



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

April 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Supple at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mary Supple, Mayor Pro Tempore; Simon Trautmann; Sean Hayford Oleary; and Ben Whalen

Council Members Absent: Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mayor

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Chris Swanson, Management Analyst; Jane Skov, IT Manager; Kelly Wynn, Administrative Assistant; and Kari Sinning, City Clerk

Others Present: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Pro Tempore 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

City Manager Rodriguez read aloud an emailed comment from Larry Ernster, 6727 Elliot Ave, that expressed disapproval of building more apartments for housing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Whalen, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the minutes of the: (1) Special Closed Executive Session of April 11, 2022; (2) Joint City Council, Planning Commission and HRA Work Session of April 12, 2022; and (3) Regular City Council Meeting of April 12, 2022.

Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #1	PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE ARBOR DAY 2022
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Mayor Pro Tempore Supple read aloud the proclamation.

Council Member Whalen thanked everyone involved in park cleanups as there had been a few events for the Adopt-a-Park program.

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple echoed the comments of Council Member Whalen and shared that many residents have moved to Richfield because of the urban forest and appreciated everyone that works to keep it that way.

ITEM #2	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/Trautmann, S/Whalen to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #3	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- A. Consideration of the approval of the first reading of an ordinance rezoning property at 7700 Pillsbury Avenue South from Mixed Use - Neighborhood to Planned Mixed Use (PMU) and schedule a second reading for May 10, 2022. (Staff Report No. 70)
- B. Consideration of the use of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as established under the American Rescue Plan Act by claiming the standard allowance for the replacement of lost public sector revenue. (Staff Report No. 71)

RESOLUTION NO. 11972

**RESOLUTION ELECTING THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE
AVAILABLE UNDER THE REVENUE LOSS PROVISION OF THE
CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ESTABLISHED
UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**

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

Council Member Hayford Oleary encouraged Council to watch the Planning Commission meeting that was held last night of which item A was a topic of conversation and there were amendments added.

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple appreciated that the federal government streamlined the process for item B.

Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #4	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
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None.

ITEM #5	PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF TRANSITORY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE LIQUOR CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND. (STAFF REPORT NO. 72)
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Council Member Hayford Oleary presented Staff Report 72, read aloud the options to participate in the public hearing, and opened the public hearing.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Council Member Whalen stated that the Community Services Commission expressed excitement for the updates and repairs for the parks and thanked everyone who contributed to these funds by buying at municipal liquor stores and rounding up their purchases.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Whalen to approve the attached transitory ordinance providing for the expenditure of funds from the Liquor Contribution Special Revenue Fund for certain capital improvements.

**BILL NO. 2022-6
TRANSITORY ORDINANCE NO. 19.24**

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY
FROM THE LIQUOR CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Council Member Hayford Oleary promoted buying at the municipal liquor stores.

Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #6	PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 210.01 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO CITY COUNCIL SALARIES FOR 2023 AND 2024. (STAFF REPORT NO. 73)
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Council Member Trautmann read aloud the options to participate in the public hearing, presented Staff Report 73, and opened the public hearing.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

M/Trautmann, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the second reading of the ordinance amending Subsection 210.01 of the City Code related to City Council salaries.

BILL NO. 2022-7

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 210
RICHFIELD CITY CODE PERTAINING TO CITY
COUNCIL SALARIES**

Council Member Whalen appreciated that the salaries would continue to be appropriately compensated for the work of being a council member as it is not a living wage.

Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #7	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez gave a brief covid update, thanked staff for the work on setting up hybrid meetings, and stated that there will be tablets available for Council soon.

ITEM #8	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Whalen, S/Trautmann that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<u>U.S. Bank</u>	<u>4/26/2022</u>
A/P Checks: 305440 – 305822	\$2,865,636.22
Payroll: 169566 – 169872, 53465	<u>\$ 708,822.30</u>
TOTAL	\$3,574,458.52

Motion carried 4-0

ITEM #9	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Whalen gave a shout out and thanked the Fire Department for their response to recent fires in the City.

Council Member Hayford Oleary thanked the Fire and Police Departments for inviting Council to the badging ceremonies as it was nice to see all the families behind the firefighters and officers. He also promoted the Richfield Foundation fundraiser event “Toast to Richfield” on May 12.

Council Member Trautmann recognized Police Department for their badging ceremony and was grateful for the opportunity to be able to show the oath process to his son. He especially welcomed the new officers that were previous Community Service Officers. He also mentioned that residents can apply for a stall at the Richfield Farmers Market to help launch their businesses.

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple mentioned a high school senior showcase that starts the second week of May at the community center and that Gene and Mary Jacobson Outstanding Citizen award nominations are being accepted thru April 29. She also gave a shout out to some remarkable leaders in our community that have been recognized: 1) Monica Byron, a teacher at Centennial Elementary School was elected as the new Vice President of Education Minnesota; and 2) Judy Moe, who has been named as the ARC Minnesota’s 2021 Public Policy Leader of the Year. Mayor Pro Tempore Supple also echoed the previous comments thanking the fire and police departments and stated that it

is important to keep in mind that they have families that are worried about them while they are on duty.


ITEM #10	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:33 p.m.


Date Approved: May 10, 2022



Mary Supple
Mayor Pro Tempore



Kari Sinning
City Clerk



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager