



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting Virtual Meeting held via WebEx

May 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Maria Regan Gonzalez at 7:01 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; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; John Stark, Community Development Director; Jane Skov, IT Manager; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Executive Analyst; and Kelly Wynn, Administrative Assistant

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

William Lynch, 7620 Stevens Ave, supplied comments via email opposing current plans for organized trash/recycling/organics pick up in Richfield. He expressed concerns of rates going up a significant amount.

John Symons, 7426 Elliot Ave S, supplied comments via email also raising concerns of the proposed organized collection. He does not believe this will benefit the residents in any way.

Senior Office Assistant Wynn stated there were no other callers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Whalen, S/Trautmann to approve the minutes of the (1) Joint City Council and Transportation Commission Meeting of April 14, 2021; (2) Joint Richfield and Bloomington City Council Meeting of April 21, 2021; (3) City Council Work Session of April 27, 2021; (4) City Council Meeting of April 27, 2021; and (5) Special City Council Meeting of May 3, 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

Item #1	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/Supple, S/Trautmann 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

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

A. Consider approval of the first reading of a transitory ordinance vacating a portion of 5th Avenue right-of-way south of 71st Street and schedule a public hearing and second reading for May 25, 2021. Staff Report No. 69

B. Consider the approval of the Small Wireless Facility Collocation Supplemental Agreements with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, that set forth the terms and conditions of collocation on city-owned wireless support structures (light poles). Staff Report No. 70

C. Consider the approval of a resolution committing City of Richfield funds in the estimated amount of \$976,767.00 for the 77th Street Underpass Project. Staff Report No. 71

RESOLUTION NO. 11850

RESOLUTION OF COMMITMENT BY THE CITY OF RICHFIELD TO PAY FOR ITS LOCAL SHARE OF THE 77TH STREET UNDERPASS PROJECT FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE FUND

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

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE

Supple: AYE

Trautmann: AYE

Hayford Oleary: AYE

Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

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

Item #4	CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AND A FIRST READING OF A TRANSITORY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CITY-WIDE SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY NEW COMMERCIAL USE INVOLVING FIREARMS TO ALLOW TIME FOR A PLANNING STUDY. STAFF REPORT NO. 72
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Council Member Supple read staff report 72.

Director Stark added staff received a recent inquiry on firearms use and online sales which resulted in the code needing to be revisited to accommodate regulations.

Council Member Hayford Oleary asked what the process will look like to revise the code.

Director Stark explained staff will have some public input as how it relates to residential areas and schools.

M/ Supple, S/Hayford Oleary to adopt the attached resolution and conduct a first reading of the attached transitory ordinance establishing a city-wide six-month moratorium on the establishment of new commercial uses involving firearms, and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the attached ordinance for May 25, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 11851

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW USES INVOLVING FIREARMS, AND DIRECTING THAT A

PLANNING STUDY BE CONDUCTED

Council Member Supple stated it will be good to review it as it hasn't been since 2004 and new ways of sales have been developed.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Item #5	CITY MANAGER REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez stated City Clerk Elizabeth VanHoose will be leaving Richfield after 16 years. She spoke of how she has been a crucial part of the Deputy Registrar's office and elections.

Council Member Whalen spoke of the organized process City Clerk VanHoose always had when it came to voting and elections. He congratulated her on the transition.

Council Member Trautmann wished City Clerk VanHoose all the best and thanked her for always doing such a wonderful job.

Council Member Hayford Oleary echoed comments as City Clerk VanHoose was a great professional and hopes she does well in Eagan.

Council Member Supple thanked City Clerk VanHoose for always doing a wonderful job and wished her well.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke of the pivoting City Clerk VanHoose was able to do to accommodate Covid restrictions and take on a challenging voting year. She stated she will be greatly missed.

Item #6	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Whalen, S/Supple that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	05/11/2021
A/P Checks 296585 - 296828	\$ 1,180,797.29
Payroll: 161599 - 161895	<u>756,256.12</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,937,053.41

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Item #7	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Hayford Oleary spoke of the progress on the Orange Line through Richfield.

Council Member Whalen spoke of the Centennial Elementary bike to school day he participated in and what a wonderful event it was. He also spoke of the 50th birthday event for Wood Lake Nature Center.

Council Member Supple spoke of the upcoming events at Lyndale Gardens from July 15 through September 15. Events will take place at 6:00pm on Wednesdays with performances from a variety of groups. She then spoke of the sub area study being done where postcards have been mailed out and encouraged residents to go to the website to check out the project.

Council Member Trautmann stated it was the first week of soccer and outdoor athletics. He expressed excitement to see kids playing outside.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez also attended the Wood Lake Nature Center event and how wonderful it was to hear how it has supported the well-being of residents during the pandemic. She is looking forward to what the next 50 years will bring including a new building.

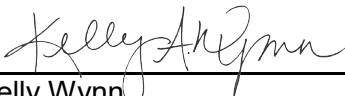
Item #8	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:34 p.m.

Date Approved: May 25, 2021



Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor



Kelly Wynn
Administrative Assistant



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager