to all residents.

Council Member Whalen spoke of a conversation he had with a resident about their concerns of taxes being raised and was able to share what the money will pay for within the city. He then encouraged residents to reach out to Council and staff with questions.

Council Member Supple stated she had the privilege of touring Creekside Community Center. It is set up as a saliva testing site, is very well put together and offers both in person and drive up options.

Council Member Trautmann expressed gratitude to Partnership Academy for a newly painted mural that represents the diversity of their students.

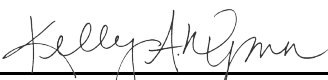
Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked all essential workers and health care employees for overcoming such barriers in the last year. She also thanked residents and staff in doing the same and continuing to care for one another.


<b>Item #12</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:55 p.m.

Date Approved: March 23, 2021

  
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 Maria Regan Gonzalez  
 Mayor

  
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 Kelly Wynn  
 Senior Office Assistant

  
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 Katie Rodriguez  
 City Manager