



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Joint City Council and Planning Commission Work Session

October 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The joint City Council and Planning Commission work session was called to order by Mayor Regan Gonzalez at 6:00 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

Council Members Present: Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mayor; Mary Supple; Simon Trautmann (arrived 6:03 p.m.); Sean Hayford Oleary; and Ben Whalen

Council Members Absent: None

Planning Commission Members Present: Kathryn Quam, Chair; Susan Rosenberg; and Brett Stursa

Planning Commission Members Absent: Brendan Kennealy; James Rudolph; and Bryan Pynn.

Staff Present: John Stark, Community Development Director; Melissa Poehlman, Assistant Community Development Director; Ryan Krzos, City Planner; Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; and Kari Sinning, City Clerk

Item #1	CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS TO BRING THE ZONING CODE INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman who overviewed the work session agenda.

Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman introduced City Planner Krzos who gave a presentation on missing middle housing and described the current and proposed changes to the zoning code.

There was general discussion between City Council, Planning Commissioners, and Staff regarding the use of form based code principles on non-single family homes, architectural allotments of the homes, green space availability, the process for residents to convert their homes, and the distribution of a visual preference survey to gather the most equitable data and for the safety of the residents.

City Council and Planning Commissioners thanked Staff for the presentation.

Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman summarized the comments and concerns from City Council and Planning Commissioner stating that Council and Commissioners were okay with the proposed lot size reductions and that there was general interest in form based code principles of which there would need to be balance between being overly prescriptive and being overly lenient while still allowing creativity and flexibility. And staff will take another look at the visual preference survey. Vitriol.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:52 p.m.

Date Approved: November 9, 2021

Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor

Kari Sinning
City Clerk

Katie Rodriguez
City Manager