



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

October 26, 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 Oleary; and Ben Whalen

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Sam Ketchum, Acting City Attorney; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; Melissa Poehlman, Assistant Community Development Director; John Stark, Community Development Director; 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

Administrative Assistant Wynn reviewed the options to participate.

Julie Danielson, 6945 Stevens Ave, expressed concern about the rainbow painted roundabout at 67th and Lyndale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Supple, S/Whalen to approve the minutes of the: (1) City Council Work Session of October 12, 2021; (2) City Council Meeting of October 12, 2021; and (3) Joint Council/HRA/Planning Commission Work Session Meeting of October 18, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0.

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| Item #1 | 16TH ANNUAL GREAT PUMPKIN GIVEAWAY COLORING CONTEST WINNERS PRESENTATION GIVEN BY STEVE SCHNEEBERGER |
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced Steve Schneeberger. Together, Mayor Regan Gonzalez and Steve Schneeberger, presented two individuals with certificates that won their age groups and Steve Schneeberger gave a brief overview of the history of the event.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked Steve Schneeberger for his involvement with the event.

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| Item #2 | FRIENDSHIP CITY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT GIVEN BY CHAIR MARTY KIRSCH |
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced Marty Kirsch who gave an annual report of the Friendship City Commission.

Council Member Supple and Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked Marty Kirsch and the commissioners for their work.

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| Item #3 | TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT GIVEN BY CHAIR WESLEY DUNSER |
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced Transportation Commission Chair Wesley Dunser who gave an annual report of the Transportation Commission.

The Council and Mayor thanked Wes and the commission for their continual work for the city.

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| Item #4 | APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA |
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M/Trautmann, S/Whalen to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

- A. Consider the adoption of a resolution designating polling places for 2022. (Staff Report No. 160)

RESOLUTION NO. 11898

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES FOR 2022

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

Motion carried 5-0.

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

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| Item #7 | CITY MANAGER’S REPORT |
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City Manager Rodriguez thanked Scout Troop 262 for their visit to City Hall. City Manager Rodriguez gave an update on covid and organized hauling.

Council Member Whalen asked about responding to open forum comments that do not correlate with our city values and could be hurtful.

Council Member Hayford Oleary echoed the statements of Council Member Whalen and advocated for the open forum comment period to be a time where people who agree and disagree are welcomed to comment.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked Council Member Whalen for the suggestion. Mayor Regan Gonzalez gave accolades regarding closing the racial health gaps in city in reference to covid vaccinations and closing racial inequities throughout the City.

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| Item #8 | CLAIMS AND PAYROLL |
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M/Whalen, S/Supple that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

| <u>U.S. Bank</u> | <u>10/26/2021</u> |
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| A/P Checks: 300931 - 301360 | \$ 1,418,158.22 |
| Payroll: 165599 - 165907 | <u>723,836.32</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,141,994.54 |

Motion carried 5-0

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| Item #9 | HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS |
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Council Member Trautmann acknowledged the Richfield Arts Commission on the painting the roundabout.

Council Member Hayford Oleary reminded residents of the snow emergency guidelines and the flyers that they have received.

Council Member Supple supported recruitment of youth commissioners and spoke about openings in our current commissions.

Council Member Whalen encouraged voting for the Richfield School Board Election.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke about the tour of Wood Lake with the legislators that happened last week.

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| Item #10 | ADJOURNMENT |
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:41 p.m.

Date Approved: November 9, 2021

Maria Regan Gonzalez
 Mayor

Kari Sinning
 City Clerk

Katie Rodriguez
 City Manager