



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

November 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Regan Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Council Members Absent: Simon Trautmann

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Kristen Asher, Public Works Director; Amy Markle, Recreation Services Director; Jay Henthorne, Public Safety Director/Police Chief; Jennifer Anderson, Support Services Manager; Sack Thongvanh, Assistant City Manager, Rachel Lindholm, Sustainability Specialist; and Chris Swanson, Management Analyst

Others Present: Rebecca Case, Advisory Board of Health Co-chair; Walter Burk, Human Rights Commission Chair; and Amanda Kueper, Sustainability Commission Chair

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #1	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/Whalen, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the agenda with an amendment to move the consent calendar and its sub items to before the open forum.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #2	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 3, 2022. (Staff Report No. 166)

- B. Consider the approval of setting a public hearing to be held on December 13, 2022, to consider the renewal of the Pawnbroker and Secondhand Goods Dealer license for 2023 for Metro Pawn and Gun, Inc. (Staff Report No. 167)
- C. Consider approval of a third amendment to the agreement with the City of Bloomington for the provision of public health services for the City of Richfield for 2023. (Staff Report No. 168)
- D. Consider the adoption of a resolution accepting a Watershed-Based Implementation Funding Grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Board of Water and Soil Resources for the Sheridan Pond Improvements Project and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the Grant Agreement. (Staff Report No. 169)

RESOLUTION NO. 12027

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT A WATERSHED-BASED IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING GRANT FROM THE BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES FOR THE SHERIDAN POND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000

- E. Consider approval of a resolution establishing a Public Safety Special Revenue Fund to track receipt and spending of the opioid settlement funds. (Staff Report No. 170)

RESOLUTION NO. 12028

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO TRACK OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

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

Council Member Supple thanked the council for being flexible to amend the order of the agenda.

Motion carried: 4-0

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Regan Gonzalez reviewed the options to participate:

- Participate live by calling 1-415-655-0001 during the open forum portion
- Call prior to meeting 612-861-9711
- Email prior to meeting kwynn@richfieldmn.gov

Ruane Onesirosan, 2421 West 65th Street S, asked several questions about the 2022 elections, specifically about the absentee ballot process and the security of the AB ballots once they are completed by voters. She also mentioned her worries about a multi-unit building that she believes was constructed on a former superfund site.

Kelly Klemme, 7245 Clinton Ave S, discussed issues he is having with his neighbor calling code enforcement on his property. He feels like the attention is unwarranted and urged the city to update the code so residents would not have to deal with issues like this. He thanked Council Member Hayford Oleary for directing him to the open forum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Whalen, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the Minutes of the:(1) Joint City Council and HRA Work Session of October 17, 2022; (2) Regular City Council Meeting of November 9, 2022; and (3) City Council Work Session of November 9, 2022.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #3	PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 26 AS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN RICHFIELD
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez invited Kelsey Nagel, President of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, up to the podium to receive the proclamation for Small Business Saturday. Mayor Regan Gonzalez presented the proclamation and talked about how important small businesses are to Richfield. She urged residents to support our local businesses in Richfield.

Chamber President Nagel talked about how important small businesses are to the community and went over options for residents to find local businesses to support.

ITEM #4	ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH COMMISSION ANNUAL PRESENTATION GIVEN BY KATRINA DEVORE
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez invited the Chair Katrina Devore to give the yearly presentation of the Richfield Advisory Board of Health. Co-chair Rebecca Case said the Katrina Devore was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Co-chair Case provided an overview of the efforts of the Board of Health during the last year. She thanked staff and other board of health members for their work.

Council Member Whalen thanked the board for all their work during the pandemic. He also wanted to recognize the board for the work they have done and will continue to do on flavored tobacco.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked the board for their work. She said their input is so important; 80% of what creates health is related to our local community. She spotlighted how the boards makes decisions on items that directly impact our community member's health.

ITEM #5	HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ANNUAL PRESENTATION GIVEN BY CHAIR WALTER BURK
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez invited Human Rights Commission Chair Walter Burk to give the yearly presentation of the commission's accomplishments. Chair Burk provided an overview of the efforts of the Commission throughout the year and thanked commissioners. This included the legal advice clinic, tabling at Penn Fest and continued discussion about disparities in policing. He specifically thanked Commissioner Glubka on her work on the Conversion Therapy Ban passed earlier this year. He also thanks staff who have support the commission with their work.

Council Member Hayford Oleary thanked the chair and the commission for the work they have done over the past year. He was impressed with everything the HRC have been able to accomplish.

Council Member Whalen wanted to echo the thanks. He has been impressed with the Commission ability to identify projects and work to accomplish these goals. He spotlighted the legal clinic as a great example of their work in the community.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez also thanked the Chair and commission for all the work they have done. She is impressed with the successes we've seen and wants to use this momentum to continue to build on the work that has been done. She would like the commission to continue to look at opportunities for partnerships and ways to be out in the community. She suggested the commission look at providing a how to guide for event planning in our city.

ITEM #6	SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION ANNUAL PRESENTATION GIVEN BY CHAIR AMANDA KUEPER
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez invited Sustainability Commission Chair Amanda Kueper to give an overview of the Sustainability Commission's efforts throughout the year. Chair Kueper provided an overview of the efforts of the Commission throughout the year, including approving the tree species replacement plan, continued work around organized collection and siting a community garden. Chair Kueper thanked everyone who had been involved in the work over the past year. She talked about how the commission is continuing to try and identify youth members.

Council Member Whalen echoed that as the liaison to the groups, he would agree that the commission was busy. He noted how much work the commission has been doing and talked about his excitement for the coming year to review the city's Climate Action Plan.

Council Member Hayford Oleary thanked the commission for their work and said he is excited to see what they will be doing next.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez talked about how exciting it was to see a new commission making such an impact so soon. She is impressed with how knowledgeable and committed the commission is to this work.

ITEM #7	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
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None.

ITEM #8	CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez responded to the comment submitted during the November 9, 2022, open forum.

ITEM #9	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Whalen, S/Hayford Oleary that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<u>U.S. BANK</u>	<u>11/22/2022</u>
A/P Checks: 310655 – 310934	\$2,734,708.65

Payroll: 174449 – 174751	<u>\$713,844.72</u>
TOTAL	\$3,448,553.37

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #10	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Whalen wished everyone a happy thanksgiving holiday. He wanted to note that the Metro Transit D line will beginning running soon. He talked about how the new transit line works. He mentioned the opening events Metro Transit will be hosting to celebrate the completion of the project.

Council Member Hayford Oleary wanted to thank all the commissioners. He spotlighted the appointment process that took place the prior weekend. He also wished everyone a happy thanksgiving holiday.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez talked about the excitement and fun she had for the opening MN Whitecaps game the previous Friday. She said it was such an honor to drop the first puck and felt it was so amazing to see so many young women there support their local team. She said it was a wonderful experience and that everyone should go to a game.

ITEM #11	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:48 p.m.

Date Approved: December 13, 2022



Chris Swanson
Management Analyst



Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager