



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

May 9, 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; Sean Hayford Oleary; and Ben Whalen

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; and Chris Swanson, Management Analyst

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Supple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kathleen Balaban, 65th and Stevens, stated she asked at the March 14 meeting for direct contact with her citizen chairpersons for the various commissions, boards, and authorities. She indicated staff's response was that it would cost \$130 per email and they were now working on an online form to fill out. She noted at the Commission's training session, the City Attorney stated the Commissioners are now public servants, which meant to her that their personal information was now public and would be on the Commission's website. She requested the City do nothing further with her March 14 request, but instead she was now asking that each commission, board, and authority member have their pictures on the City's website and some personal contact information be given for the Chairperson(s). She requested the videos be removed where staff was presenting from every commission site.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Trautmann, S/Christensen to approve the minutes of the: (1) City Council Work Session of April 25, 2023; (2) Council Meeting of April 25, 2023.

Motion carried: 5-0

ITEM #1	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/Hayford Oleary, S/Trautmann to approve the agenda.

Motion carried: 5-0

ITEM #2	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- A. Consider adoption of several resolutions to accept financial and/or material support from state and federal agencies for local infrastructure planning and construction (Staff Report No. 55)

RESOLUTION NO. 12089

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD TO ACCEPT A PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSISTANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 12090

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD TO ACCEPT A PLANNING ASSISTANCE AND MATERIAL GRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ON 70TH STREET

RESOLUTION NO. 12091

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD TO ACCEPT A PLANNING ASSISTANCE AND MATERIAL GRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ON 73RD STREET

RESOLUTION NO. 12092

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON 71ST STREET

RESOLUTION NO. 12093

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT AT 66TH STREET AND RICHFIELD PARKWAY

RESOLUTION NO. 12094

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD TO GRANT FUNDS FROM THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL FOR TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ON 73RD STREET

- B. Consider the approval of resolution authorizing Agreement #1044209 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Hennepin County for provisions related to minor

traffic signal maintenance for the south traffic signal at Trunk Highway 62 and Penn Avenue (CSAH 32) (Staff Report No. 56)

RESOLUTION NO. 12095

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF MNDOT AGREEMENT NO. 1044209 BETWEEN THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF RICHFIELD FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

- C. Consider acceptance of the public storm sewer constructed by Hope Presbyterian Church and authorize reimbursement of costs incurred by Hope Presbyterian Church for the installation of public storm sewer across the church's private parking lot (Staff Report No. 57)

RESOLUTION NO. 12096

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF ELIGIBLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS

- D. Consider the approval of the amended fourth amendments to the Site Lease Agreement at 6700 Portland Avenue between the City of Richfield and Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC (successor in interest to Sprint Spectrum LP., a Delaware limited partnership) to modify equipment, request for the addition of a five (5) year automatic Renewal Term and change of successor in interest to T-Mobile Central LLC. (Staff Report No. 58)
- E. To consider a resolution to approve the amendment to (1) Educational Facilities Revenue Note (academy of Holy Angels Project), Series 2002, dated December 30, 2002; and (2) the Educational Facilities Revenue Note (Academy of Holy Angels Project), Series 2003. (Staff Report No. 59)

RESOLUTION NO. 12097

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN REVENUE NOTES ISSUED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ACADEMY OF HOLY ANGELS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALLONGES TO THE NOTES

- F. Consider a resolution to accept \$100,000 in funds from Hennepin County's Broadband Expansion grant and to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the grant agreement with Hennepin County and subsequent agreement with Arrive Ministries (Staff Report No. 60)

RESOLUTION NO. 12098

RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF HENNEPIN COUNTY BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT FUNDS

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

Council Member Whalen lifted up the City's partnership on Item A (the Safe Routes to School Program) between the Public Work's Department and the School District. He stated these projects would make for a safer bike and pedestrian routes for the students to get to school. He thanked staff for their work in applying for the various grants.

Motion carried: 5-0

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

ITEM #4	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez stated she had nothing to report.

ITEM #5	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>05/09/2023</u>
A/P Checks: 313986 - 314284	\$1,664,880.51
Payroll: 178131 - 178424	<u>\$804,935.01</u>
TOTAL	\$2,469,815.52

Motion carried: 5-0

ITEM #6	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Trautmann stated the Taste of Richfield is May 11, 2023. He indicated this is a great opportunity to support the Richfield Foundation.

Council Member Hayford Oleary stated there were still tickets available for the Taste of Richfield at the Richfield Foundation’s website.

Council Member Christensen stated she had attended the first Farmers Market at Veteran’s Park this past Saturday. She noted there were many past vendors that were back again, and it was a fun event and runs through October.

Council Member Whalen shared the Sustainability Commission had their first City tree and rain barrel sale both of which sold out. He noted the Commission was planning to have this event again with it possibly being expanded. With respect to the community garden project, he believed most of the plots have been claimed. He gave a shout out to the City’s former Council Member, State Representative Mike Howard, who chairs the Housing Committee which passed a historic housing Bill of \$1 billion. He thanked Representative Howard and others for their good work in getting this Bill passed.

Mayor Supple stated the City was looking for one resident to fill an open seat on the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), which means that person would also be on the Economic Development Authority (EDA). She noted additional information on this position is posted on the City’s website under the HRA and EDA. She stated this was Drinking Water Week and to celebrate the City was offering limited tours of the Richfield Water Plant. She indicated there were still spots open for this event and she encouraged people to attend the tour. She stated the opening of the High School Art show was being held at the Richfield Community Center where student’s exhibits will be there through

the end of June. She also stated the City is looking for feedback from the community regarding the off-road bike park that was being proposed. She then gave hats off to the Richfield Fire Department for rescuing ducklings out of a sewer grate.

ITEM #7	ADJOURNMENT
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M/Trautmann, S/Whalen to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Motion carried: 5-0

Date Approved: May 23, 2023



Chris Swanson
Management Analyst



Mary B. Supple
Mayor



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager