



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Special Council Meeting

**December 13, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Regan Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

*Staff Present:* Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Jay Henthorne, Public Safety Director/Police Chief; Sack Thongvanh, Assistant City Manager, Kumud Verma, Finance Manager; Chris Swanson, Management Analyst; and Kelly Wynn, Administrative Assistant

*Others Present:* Council Member-Elect, Sharon Christensen

<b>ITEM #1</b>	<b>CONDUCT A TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2023 PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND 2022 REVISED/2023 PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED 2023 UTILITY RATES. STAFF REPORT NO. 188</b>
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez presented the item.

Finance Manager Verma reviewed the timetable and key events of the Levy along with:

- Key issues for 2022/2023;
- History of state aid;
- Forecast of City Reserves
- 2023 Proposed Preliminary Levy
- Gross Tax Levy History
- 2023 Proposed Levy Impact on the average home
- 2023 Proposed General Fund Budget
- General Fund History
- General Fund Revenues
- 2023 Proposed Budget General Fund Revenues
- General Fund Expenditures
- 2023 Proposed Budget General Fund Expenditures
- Staffing Update

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked staff for the work of putting the difficult budget together due to the need for increased staff and inflation. She then opened the public hearing

Mark Hoffman, 6511 Logan Ave S, expressed concerns of a potential 21% increase in property taxes. He spoke of some research he did of the houses in his area and his concerns

of subsidizing more expensive houses. He asked what he would be getting for the 21% increase.

M/Regan Gonzalez S/Trautmann to close the public hearing

Motion carried: 5-0

M/Regan Gonzalez S/Supple to schedule final action on the 2023 property tax levy and 2022 Revised/2023 Proposed Budget and proposed 2023 utility rates.

Motion carried: 5-0


<b>Item #2</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:23 p.m.

Date Approved: January 10, 2023

  
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 Mary Supple  
 Mayor

  
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 Kelly Wynn  
 Administrative Assistant

  
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 Katie Rodriguez  
 City Manager