



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Richfield, Minnesota**

Special City Council Meeting

November 30, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Supple at 6:18 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mary Supple, Mayor Pro Tempore; Sean Hayford Oleary; Simon Trautmann (arrived 6:32); and Ben Whalen

Council Members Absent: Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mayor

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Jane Skov, IT Manager; Kelly Wynn, Administrative Assistant; and Kari Sinning, City Clerk

Others Present: Steven Unowsky, Richfield Public Schools Superintendent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple announced that future meetings will be virtual and information about how to join will be on the City's website.

ITEM #1	PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF INCLUSIVE SCHOOL WEEK
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Mayor Pro Tempore Supple presented a summary of Inclusive School Week and gave a proclamation to Superintendent Unowsky who thanked the City for their support for the schools.

Council Member Whalen added that this work is so important to make this City more equitable for all and appreciated the partnership with the schools.

Mayor Pro Tempore thanked Superintendent Unowsky and staff present for their support.

ITEM #2	CONDUCT A TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2022 PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND 2021 REVISED/2022 PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED 2022 UTILITY RATES
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Council Member Whalen presented agenda item number two and introduced City Manager Rodriguez who gave a presentation regarding the 2022 budget and tax levy.

Council Member Whalen opened the public hearing and Administrative Assistant Wynn stated that there were no callers.

Ruane Onesirosan, 2421 West 65th, spoke in opposition of using tax dollars to update communication systems and how recordings capture her and the public.

Ron Capone, 6517 14th Ave, thanked the City Manager for the presentation for answering a couple of his questions and asked a question regarding the increase of 13.8% that has been added to his taxes. He also asked about how the public can get more involved with the process.

Council Member Whalen verified that there were no other residents that wanted to speak for the public hearing.

M/Whalen, S/Trautmann to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 4-0

M/Whalen, S/Hayford Oleary to schedule final action on the 2022 property tax levy and 2021 Revised/2022 Proposed Budget and proposed 2022 utility rates, for the regular City Council meeting of December 14, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tempore Supple mentioned that due to technical difficulties residents may speak at the December 14, 2021 Council Meeting regarding this item.

Motion carried 4-0

ITEM #3	CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL PROVIDED BY TIERNEY FOR AUDIO VISUAL UPGRADES TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND THE VIDEO CONTROL ROOM, AND ADDITIONAL QUOTE FOR UPGRADES TO CONFERENCE, TRAINING AND BRIEFING ROOMS WITHIN CITY HALL, FIRE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY (STAFF REPORT NO. 176)
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Council Member Hayford Oleary presented Staff Report No. 176.

IT Manager Jane Skov gave a brief summary of the upgrades that would allow for all the conference rooms and council chambers to be more accessible for residents and staff. As tonight's meeting is indicative of need for the upgrades, IT Manager Skov explained that these upgrades would make hybrid meetings easier allowing more accessibility.

Council Member Hayford Oleary asked for clarification on the motion and if it included the police training room quote that was just received. City Manager Rodriguez stated that it should be included in the motion.

Council Member Whalen thanked for staff for their work on getting the outdated software updated and appreciated the opportunity this upgrade brings.

Council Member Trautmann stated how the meeting illustrated the need for the upgrades and reiterated how important that it is to provide clear communication to all residents.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Whalen to approve acceptance of the proposal provided by Tierney for audio visual upgrades to the council chambers and the video control room, and additional quote for upgrades to conference, training and briefing rooms within City Hall, the Fire Department, Public Works and Public Safety.

Mayor Pro Tempore appreciated the added accessibility that these upgrades would bring.

Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:58 p.m.

Date Approved: December 14, 2021

Mary B. Supple
Mayor Pro Tempore

Kari Sinning
City Clerk

Katie Rodriguez
City Manager