



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

June 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

Council Members Present: Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mayor; Mary Supple; Simon Trautmann; Sean Hayford Oleary; and Ben Whalen

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Jay Henthorne, Police Chief; Martin Costello, City Prosecutor; Jennifer Anderson, Support Services Supervisor; and Kari Sinning, City Clerk

Others Present: Sheng Zheng, Owner of Millions Crab

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Regan Gonzalez 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

Ruane Onesirosan, 2421 W 65th St, asked how many plots of land the HRA purchases and to whom they are sold and raised concerns of the land being sold to businesses and investors.

City Manager Rodriguez read aloud an email from John Symons, 7426 Elliot Ave, which stated concerns of the use of illegal fireworks within the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Hayford Oleary stated the need for clarification of summarized minutes and suggested an amendment to the City Council Work Session of June 14, 2022 minutes.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Supple to approve the minutes of the: (1) City Council Work Session of June 14, 2022 as amended; and (2) Regular City Council Meeting of June 14, 2022.

Motion carried: 5-0

ITEM #1	FAREWLL FROM MARTIN COSTELLO
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez invited Police Chief Henthorne to the podium to give a brief speech regarding the retirement of City Prosecutor Martin Costello.

City Prosecutor Costello thanked everyone for the opportunity that he was given to serve the community for the last 33 ½ years.

The Council showed immense appreciation for the leadership, advocacy, and innovation that City Prosecutor Costello has given to the community, council, and staff and extended farewell wishes.

ITEM #2	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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Council Member Supple stated that there was an additional item to be added to the agenda regarding the appointment of election judges.

M/Supple, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the agenda with an additional item after item #5.

Motion carried: 5-0

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

- A. Cancel a public hearing to consider a request for an appeal to a variance denial for a trash enclosure location farther away from the building. (Staff Report No. 96)
- B. Consider the approval of a license agreement with E-Clan, Inc. d/b/a B&J Trees, to sell trees under the picnic pavilion at Veterans Park. (Staff Report No. 97)
- C. Consider adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between Reality Income Properties and Northern Tier Retail, LLC, on behalf of the City of Richfield for the property located near 66th Street and Rae Drive (Speedway), upon finalization of the agreement for the 65th Street Reconstruction Project. (Staff Report No. 98)

RESOLUTION NO. 11985

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT AT 826 66TH ST WEST (PID# 28-028-24-41-0039) UPON FINALIZATION OF AGREEMENT AS A PART OF THE 65TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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

Council Member Hayford Oleary expressed appreciation to find a solution for the dumpster at Hope Church and Mayor Regan Gonzalez seconded the appreciation.

Motion carried: 5-0

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

ITEM #5	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A NEW ON SALE INTOXICATING AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSES FOR MC RICHFIELD, LLC DBA MILLIONS CRAB LOCATED AT 9 66TH STREET EAST. (STAFF REPORT NO. 99)
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Council Member presented Staff Report No. 99 and opened the public hearing.

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

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Trautmann to approve the issuance of new On Sale Intoxicating and Sunday Liquor licenses for MC Richfield, LLC dba Millions Crab located at 9 66th Street East.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked the representative for being present and invited them to the podium. Sheng Zheng, Owner of Millions Crab, introduced himself to the Council.

Motion carried: 5-0

ITEM #6	CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF AUGUST 9, 2022. (STAFF REPORT NO. 100)
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Council Member Supple presented Staff Report 100.

Council Member Hayford Oleary asked about the party balance within the precinct. City Clerk Sinning stated that a precinct cannot have more than half of one party and that certain duties need judges of opposing parties to accomplish.

Council Member Trautmann asked about the threshold for a party to be considered a major party. City Clerk Sinning stated that there is a 5% threshold of votes for that party to be considered a major party.

Council Member Whalen shared that early voting has started and mentioned the Council At-Large position being on the ballot.

M/Supple, S/Trautmann to approve a resolution appointing election judges for the 2022 State Primary Election.

RESOLUTION NO. 11986

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES
FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF AUGUST 9, 2022**

Council Member Supple thanked all the election judges.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez also thanked the election judges and looks forward to being an election judge in the future.

Motion carried: 5-0

ITEM #7	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez gave a response regarding an open forum comment from Diane Harayda at the previous meeting stating that staff is working on strategic planning for the future and that Best Buy is the City’s largest employer and biggest tax payer at over 10% of our taxable market value.

ITEM #9	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/WWhalen, S/Supple that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<u>U.S. BANK</u>	<u>6/28/2022</u>
A/P Checks: 307063 – 307369	\$1,697,224.54
Payroll: 171110 – 171473, 43472	<u>\$817,437.70</u>
TOTAL	\$2,514,662.24

Motion carried: 5-0

ITEM #10	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Trautmann mentioned the need for volunteers and contributions for the Red, White, and Blue Days Committee and thanked the volunteers that make the 4th of July special for the City of Richfield.

Council Member Hayford Oleary mentioned the great ideas coming from the Recreation Department that were proposed at the work session prior to the meeting that and agreed with the comments of Council Member Trautmann and wished all a happy Fourth of July.

Council Member Supple mentioned the food shortage at VEAP and encouraged residents to donate. She also mentioned a recent tour of the Water Plant and thanked our staff for the education. She acknowledged and thanked the volunteers for the various community events and service positions that promote civic pride within the community. She also gave advice to residents regarding regrowth of grass after tree removal.

Council Member Whalen reiterated that the City supports Red, White, and Blue Days but it is a committee of volunteers that funds and creates the event.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez encouraged residents to get involved in civic events, programs, and committees that promote the community.

ITEM #11	CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING THE CITY MANAGER'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
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M/Whalen, S/Supple to recess the meeting to enter and hold a closed meeting for the purpose of conducting a performance evaluation of City Manager Katie Rodriguez, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05, subd. 3(a).

Motion carried: 5-0

The Regular City Council Meeting recessed at 7:43 p.m.

The Closed Executive Session was called to order by Mayor Regan Gonzalez at 7:46 p.m. in the Babcock Room.

Council Members Present: Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mayor; Mary Supple; Simon Trautmann; Sean Hayford Oleary; and Ben Whalen

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager

The Closed Executive Session was convened pursuant to M.S. 13D.05 subd. 3(a).

The Closed Executive Session was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez called the recessed Regular City Council Meeting back to order at 9:17 p.m.


ITEM #12	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:18 p.m.


Date Approved: July 12, 2022



Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor



Kari Sinning
City Clerk



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager