



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special City Council Work Session

October 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Regan Gonzalez at 5:03 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

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

Council Members Absent: Simon Trautmann

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Equity Administrator; Chris Swanson, Management Analyst; and Kari Sinning, City Clerk

ITEM #1	MNDOT WILL PRESENT AN UPDATE ON THE I-494: AIRPORT TO HIGHWAY 169 PROJECT 1 PROPOSED FINAL LAYOUT AS WELL AS INTRODUCE THE CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS FRAMEWORK PLAN INITIATIVE THAT WILL INCLUDE VISUAL QUALITY ELEMENTS ALONG THE ENTIRE CORRIDOR. STAFF HAS ALSO ASKED MNDOT TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS THAT WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED TO IDENTIFY ANY MITIGATION THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED ON THE LOCAL SYSTEM DUE TO THE FRONTAGE ROAD CHANGES BETWEEN 12TH AND PORTLAND AVENUES
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Public Works Director Asher introduced MnDOT Project Staff Andrew Lutaya.

MnDOT Project Staff Lutaya gave a presentation on municipal consent regarding the I-494 Project that detailed the plans for I-494 from Highway 100 to the Minnesota River Bridge.

Throughout the presentation there was general discussion of how this project will affect Richfield residents and the areas of concern that MnDOT is continuing to investigate on before bringing this to council for vote.

Council Member Hayford Oleary asked MnDOT Project Staff Lutaya to explain why the access to Nicollet Ave will be closed for a resident that is present at the work session. MnDOT Project Staff Lutaya stated that the accesses are too close between 12th, Portland, Nicollet, and Lyndale which causes traffic backups and raises safety concerns and also stated that the Nicollet Bridge across I494 will stay.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked MnDOT Project Staff and city staff for their work on this project.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:21 p.m.

Date Approved: October 26, 2021

Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor

Kari Sinning
City Clerk

Katie Rodriguez
City Manager