



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

November 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Supple at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mary Supple, Mayor Pro Tempore; Sean Hayford Oleary; and Simon Trautmann

Council Members Absent: Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mayor; and Ben Whalen.

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; John Stark, Community Development Director; Melissa Poehlman, Assistant Community Development Director; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; Bob Baltgalvis, Transportation Engineer; Jay Henthorne, Director of Public Safety; Jennifer Anderson, Support Services Supervisor; Neil Ruhland, Communications and Engagement Manager; Kelly Wynn, Administrative Assistant; Chris Swanson, Management Analyst; and Kari Sinning, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple led the Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple stated that there was one person for the open forum.

Terry Carlson, 63rd and 15th Ave S, expressed concern with organized hauling.

Administrative Assistant Wynn reviewed the options to participate and stated that there were no callers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Trautmann to approve the minutes of the: (1) Special City Council Work Session of November 5, 2021; (2) Special City Council Work Session of November 6, 2021; (3) City Council Work Session of November 9, 2021; and (4) City Council Meeting of November 9, 2021.

Motion carried 3-0.

ITEM #1	ARTS COMMISSION ANNUAL PRESENTATION GIVEN BY KARIN WOLVERTON AND LARRY NELSON
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Mayor Pro Tempore Supple introduced Co-Chairs Karin Wolverton and Larry Nelson from the Richfield Arts Commission who gave a brief presentation of their events, projects throughout the past year, and thanked staff liaison, MaryKaye Champa, for her support.

Council Member Trautmann thanked the co-chairs and the arts commission for their opportunities for art throughout the City.

Council Member Hayford Oleary showed appreciation for the Commission’s work throughout the year.

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple, as the liaison for the commission, spoke highly of the co-chairs and shared the many activities she was involved in with the commission throughout the year.

ITEM #2	HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ANNUAL PRESENTATION GIVEN BY MARA GLUBKA
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Mayor Pro Tempore Supple introduced Mara Glubka who stated the annual report for the Human Rights Commission that detailed the struggles and successes throughout 2020-2021.

Council Member Trautmann expressed gratefulness for the quality of work that the commission has been able to complete over the past year and thanked Chair Glubka profusely.

Council Member Hayford Oleary thanked Chair Glubka and the Commission for their work and shared his experience of being on the commission.

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple echoed the praises and appreciated the leadership of Chair Glubka to the commission and for the City.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

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

- A. Consider a resolution accepting the transfer of funds from the Housing and Redevelopment Authority's General Fund to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. (Staff Report No. 163)

RESOLUTION NO. 11899

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SALES PROCEEDS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

- B. Consider the approval of setting a public hearing to be held on December 14, 2021, to consider the issuance of new On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor and Sunday Sale Liquor licenses for Dagobah LLC, d/b/a Protagonist Kitchen and Bar, located at 6601 Lyndale Avenue S, Suite 130. (Staff Report No. 164)
- C. Consider approval to renew the contract with Chief's Towing, Inc., for Public Safety towing services for December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023. (Staff Report No. 165)
- D. Consider the approval of setting a public hearing to be held on December 14, 2021, to consider the renewal of the Pawnbroker and Secondhand Goods Dealer license for 2022 for Metro Pawn and Gun, Inc. (Staff Report No. 166)
- E. Consider the approval of an agreement between the Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, and the City of Richfield Police Department for a full time embedded Senior Social Worker. (Staff Report No. 167)
- F. Consider the approval of a license agreement between the City and Qwest Corporation for access to their property located at 300 66th Street West to conduct grading, turf restoration, and driveway restoration related to the 65th Street Reconstruction Project. (Staff Report No. 168)
- G. Consider the approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 1202.07 of the Richfield City Code relating to license eligibility of intoxicating liquor, wine and beer establishments. (Staff Report No. 169)
- H. Consider approval of a contract renewal with Adesa Minneapolis for 2021-2022 for auctioning forfeited vehicles from Public Safety/Police. (Staff Report No. 170)
- I. Consider approval of the purchase of five (5) Ford Hybrid SUV Police Interceptor vehicles for Public Safety from Tenvoorde Ford, Inc., for \$187,331.90 plus tax, title, and license fees. (Staff Report No. 171)

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

Council Member Trautmann recognized and appreciated Hennepin County Human Services for their continued support with the City regarding the need for social workers.

