



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

City Council Work Session

October 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Supple called the work session to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

Council Members Present: Mary Supple, Mayor; Sean Hayford O'leary; Ben Whalen; Simon Trautmann; and Sharon Christensen

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Chris Swanson, Management Analyst; Karl Huemiller, Recreation Programming Manager; Amy Markle, Recreation Services Director; Mike Dobesh, Fire Chief; Alex Crofford, Fire Captain; Joey Krieter, Firefighter.

ITEM #1	RECREATION PROGRAMMING MANAGER, KARL HUEMILLER, AND RECREATION SERVICE DIRECTOR, AMY MARKLE, WILL PRESENT ON THE CURRENT RECREATION FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND PROVIDE SOME RECOMMENDED UPDATES TO THE PROGRAM.
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Recreation Director Markle introduced the topic as well as interim Recreation Director Karl Huemiller.

Director Markle and Recreation Programming Manager Huemiller gave the presentation covering Recreation Fee Assistance programs including passport program, Richfield READY, and the Emily Day Scholarship.

There was a general discussion between staff and Council regarding eligibility and plans if revenue runs out.

The presentation ended with interim Recreation Programming Manager Huemiller giving Council recommendations and asking for feedback.

Council Member Trautmann stated he knew of businesses who would likely be able to sponsor these programs. He stated the programs were great but wanted to see them go further with less cost burden for those who qualified for pool passes.

Council Member Hayford O'leary asked about potential revenue loss if there was more help with the pool passes. Recreation Programming Manager Huemiller stated it would be fine if they lowered the cost burden. Council Member Hayford O'leary then asked if more capacity due to pool passes would make it too crowded. Director Markle stated it should not be a problem with the added residents. Finally, there was a discussion about logistics and how residents would receive the passes.

There was a discussion between staff and Council Members about adding community garden plots to the eligibility program.

Director Markle stated staff would start the pool passes at 50% off for eligible recipients to see what happens as a pilot in 2024. There was also a discussion about how the city works with the School District on these types of programs.

ITEM #2	RECOGNITION OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND TRAINING IN HANDS-ONLY CPR
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Fire Chief Dobesh gave the presentation covering calls for service, RFD value, importance of CPR, first aid, and common signs of heart attack and stroke. He also gave a firsthand demonstration of how to perform CPR. Dobesh finished the presentation with telling Council Members what to do in certain life or death instances.

Council thanked Chief Dobesh and the Fire Department for the important work they do.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Supple adjourned the work session at 6:40 pm.

Date Approved: October 10, 2023



Dustin Leslie
City Clerk



Mary B. Supple
Mayor



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager