



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

September 26, 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; Sean Hayford Oleary; and Ben Whalen

Council Members Absent: Simon Trautmann

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Chris Swanson, Management Analyst; Jay Henthorne, Police Chief; Jennifer Anderson, Health Administrator; Melissa Poehlman, Community Development Director; Jan Youngquist, Economic Development Manager and Dustin Leslie, City Clerk

Others Present: Mara Glubka, Human Rights Commissioner; Debbie Goettel, Hennepin County Commissioner

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 Avenue, indicated the residents resource page on the City's website was last updated in 2019 and some of the information was incorrect and/or missing. She requested this information be updated and a new updated guide be sent to every household in the city.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Whalen to approve the minutes of the: (1) City Council Work Session of September 12, 2023; (2) Regular City Council Meeting of September 12, 2023.

Motion carried: 4-0

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

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #2	PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH
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Mayor Supple invited Commissioner Mara Glubka, Human Rights Commission to accept the proclamation and read aloud the proclamation.

Commissioner Glubka summarized the LTBTQ history and shared an account of a friend who had to flee her home state of Missouri recently in an attempt to find safety and peace and the impact this had on the friends family.

ITEM #3	PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF RICHFIELD ON GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY
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Mayor Supple read aloud the proclamation.

Council Member Whalen stated he was proud to be in a State that had leaders who have declared it a refuge for trans people who increasingly were fleeing and to address gun violence.

ITEM #4	PRESENTATION FROM HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER GOETTEL
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Commissioner Goettel gave a presentation on what the County Commissioner’s do, what their budget covered, how they helped the residents in the Cities they represent, how they are dealing with the mental health issues of the community, and the economic recovery following the end of Covid-19.

Commissioner Goettel stated the Southdale Library project was finally coming to pass in the 2024 proposed budget. She indicated they had also given grants for planting a million trees by 2030 to mitigate the loss of the tree canopy due to emerald ash borer and other pests with a special focus on improving the equity of the tree canopy, reducing air pollution, and combatting the urban heat island effect.

Commissioner Goettel thanked the city for working closely with the Commission on projects. She addressed the homeless issues facing the cities and State and summarized what they were doing to assist the homeless.

Council Member Hayford Oleary thanked Commissioner Goettel for her presentation, and he was glad to hear about the Southdale Library and appreciated people would be able to walk and bike to that library. He stated he appreciated Commissioner Goettel was continuing to advocate for Penn Avenue also. He indicated he was impressed with the positive changes with the transportation planning in the County. Commissioner Goettel noted they would be able to have better redevelopment a lot faster if they were able to upgrade the infrastructure underneath the roads as well as the road structure itself

and this was on her list. She stated with respect to the library, the leftover land would be a park owned by Hennepin County, which would never be sold or developed.

ITEM #5	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- A. Consider adoption of a resolution appointing election judges and establishing an absentee ballot board for the Richfield School District Election of November 7, 2023 (Staff Report No. 123)

RESOLUTION NO. 12128

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #280 ELECTION BEING HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023

M/Whalen, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the consent calendar.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #6	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
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None.

ITEM #7	CONSIDER THE SECOND READING AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE RICHFIELD CITY CODE APPENDIX D (FEE SCHEDULE) RELATED TO BUILDING, PLANNING, AND ZONING FEES (STAFF REPORT NO. 124)
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Council Member Whalen presented Staff Report 124 and opened the public hearing.

M/Whalen, S/Hayford Oleary to approve closing the public hearing.

Motion carried: 4-0

M/Whalen, S/Christensen to approve the Ordinance Amendment to Richfield City Code, Appendix D Fee Schedule related to Building, Planning and Zoning fees and approve the Resolution authorizing summary publication of said Ordinance.

**BILL NO. 2023-9
TRANSITORY ORDINANCE NO. 19-31**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX D TO THE RICHFIELD CITY CODE: ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEUDLE FOR CERTAIN PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 12130

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX D TO THE RICHFIELD CITY CODE: ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS

**SUMMARY PUBLICATION
TRANSITORY ORDINANCE NO. 19-32**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX D TO THE RICHFIELD CITY CODE: ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #8	CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, SUBDIVISION 840.13 OF THE RICHFIELD CITY CODE TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND DURING COMMUNITY EVENTS. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE INCLUDES ESTABLISHING A PETTY MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE (STAFF REPORT NO. 125)
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Hayford Oleary presented Staff Report 125.

City Manager Rodriguez stated staff had some changes based on questions from Council and feedback. She noted staff had made some changes to make the language more precise on the Ordinance.

Manager Anderson reviewed the Ordinance language changes.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Christensen to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 8, Subsection 840.13 of the Richfield City Code to prohibit smoking in public parks and during City sponsored events or City co-sponsored events, as well as establishing a petty misdemeanor offense.

Motion carried: 4-0.

Council Member Hayford Oleary thanked staff for the clarification. He believed this was the appropriate and commonsense thing to do.

Mayor Supple agreed this was a commonsense approach. She believed they would need a discussion on edible cannabinoid products also in the future.

ITEM #9	CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED BUSINESS SUBSIDY POLICY (STAFF REPORT NO. 126)
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Hayford Oleary presented Staff Report 126.

Council Member Whalen and Mayor Supple thanked staff for their work on this.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Whalen to approve the Resolution approving the amended and restate Business Subsidy Policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 12129

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED AND RESTATED BUSINESS SUBSIDY POLICY

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #10	CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH MEMBERS TO CITY ADVISORY BOARD/COMISSIONERS (STAFF REPORT NO. 127)
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Council Member Christensen presented Staff Report 127.

M/Christensen, S/Whalen to Approve the appointment of Maya Ervasti to the Human Right Commission and Alexander Valle-Orsonio to the Transportation Commission as youth commissioners.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #11	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez had no report.

ITEM #12	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Whalen, S/Christensen that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<u>U.S. BANK</u>	<u>09/21/2023</u>
A/P Checks: 323836-324093	\$3,026,644.69
Payroll: 182008-182374; 43660-43662	\$773,692.59
TOTAL	\$3,800,337.28

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #13	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Hayford Oleary stated he was excited for the progress of the Taft Bike Park and the ribbon cutting would be on October 3 at 5 p.m.

Council Member Christensen gave hats off to the Penn Fest celebration. She indicated it was a pleasure to meet new vendors and others.

Council Member Whalen highlighted events coming up in October including the Great Pumpkin Giveaway, the Bark in the Park, and the Fifth Annual Community Trunk or Treat. He stated that early voting had also begun. City Clerk Leslie summarized the early voting process.

Mayor Supple gave hats off to Analyst Swanson for serving as the City's Noise Oversight Commission Member for the Airports Commission. She also stated in October they were having the Renovation Celebration Tour of remodeled homes in the city. She indicated the adult Commissioner applications were opening on October 1. She stated she had been receiving phone calls from residents regarding aggressive turkeys. She indicated according to the Humane Society; turkeys have a pecking order of dominance and may view people or pets who act fearful as underlings. She presented recommendations for people who were having aggressive turkey issues.

ITEM #14	ADJOURNMENT
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M/Hayford O'Leary, S/Whalen to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Motion carried: 4-0

Date Approved: October 10, 2023



Dustin Leslie
City Clerk



Mary Supple
Mayor



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager