



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

November 9, 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; Simon Trautmann; and Ben Whalen

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Jennifer Anderson, Support Services Supervisor; 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 and stated that there were no callers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Whalen, S/Trautmann to approve the minutes of the: (1) Special City Council Work Session of October 20, 2021; (2) Joint City Council and Planning Commission Work Session of October 26, 2021; and (3) Regular City Council Meeting of October 26, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1

PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED BY KATHRYN QUAM

Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced Planning Commission Chair Kathryn Quam who gave a brief review of highlights from the Planning Commission over the last year and thanked the current commissioners and supported the recruitment and training of new diverse commissioners.

Council Member Supple thanked the commission for their wonderful job on complex issues and also thanked Chair Quam for her leadership.

Council Member Trautmann thanked Chair Quam for her leadership on the hard work to lift up voices of the community and echoed her call for more diverse commission members.

Council Member Hayford Oleary applauded Chair Quam on her proficiency as a leader for the Planning Commission.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez added gratitude for Chair Quam’s exceptional leadership and supported the importance of her role and the commission for the City. Mayor Regan Gonzalez also expressed the need for commissioners especially those that can bring diversity.

Item #2	COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED BY KEVIN WENDT
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced Commission Chair Kevin Wendt from the Community Services Commission who gave an annual report from the commission.

Council Member Whalen, as the liaison to the commission, recognized the Community Services Commission for their input to recreation staff and thanked the commission and Chair Wendt for his leadership.

Council Member Supple highlighted the commission’s role in reaching out to the community for input for recreation projects.

Council Member Trautmann thanked and lifted up the volume of accomplishments of the commission and encouraged the commission to keep up the good work.

Hayford Oleary appreciated the commission’s efforts particularly Augsburg Park which residents love.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked the commission and also thanked Chair Wendt for his leadership especially during the last two years when our community needed it most.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

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

- A. Consider approval for a Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor license for the Blessed Trinity Catholic School, located at St. Richard's Catholic Church, 7540 Penn Avenue South, for their Grand Gala taking place December 11, 2021. (Staff Report No. 161)
- B. First reading of a proposed ordinance amending rules related to bicycle parking. (Staff Report No. 162)

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

Council Member Trautmann wished success for the gala event at his Alma Matter.

Council Member Hayford Oleary expressed excitement for the proposed ordinance change on bicycle parking.

Council Member Whalen echoed the excitement of the proposed ordinance related to bicycle parking and appreciated the flexibility within the ordinance for a case-by-case basis.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Item #6	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez gave a brief update on organized hauling and covid.

Item #7	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Trautmann, S/Whalen that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	11/9/2021
A/P Checks: 301418 - 301691	\$ 2,153,213.37
Payroll: 165908 - 166209	712,559.95
TOTAL	\$ 2,865,773.32

Motion carried 5-0

Item #8	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Trautmann promoted a couple events at Wood Lake Nature Center; the Wood Lake Nature Book Club and the Full Moon Hike.

Council Member Hayford Oleary mentioned the opening of the Orange Line Transit on December 4 which would connect Burnsville through Richfield to Downtown Minneapolis quickly.

Council Member Supple thanked City Clerk Sinning and the election judges for their work on the election. Council Member Supple also thanked city staff on answering organized hauling questions quickly via email. Council Member Supple reminded residents about youth and adult commission recruitment and promoted veteran’s day event at Vet’s Park.

Council Member Whalen echoed the many thanks to election staff and judges for the election and extended congratulations to the new and returning school board members. Council Member Whalen also lifted up city staff on organized hauling responses to resident questions and reminded residents to reach out to council for ideas in regards to the City’s strategic planning.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez promoted the Veteran’s Day event and extended a huge thank you to veterans for their service. Mayor Regan Gonzalez also encouraged residents to spread the word and to contribute to the winter food drive with VEAP.

Item #9	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:34 p.m.

Date Approved: November 23, 2021



Mary B. Supple, Mayor Pro Tempore



Kari Sinning
City Clerk



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager