



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

March 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Supple at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mary Supple, Mayor; Sharon Christensen; Simon Trautmann; and Sean Hayford Oleary

Council Members Absent: Ben Whalen

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Melissa Poehlman, Community Development Director; Julie Urban, Assistant Community Development Director Jennifer Anderson, Support Services Manager; Chris Swanson, Management Analyst; and Dustin Leslie, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Supple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Supple welcomed the new City Clerk Dustin Leslie. Clerk Leslie summarized his past professional experience.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Supple reviewed the options to participate:

- Participate live by calling 1-415-655-0001 during the open forum portion.
- Call prior to meeting 612-861-9711
- Email prior to meeting kwynn@richfieldmn.gov

Larry Ernster gave a presentation on his views of the Best Buy TIF work session, he spoke broadly on questions he had from the work session. He expressed his concerns around what would happen to the city's tax base if the commercial properties are assessed downward.

Mary Best, 6727 Elliott, continued the Best Buy TIF work session. She presented questions for the Council which she requested be addressed at the next Council meeting as well as in writing.

Kathleen Balaban, 6526 Stevens Avenue South, requested the videos and documents of all of the City meetings be put online as well as the contact information for all Commissioners. She requested the City provide every Chairperson from the Commissions access to the residents through a City email

address. She requested Council not approve the zoning change without adequate information. She asked the Council to review the CDD responsibilities involvement in multiple commissions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Trautmann to approve the minutes of the: (1) City Council Work Session of February 28, 2023; (2) Regular City Council Meeting of February 28, 2023.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/Trautmann, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the agenda.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #2 CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- A. Consider a first reading of an ordinance amendment to eliminate the minimum lot size requirement for a Planned Unit Development (Staff Report No. 34)

BILL NO. 2023-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHFIELD ZONING CODE REGULATIONS TO ELIMINATE THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENT FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

- B. Consider the approval of a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Infrastructure Grant (Staff Report No. 33)

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Trautmann to approve the consent calendar.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #3 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

ITEM #4 RESOLUTION - CONSIDER AWARDDING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING GRANTS TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PROVIDNG SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THAT AID IN THE RECOVERY OF RICHFIELD COMMUNITY MEMBERS NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC (STAFF REPORT NO. 35)

Council Member Christensen presented Staff Report 35.

M/Christensen, S/Trautmann to adopt the Resolution Approving An Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding to Non-Profit Organizations

RESOLUTION NO. 12078

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Mayor Supple thanked the committee and the organizations.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #5	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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None.

ITEM #6	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Trautmann, S/Hayford Oleary that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<u>U.S. BANK</u>	<u>03/14/2023</u>
A/P Checks: 313076 – 313354	\$2,068,757.07
Payroll: 176918 – 177236	<u>\$800,414.05</u>
TOTAL	\$2,869,171.12

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #7	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Trautmann gave Hats Off to the Human Rights Commission, Chris Swanson, and Walter Burk for their efforts in getting a legal kiosk. He indicated this week there was a second legal clinic held and a second one would be added later this year.

Council Member Hayford Oleary stated he had no items.


Council Member Christensen gave Hats Off to the small businesses in the community, particularly Lock Smith for You who assisted her family with an issue.

Mayor Supple noted there are still some Commission openings and applications run through March 17. She gave Hats off to Hometown Hits to the elementary students that participated in the Winter Walk to School. She stated she had participated in the League of Minnesota Cities Lobby Day this past week at the Capital and she thanked Legislator Howard and Senator Wiklund. She gave Hats Off to Director Markle who testified this morning in the Tax Committee.

ITEM #8	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:29 p.m.


Date Approved: March 28, 2023



Mary B. Supple
Mayor



Kelly Wynn
Administrative Assistant



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager