



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

July 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Melissa Poehlman, Assistant Community Development Director; Jay Henthorne, Police Chief; Jennifer Anderson, Health Administrator; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Equity Administrator; and Kelly Wynn, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN FORUM

Ruane Onesirosan, 2421 W 65th Street, expressed extreme concern regarding the comprehensive plan and rezoning which hurts instead of helping neighborhoods. She also asked how the city abided by the open meeting laws during the year of 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Supple, S/Whalen to approve the minutes of the: (1) Joint City Council/HRA/Planning Commission Meeting of June 21, 2021; (2) Special City Council Meeting of July 6, 2021; and (3) City Council Meeting of July 13, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/Trautmann, S/Hayford Oleary 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 a resolution to withdraw the City of Richfield from the Regional All-Hazards Incident Management Organization Joint Powers Agreement and approve the Cooperative Agreement for the Minnesota Statewide All-Hazards Incident Management Organization (IMO). Staff Report No. 112

RESOLUTION NO. 11866

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWING FROM THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL ALL-HAZARDS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AND APPROVING THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE MINNESOTA STATEWIDE ALL-HAZARDS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

- B. Consider the approval of the continuation of an agreement with the City of Bloomington for the provision of food, pools, lodging, therapeutic massage and body art establishment inspection services for the City of Richfield for 2022. Staff Report No. 113
- C. Consider the approval of engineering consultant pool agreements between the City and the selected engineering firms for routine professional engineering services for calendar years 2021 through 2025. Staff Report No. 114
- D. Consider the appointment of youth members to City advisory board/commissions. Staff Report No. 115

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

Council Member Supple stated her excitement to see youth commissioners and hopes to see more interest.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Item #4	CONSIDER THE SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING NINE PROPERTIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF SAID ORDINANCE (STAFF REPORT NO. 116)
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Council Member Hayford Oleary presented staff report 116.

Assistant Director Poehlman added this is only for a few properties.

Council Member Hayford Oleary clarified the use and comprehensive plan match for these properties but the zoning does not. He also asked if Council is due to see more of this.

Assistant Director Poehlman stated these are the final properties for this rezoning.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Trautmann to (1) Approve a second reading of an ordinance rezoning nine properties throughout the City in order to comply with the Comprehensive Plan; and (2) Approve a resolution authorizing summary publication of said ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. 11867

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION
OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING;
AMENDING APPENDIX I TO THE RICHFIELD CITY CODE
BY REZONING NINE PARCELS THROUGHOUT THE CITY
IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Motion carried 5-0

Item #5	CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1105 OF THE RICHFIELD CITY CODE RELATING TO LICENSING OF ARCADES (STAFF REPORT NO. 117)
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Council Member Trautmann read staff report 117.

Health Administrator Anderson explained this is an ordinance that has not been reviewed in several years and needed updating.

Council Member Trautmann asked why the city requires a bond to open an arcade.

Health Administrator Anderson stated an establishment of this type could have some public safety risks along with making sure they comply with city regulations.

M/Trautmann, S/Whalen to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Section 1105 of the Richfield City code regulating arcades with amendment to include a publication summary.

RESOLUTION NO. 11868

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF AN ORDINANCE
PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING OF ARCADES**

Mayor Regan Gonzalez expressed her excitement to see something new coming into the community and working with business owners.

Council Member Whalen asked since it is a new kind of business for the area, staff would bring this item back if there were other concerns that were to arise.

Health Administrator Anderson confirmed.

Council Member Trautmann asked about existing establishments that may have an existing game or two, if they qualify as an arcade.

Health Administrator Anderson explained they do not fall under the arcade category but there is a small fee assessed to establishments with such items as a pool table, pinball or other coin operated games.

Motion carried 5-0

Item #6	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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Health Administrator Anderson provided a covid and vaccination update as the Delta variant is spreading. She encouraged residents to get vaccinated as Bloomington Public Health continues to monitor the situation.

Council Member Whalen asked if the city will reverse mask guidelines.

Health Administrator Anderson stated it is a possibility everyone may be wearing masks again but it will depend on federal guidance.

Council Member Trautmann thanked Health Administrator Anderson for her work, specifically over the last year and keeping council supplied with much needed information.

Item #7	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Whalen, S/Trautmann that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	07/27/2021
A/P Checks 298496 - 298881	\$ 1,498,627.53
Payroll: 163586 – 163925 43404 - 43406	<u>777,425.25</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,276,052.78

Motion carried 5-0

Item #8	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Hayford Oleary expressed excitement for the upcoming Night to Unite on Tuesday, August 3 and encouraged residents to attend their own block parties.

Council Member Supple thanked block captains for their work around Night to Unite. She then thanked Joe and Bill’s Lemonade stand for raising money and donating profits. She also spoke of ‘Back Porch Concerts’ to support the Bartholomew House renovations.

Council Member Whalen thanked everyone working behind the scenes for the 77th Underpass, Augsburg Park opening and supporting the MICC expansions.

Council Member Trautmann praised the Parks and Recreation Department for the Augsburg Park opening as well as the summer programs they are offering.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke of the fundraising event put on by Crossroads Panorama taking place Saturday, August 28 at the Band shell. She then spoke of Penn Fest happening September 19 and encouraged residents to search the event and attend. She also thanked Richfield Foundation for their work and they will be putting on an event in October to benefit Richfield residents.

Council Member Whalen reminded residents of the Urban Wildland 5k and half marathon happening Friday and Saturday.

Item #9	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:38 p.m.

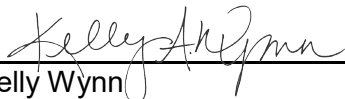
Date Approved: August 10, 2021



Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager



Kelly Wynn
Administrative Assistant