



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Regular Meeting

September 24, 2019

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Regan Gonzalez at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

*Council Members Absent:* Edwina Garcia

*Staff Present:* Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Pam Dmytrenko, Asst. City Manager; Neil Ruhland, Communications Manager; and Blanca Martinez Gavina, Executive Analyst.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### OPEN FORUM

Richfield School Board Member Crystal Brakke and Richfield Public School Superintendent Steve Unowsky, thanked Fire Department Chief Kewitsch, Chief Building Official Rick Regnier, all City Staff, and the Council for their hard work to ensure Richfield's public schools were open on time.

Candance Johnson, 6712 Pleasant Ave, from Richfield Social Justice Community or RSJC, spoke about RSJC's concerns on some of Richfield Police Department's policies and the current status of PMAC (Police Multicultural Advisory Committee).

Megan Fatheree, Richfield resident, commented about the communities' desire to engage more with the Richfield Police Department.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Trautmann, S/Supple to (1)City Council Work Session of September 10, 2019; (2) Regular City Council meeting of September 10, 2019; (3) Concurrent City Council/HRA/EDA meeting of September 16th

Motion carried 4-0.

<b>ITEM #1</b>	<b>PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF RICHFIELD</b>
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Pablo Tapia, from Asamblea de Derechos Civiles, thanked the City Council for their leadership and asked for the commitment of the City of Richfield to lead with equity.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke to the role that Latino organizations have in the City of Richfield.

Council Member Supple stated that the City should be celebrating the contributions of the Latino community all year long.

Council Member Trautmann acknowledged the importance of the proclamation and also the member of Latino Lives Matter who were sitting in the audience.

<b>ITEM #2</b>	<b>PRESENTATION ON THE ANNUAL MEETING WITH RICHFIELD ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH</b>
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Health Administrator with the City of Richfield, Jennifer Anderson gave an overview of the annual meeting with Richfield Advisory Board of Health. Health Administrator Jennifer Anderson noted the importance of public health and promoting healthy lives. Jennifer also gave praise to Advisory Board Member Rose Jost, who won the Minnesota Department of Health Public Health Award for 2018.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez commended Richfield’s Advisory Board of Health and highlighted the importance of the municipally based Richfield, Bloomington and Edina Departments of Health, which tailors to the needs of the local community.

<b>ITEM #3</b>	<b>PRESENTATION OF THE BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY EMPLOYER RECOGNITION</b>
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez recognized members of the WIC Breastfeeding Coalition for their efforts in promoting the importance of Breastfeeding.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced Joan Bulfer, Health Specialist for the Public Health Division to present The Breastfeeding Friendly Employer Recognition to Best Buy Co.,Inc. The recognition was presented to two Best Buy employees: Lucie Cregeur and McKenzie Gaertner.

Council Member Supple shared additional comments from another Best Buy Co.,Inc., employee who stated their appreciation for the company’s flexibility and support of breastfeeding mothers.

<b>ITEM #4</b>	<b>COUNCIL DISCUSSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hats Off to Hometown Hits</li> </ul>
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Council Member Whalen thanked everyone who made Penn Fest a success and shared highlights of a meeting with community members about moving from affordable housing to equitable housing. Council Member Whalen also noted his attendance to the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation event with elected leaders and labor unions. There were two reminders about the refrigeration project of the ice arenas and the school board election forum on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Supple shared appreciation for all the businesses, community members and city staff that made Penn Fest a success. There was a reminder that the Department of Transportation is holding pop-ups to do roundabout education. Council Member Supple urged the residents to take part of the Renovation Celebration on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m.

Council Member Trautmann stated the importance to support the Wine Tasting Event by the Richfield Foundation on October 10<sup>th</sup> and urged the public to donate. The Council Member also recognized all of the volunteers, city staff, organizations, non-profits and businesses that made it possible. There was also a reminder to learn more about the ice arena refrigeration process.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez shared two events on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The first event of Workshop on Know Your Right's forum from 8:00-Noon, specifically focused for immigrants in the community with free legal consultation, health clinic, vaccines, music therapy, activities for kids, mental health resources. The second event was Stories Together with Miss Richfield, also on Saturday from 9a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Augsburg Park Library.

