



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

September 28, 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 O'Leary; and Ben Whalen

Council Members Absent: Simon Trautmann

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Jay Henthorne, Police Chief; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; Amy Markle, Recreation Services Director; Kris Weiby, Facilities Manager; Paul Smithson, Nature Center Manager; Huy Nguyen, Recreation Supervisor; John Evans, Recreation Services Administrative Assistant; Mary Kaye Champa, Recreation Supervisor; Neil Ruhland, Communications and Engagement Manager; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Equity Administrator; Kelly Wynn, Administrative Assistant; Chris Swanson, Management Analyst; and Kari Sinning, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN FORUM

No speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Whalen, S/Supple to approve the minutes of the: (1) Concurrent City Council and Housing and Redevelopment Authority Work Session of September 7, 2021; (2) City Council Work Session of September 14, 2021; and (3) City Council Meeting of September 14, 2021.

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #1	PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez presented the proclamation. Human Rights Commission Chair Glubka was present to accept the proclamation.

Council Member Supple thanked the Human Rights Commission for taking the time and making this a priority.

Council Member Whalen appreciated that we are following up our core values with action by supporting this proclamation.

Item #2	MINNESOTA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION AWARDS PRESENTATION
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez presented a summary of the awards and introduced Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) Awards Committee Member Tracy Petersen.

MRPA Awards Committee Member Tracy Petersen described the process and the reasons why the City of Richfield received these awards and gave the awards to Recreation Services Director Markle and the Recreation Staff present.

Recreation Services Director Markle gave an acceptance speech that thanked other departments within the City that helped with the achievement.

All Council Members thanked MRPA for the awards and City Staff who are well deserving of the awards.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez stated that it's the community centered City Staff that make Richfield unique and that she appreciates all the departments at the City that were involved.

Item #3	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/Supple, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #4	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- A. Consider to approve a contract from the City of Edina to provide dispatching service to the City of Richfield's Police and Fire Departments. Staff Report No. 143
- B. Consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) funds for an extension on an original four-year grant to fully fund an officer dedicated for DWI enforcement in Richfield. Staff Report No. 144

RESOLUTION NO. 11884

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE TO ACCEPT GRANT MONIES FROM THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,168.67 OR A LESSER AMOUNT, AS AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO FUND A POLICE OFFICER DEDICATED TO DWI ENFORCEMENT

- C. Consider the approval of a Richfield American Legion Post 435 Parking Lot Agreement to implement citywide organized collection and the swapping-out of waste and recycling carts from September 27 through October 29, 2021. Staff Report No. 145
- D. Consider the approval of an agreement with Brixmor SPE 1 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company to implement city-wide organized collection and the swapping-out of waste and recycling carts from September 27 through October 29, 2021 at the HUB shopping center. Staff Report No. 146
- E. Ratify a resolution approving a waiver of application fees for an Interim Use Permit at 6915 Harriet Avenue South. Staff Report No. 147

RESOLUTION NO. 11885

RESOLUTION APPROVING A WAIVER OF INTERIUM USE PERMIT APPLICATION FEES AT 6915 HARRIET AVENUE

- F. Consider the approval of the lease agreement between the City of Richfield and ETS Elite South Central, LLC for use of the space. Staff Report No. 148

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

Council Member Supple clarified item F in reference to the monthly and annual payments.

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #5	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
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None

Item #6	CONSIDER THE SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SUBSECTION 1305.13 RELATED TO SNOW REMOVAL AND SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUMMARY PUBLICATION. STAFF REPORT NO. 149
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Council Member read staff report 136.

M/Whalen, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the second reading of the ordinance amending City Code Subsection 1305.13 related to snow removal and snow emergency parking restrictions and approve the resolution authorizing summary publication.

BILL NO. 2021-16

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SUBSECTION 1305.13
RELATED TO SNOW REMOVAL AND SNOW EMERGENCY
PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 11886

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF AN
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 1305.13,
SUBDIVISION 1, OF THE RICHFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES
PERTAINING TO SNOW REMOVAL AND SNOW EMERGENCY
PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Council Member Supple thanks residents for their comments, questions, and concerns. She also reassured that this ordinance does not affect emergency services.

Council Member Hayford Oleary stated that this is a pilot program and its worth a try; if there is anything that needs to be addressed it can be.

Council Member Whalen stated that feedback is always appreciated and encouraged residents to reach out to City Staff and Council with any concerns so it can be addressed.

Public Works Director Asher stated that the crews take plowing very seriously in Richfield and are proud of the work that they provide to residents.

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #7	CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION MODIFYING A HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE LOCAL 49 EMPLOYEES. STAFF REPORT NO. 150
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Council Member Supple presented staff report 150.

M/Supple, S/Whalen to approve a resolution modifying a Health Care Savings Plan for eligible Local 49 employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 11887

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN UPDATED AMENDED POST
EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN FOR LOCAL 49
EMPLOYEES (IUOE #49)**

City Manager Rodriguez stated that staff encouraged this change.

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #8	CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez provided covid and vaccination updates and introduced Management Analyst Chris Swanson and re-introduced City Clerk Kari Sinning.

Item #9	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Hayford Oleary, S/Supple that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<u>U.S. Bank</u>	<u>09/28/2021</u>
A/P Checks 300085 - 300546	\$ 1,875,665.92
Payroll: 164989 - 165292	<u>747,584.63</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,623,250.55

Motion carried 4-0

Item #10	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Whalen shared that Wood Lake will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary this Saturday from noon to five and also reminded residents of organizing hauling starting next week.

Council Member Supple celebrated the City's Commissions.

Council Member Hayford Oleary applauded the response of the School Board to support equity in the schools.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez shared that there is a Pumpkin Giveaway at Fairwood Park on Saturday from ten to noon.

Item #11	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:42 p.m.

Date Approved: October 12, 2021

 Maria Regan Gonzalez
 Mayor

 Kari Sinning
 City Clerk

 Katie Rodriguez
 City Manager