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple read an email comment from Council Member Whalen who expressed excitement for a full time Senior Social Worker. Mayor Pro Tempore Supple also shared her support for the full time senior social worker.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

ITEM #6	PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR THE I-494: AIRPORT TO HIGHWAY 169 PROJECT 1 PROPOSED FINAL LAYOUT (STAFF REPORT NO. 172)
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Council Member Trautmann gave a brief description of the public hearing and introduced Public Works Director Asher who then introduced Amber Blanchard from MNDot who presented a summary of the I-494 Project.

Council Member Trautmann opened the public hearing.

Sherry Cyza, 7426 Oakland Ave, expressed concern regarding the amount of traffic that would be routed to Portland Avenue.

Public Works Director Asher explained that there was extensive research on traffic and there will be more traffic and also stated that the projections are for 2040.

Council Member Trautmann verified that there were no more residents for the public hearing.

M/Trautmann, S/Hayford Oleary to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 3-0

Council Member Trautmann thanked Sherry Cyza for her comments and concerns.

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple shared the previous concerns and comments given and reminded residents that it will be voted on in February.

ITEM #7	SECOND READING AND SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING RULES RELATED TO BICYCLE PARKING (STAFF REPORT NO. 173)
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Council Member Hayford Oleary presented Staff Report 173.

Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman expressed the excitement from staff for the ordinance amendment.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Trautmann to 1) approve a second reading of the attached ordinance amending rules related to bicycle parking and 2) approve a resolution authorizing summary publication of said ordinance.

BILL NO. 2021-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHFIELD ZONING CODE REGULATIONS FOR BICYCLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 11900

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHFIELD ZONING CODE REGULATIONS FOR BICYCLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple read comments expressed by Council Member Whalen who supported of the ordinance updates.

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple thanked staff for their work on this ordinance update.

Motion carried 3-0.

ITEM #8	CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2022 (STAFF REPORT NO. 174)
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Council Member Hayford Oleary presented staff report 174.

Management Analyst Swanson made himself available for questions and explained that the legislative breakfast will be held virtually on December 9.

Council Member Trautmann thanked staff for their work on the legislative priorities.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Trautmann to adopt the proposed legislative priorities for 2022. By adopting the legislative platform formally, the City Council shows these priorities are in the best interest of the community and provides increased visibility for the issues.

Mayor Pro Tempore thanked staff for the new format.

Motion carried 3-0.

ITEM #9	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez introduced Support Services Supervisor Anderson who gave a covid update. City Manager Rodriguez also stated that the City has started to collect vaccine status of staff and thanked IT for their help on creating a form for collection of the data.

Council Member Trautmann shared his experience with covid and how important it is to get vaccinated.

ITEM #10	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Trautmann, S/Hayford Oleary that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	11/23/2021
A/P Checks: 301692 - 302128	\$ 1,353,360.33
Payroll: 166210 - 166515	<u>697,470.92</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,050,831.25

Motion carried 3-0

ITEM #11	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Trautmann expressed his appreciation for Sustainability Specialist Rachel Lindholm and shared an anecdote about an organized hauling confusion with a resident.

Council Member Hayford Oleary also shared celebratory thoughts regarding organized hauling.

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple shared that Community Development Director Stark will be the new City Manager for the City of North Saint Paul and wished him the best in his new role. She showed appreciation for the previous work session and promoted risk analysis throughout the city. She also mentioned the liquor store round up program and emphasized the winter VEAP food drive. She also shared information about the Every Meal program at the community center and the winter farmer’s market.

ITEM #12	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:21 p.m.

Date Approved: December 14, 2021

 Maria Regan Gonzalez
 Mayor

 Kari Sinning
 City Clerk

 Katie Rodriguez
 City Manager