<b>Item #5</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>
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M/Whalen, S/Trautman to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 4-0.

<b>Item #6</b>	<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- A. Consider approval to renew the contract with the MN Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) through May 31, 2024 to receive federal grant funding for Public Safety/Police. (Staff Report No. 108)
- B. Consider approval to renew the contract with Chief's Towing, Inc., for Public Safety towing services for December 1, 2019, through November 30, 2021. (Staff Report No.109)
- C. Consider approval of a three year contract with Vitals™, for Public Safety and Fire Personnel.(Staff Report No.110)
- D. Consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) funds for an extension on an original four-year grant to fully fund an officer dedicated for DWI enforcement in Richfield. (Staff Report No.111)

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE TO ACCEPT GRANT MONIES FROM THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,919.89 OR A LESSER AMOUNT, AS AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO FUND A POLICE OFFICER DEDICATED TO DWI ENFORCEMENT

- E. Consider approval of a Temporary On Sale Intoxicating Liquor license for the Richfield Foundation's Wine Tasting event to take place on Thursday, October 10, 2019, in the atrium area of Woodlake Center, located at 6601 Lyndale Ave South. (Staff Report No.112)
- F. Consider approval of a contract renewal with Adesa Minneapolis for 2019-2020 for auctioning forfeited vehicles from Public Safety/Police. (Staff Report No. 113)

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

Council Member Supple reiterated constituent Judy Moe's support for the Vitals™ program.

Council Member Whalen stated his support for the Vitals™ program and the positive impact it can have in the community. The Council Member also shared his support for the MN Internet Crimes Against Children collaboration.

Motion carried 4-0.

<b>Item #7</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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None.

<b>Item #8</b>	<b>CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS HEALTH, DENTAL, TERM LIFE, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR 2020 FOR GENERAL SERVICES, MANAGEMENT, AND LOCAL 49 BARGAINING UNIT</b>
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Council Member Supple introduced the resolution and highlighted that there would not be any changes to the term life and disability insurance and only a 25 cent increase in the dental. Council Member Supple welcomed Assistant City Manager Dmytrenko.

Assistant City Manager Dmytrenko referenced the timeline for open enrollment and details about the City's focus on employee health and wellbeing.

M/Supple, S/Whalen to adopt a resolution designating the City's contribution towards health, dental, term life, and disability insurance premiums for 2020 for general services management, and local 49 bargaining units.

RESOLUTION NO. 11654  
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARD HEALTH, DENTAL, TERM LIFE, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR GENERAL SERVICES, MANAGEMENT, AND LOCAL 49 EMPLOYEES

Council Member Whalen stated his appreciation for the care and ongoing support of City Richfield employees.

Council Member Trautmann commended Assistant City Manager Dmytrenko and Human Resource Staff for their incredible work in the insurance acquirement process.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke of their appreciation of Assistant City Manager Dmytrenko and all the staff who support and provide input for the insurance designations.

Motion carried 4-0.

<b>Item #9</b>	<b>CITY MANAGER’S REPORT</b>
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City Manager Rodriguez had nothing to report at that time.

<b>Item #10</b>	<b>CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS</b>
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M/Trautmann, S/Supple that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<b>U.S. Bank</b>	<b>9/24/19</b>
A/P Checks: 280811 - 281264	\$ 4,931,202.89
Payroll: 148845-149159-43060-43065	<u>677,727.32</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,608,930.21

Motion carried 4-0.

<b>Item #11</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:10 p.m.

Date Approved: October 8, 2019

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Maria Regan Gonzalez  
Mayor

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Blanca Martinez Gavina  
Executive Analyst

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Katie Rodriguez  
City Manager