



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting

February 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Council Members Absent: Edwina Garcia

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Neil Ruhland, Communications Manager; Jay Henthorne, Police Chief; Mike Flaherty, Public Safety Deputy Chief; Jennifer Anderson, Support Services Supervisor; Julie Urban, Housing Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Melissa Poehlman, Assistant Community Development Director; Chris Regis, Finance Director; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Executive Analyst; and Kelly Wynn, Senior Office Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN FORUM

No speakers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Supple, S/Trautmann to approve the minutes of the: (1) Concurrent City Council and HRA Work Session January 21, 2020; (2) Special City Council Work Session of January 23, 2020; (3) City Council Work Session of January 28, 2020; and (4) City Council Meeting of January 28, 2020

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #1	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/Supple, S/Trautmann to approve the agenda

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #2	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- A. First reading of transitory ordinance providing funding for certain improvements from the Special Revenue Fund (Staff Report No. 27)
- B. Consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) funds for a vehicle to be used for distracted driving enforcement (Staff Report No. 28).

RESOLUTION NO. 11718

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE TO ACCEPT GRANT MONIES FROM THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,100.00 OR A LESSER AMOUNT, AS AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO FUND A VEHICLE FOR DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT

- C. Continue consideration of land use applications for Chase Bank at Market Plaza (6501 Woodlake Drive) to February 24, 2020 (Staff Report No. 29).

M/Whalen, S/Trautmann to approve the consent calendar

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #3	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
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None

Item #4	CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE, AND SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF SAID ORDINANCE, AMENDING SECTION 405 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE (IPMC). (STAFF REPORT NO. 30)
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Supple presented staff report 30.

Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman reiterated this isn't going to change the processes already enforced by the inspectors. It will provide better customer service, more consistency amongst inspectors, and consolidate many things into one document.

M/Supple, S/Whalen to approve the resolution approving summary publication of an ordinance repealing Section 405 (housing code) of the city code of ordinances and adopting the International Property Maintenance Code with amendments.

RESOLUTION NO. 11719

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 405 (HOUSING CODE) OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE WITH AMENDMENTS

Council Member Whalen thanked staff for clarification and believes this will provide better quality buildings and customer service.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez also thanked staff for their work and trusts this will create clearer guidance for staff.

Motion carried 4-0

Item #5	CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF RICHFIELD AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THOSE AGENCIES (STAFF REPORT NO. 31)
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez read staff report 31.

Housing Manager Urban spoke about the importance of these organizations and supplied examples of how organizations work with departments and outlined the services. She explained what a tough decision it was to make the selection.

Council Member Supple thanked all the organizations and appreciates all the work they do within the community.

Council Member Whalen echoed the gratitude for all the organizations. He also read a statement from Joe McDonald, CEO with VEAP, thanking City Council members and staff for their continued support.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez also thanked all the organizations asked if anyone from those organizations would like to speak. She stated the services and support they provide for the community is greatly appreciated.

M/Supple, S/Trautmann to approve the agreements between the recommended non-profit organizations and the City of Richfield, and authorize the City Manager to execute agreements for services with those agencies

Motion carried 4-0

Item #6	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez had nothing to report.

Item #7	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Trautmann, S/Supple that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	02/11/2020
A/P Checks 284501 - 284828	\$ 1,719,385.80
Payroll: 152116 - 152452	<u>671,282.89</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,390,668.69

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #8	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Whalen thanked staff for their partnership with “Let’s Talk Richfield” discussing the Census. He then reminded residents that early voting is open and available at City Hall.

Council Member Supple commended the Recreation staff for another successful Ice Fishing Bowl at Taft Park. She also reminded residents the Arts Commission is doing another round for their sidewalk poetry contest and the due date is February 14th.

Council Member Trautmann spoke about the opportunities available for children and adults at Wood Lake Nature Center.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez sent best wishes to Council Member Garcia to feel better soon. She also spoke of her visit to the State Capital and encouraged residents to contact their local representatives and speak to them about policy issues that are important to the community. Lastly, she mentioned the next meeting for the Minnesota League of Women Voters is February 15, 2020 at 9:15am and will be in the Audi Dealership in Richfield.

Item #9	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:23 p.m.

Date Approved: February 24, 2020

Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor

Kelly Wynn
Senior Administrative Assistant

Katie Rodriguez
City Manager