



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

August 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Maria Regan Gonzalez at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; John Stark, Community Development Director; Jay Henthorne, Police Chief; Mike Flaherty, Deputy Chief; Neil Ruhland, Communications and Engagement Manager; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Equity Administrator; and Kelly Wynn, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN FORUM

Robert Hall, 7309 Oliver Ave S, raised questions around funding provided to a potential new business, Benefactor Brewing. He asked why and how people are selected for funds along with how the amount provided is determined. He also inquired why the city would help fund a company that would compete with city liquor stores.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Supple, S/Whalen to approve the minutes of the: (1) City Council Work Session of July 27, 2021; and (2) City Council Meeting of July 27, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1	2021 GENE & MARY JACOBSEN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez read the summary of the award.

Kim Jacobsen spoke of the work Santos has done and continues to do in the community of Richfield. He then presented the award to Santos Mejia

Santos Mejia thanked everyone for their support in his work. He spoke of the strength and support from every resident that makes Richfield a better community.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez explained how she has known Santos for a long time and how instrumental he has been in helping so many people.

Santiago De Angulo described what a privilege it has been to work with Santos, especially during these difficult times.

Council Member Whalen stated there is no one more deserving to receive this award and appreciates the many ways Santos is community-minded.

Council Member Supple thanked Santos for his leadership and everything he has done and continues to do for the community.

Council Member Trautmann expressed gratitude for all his work within the community.

Item #2	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/Whalen, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the agenda

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #3	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar and asked Council to remove item A as it needs further review.

- A. Consider the approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Richfield to enter into a Local Road Improvement Program grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT Agreement No. 1047188) for \$11,690,000 to be used for construction of the 77th Street and Trunk Highway 77 Improvements Project. Staff Report No. 118

RESOLUTION NO. 11869
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD TO ENTER INTO
A LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT WITH
THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MNDOT AGREEMENT
NO. 1047188) FOR \$11,690,000 TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE 77TH
STREET AND TRUNK HIGHWAY 77 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (SP 157-594-003;
SP 157-108-035; & SP 2758-82)

- B. Consider approval of a Temporary On Sale Intoxicating Liquor license for the Richfield Foundation's A Toast To Richfield event to take place on Thursday, October 7, 2021, in the atrium area of Woodlake Center, located at 6601 Lyndale Ave South. Staff Report No. 119

- C. Consider the approval of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's (BCA's) Master Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Richfield Department of Public Safety/Police for access to the Criminal Justice Data Communications Network (CJDN) and the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment to CJDN Subscriber Agreement. Staff Report No. 120

**RESOLUTION NO. 11870
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA
JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF RICHFIELD ON BEHALF
OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- D. Consider a resolution of support for the expansion of the Minnesota Independence College and Community in the City of Richfield. Staff Report No. 121

**RESOLUTION NO. 11871
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE,
ACCESSIBLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IN THE VICINITY OF 2000, 2006,
AND 2018 - 76TH STREET WEST**

M/Supple, S/Trautmann to approve the consent calendar with the removal of item A, only approving item B-D.

Council Member Whalen asked for clarification if item A will be on a future meeting.

Director Asher confirmed.

Council Member Trautmann expressed appreciation in sharing of data with Public Safety as it can provide better outcomes. He also praised MICC and they do for their students.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Item #5	CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez encouraged residents to wear masks while visiting city buildings. She then provided a brief covid update.

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

U.S. Bank	08/10/2021
A/P Checks 298900 - 299183	\$ 1,150,427.48
Payroll: 163926 - 164285	<u>741,808.25</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,892,235.73

Motion carried 5-0

Item #7	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Trautmann spoke of the open enrollment for fall soccer and encouraged residents to sign up their children.

Council Member Hayford Oleary expressed appreciation for Night to Unite. He then spoke of a Star Tribune article relating to planning and zoning regarding racial inequities and encouraged people to read it.

Council Member Supple spoke of a number of events taking place: August 14 from 6-8pm that will be a celebration of poetry at the amphitheater; the Richfield Middle School will be performing live August 11 at 7pm also at the amphitheater; Crossroads Panorama has an event on August 28 from 2:30-5:30pm taking place at the Bandshell; and Unity in the Community will be taking place August 29 as a drive thru event.

Council Member Whalen echoed comments of how wonderful it was to visit with residents at Night to Unite. He reminded residents information regarding organized collection is available on the city website. He encouraged residents to attend an event with Sustainability Specialist Lindholm where she will be available to answer questions on August 31 from 7-8pm in Veterans Park. He also mentioned strategic planning meetings coming up and invited residents to reach out with ideas for the future of Richfield.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke of how wonderful it was to see Santos as he is an extraordinary leader in making sure community members are feeling connected. She then thanked staff for their work sessions regarding embedding equity into work plans across all departments. She expressed appreciation for city staff as she heard from residents for all the great work they continue to do while out at Night to Unite. Lastly, she reminded residents the Richfield Foundation event is on Oct 7 and they are looking for volunteers and sponsors.

Item #8	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:41 p.m.


Date Approved: September 14, 2021



 Maria Regan Gonzalez
 Mayor



 Kelly Wynn
 Administrative Assistant



 Katie Rodriguez
 City Manager