



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting Virtual Meeting held via WebEx

July 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Maria Regan Gonzalez at 7:01 p.m. via WebEx.

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

Absent:

Council Members Present: Edwina Garcia

Absent:

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Chris Regis, Finance Director; John Stark, Community Development Director; Melissa Poehlman, Assistant Community Development Director; Jane Skov, IT Manager; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Executive Analyst; and Kelly Wynn, Senior Office Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN FORUM

Senior Office Assistant Wynn stated no submissions had been received and reviewed the options to participate:

- Participate live by calling 612-861-0651 during the open forum portion
- Call prior to meeting 612-861-9711
- Email prior to meeting kwynn@richfielmn.gov

She also stated there were no live callers to submit comments during the open forum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Supple, S/Whalen to approve the minutes of the (1) City Council Work Session of July 11, 2020; (2) City Council Work Session July 14, 2020; and (3) City Council Meeting of July 14, 2020.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
Supple: AYE
Trautmann: AYE
Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0

Item #1	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/Whalen, S/Garcia to approve the agenda

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
Supple: AYE
Trautmann: AYE
Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0

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

- A. Consider an ordinance amending regulations pertaining to the installation of small cell wireless facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way (Staff Report No. 73)

- B. Consider a resolution granting a conditional use permit to allow a small cell facility in the right-of-way near 7108 Lyndale Avenue South (Staff Report No. 74)

RESOLUTION NO. 11745

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
TO ALLOW A SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY
ADJACENT TO 7108 LYNDALE AVENUE SOUTH**

- C. Approve a resolution authorizing a summary publications of a lengthy zoning code amendment previously approved on January 28, 2020 (Staff Report No. 75)

RESOLUTION NO. 11746

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING APPENDIX I TO THE RICHFIELD CITY CODE BY REZONING
LAND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF 66TH STREET AND LYNDAL
AVENUE AS PLANNED MIXED USE

- D. Consider the adoption of a resolution granting a subdivision wavier for a minor boundary adjustment at 7020 Oak Grove Boulevard and 7000 Lyndale Avenue (Staff Report 76)

RESOLUTION NO. 11747

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBDIVISION WAIVER
FOR BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN 7000 LYNDAL
AVENUE
SOUTH AND 7020 OAK GROVE BOULEVARD

- E. Consider the adoption of a resolution supporting Livable Communities Demonstration Act grant applications to the Metropolitan Council to support redevelopment of the northeast corner of 65th and Lyndale Avenue and of 101 66th Street East (Staff Report 77)

RESOLUTION NO. 11748

RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE NEED FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES
DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT ("LCDA") FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING AN
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

- F. Consider the adoption of a resolution appointing election judges for the Primary Election of August 11, 2020, and General Election of November 3, 2020 (Staff Report 78)

RESOLUTION NO. 11749

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE PRIMARY
ELECTION OF AUGUST 11, 2020 AND THE GENERAL ELECTION OF
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

- G. Continue the public hearing to consider the platting and vacation of easements at 6228 Penn Avenue South and 6200 Queen Avenue South (Lunds & Byerlys) to July 28, 2020 (Staff Report 79)
- H. Approve a third amendment to the Site Lease Agreement at 7401 Logan Avenue South between the City of Richfield and T-Mobile Central LLC (successor in interest to APT Minneapolis, Inc.) with regard to the extension of lease renewal terms (Staff Report 80)
- I. Consider the adoption of a resolution:
- designating Lyndale Avenue from 62nd St to 77th St an "urban district" pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 169.14; and

- setting the speed limit of the corridor at 30 miles per hour and directing Public Works to erect signage accordingly (Staff Report 81)

RESOLUTION NO. 11750

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF LYNDALE AVENUE FROM 77TH STREET TO 62ND STREET AS AN URBAN DISTRICT AND THE INSTALLATION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ALONG THE CORRIDOR IN THE CITY OF RICHFIELD

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

Council Member Whalen thanked all the residents who volunteered to be election judges. He also clarified that item E from the consent calendar was a grant for the Enclave. The item will be voted on during the upcoming HRA meeting.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0

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

Item #4	CONSIDER A VARIETY OF LAND USE APPROVALS FOR A PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT AN 82-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING ON 64TH STREET, EAST OF LYNDALE AVENUE (FUTURE ADDRESS: 600 64TH STREET WEST) (STAFF REPORT NO. 82)
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez presented staff report 82.

Director Stark explained all the information is supplied in the staff report and the only item that is not meeting code is space for three more parking spaces for compact vehicles.

M/Regan Gonzalez, S/Whalen to (1) approve the attached resolution amending the Comprehensive Plan to designate Lots 3-8, Block 5, Lyndale Oaks Addition as Mixed Use; (2) approve the attached Ordinance amending Richfield Zoning Code Appendix I to designate Lots 3-8, Block 5, Lyndale Oaks Addition as Planned Mixed Use; and (3) approve the attached resolution granting a conditional use permit and final development plans for a planned unit development at 6345 Lyndale Avenue South and 600 64th Street West.

RESOLUTION NO. 11751

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LYNDALE AVENUE AND 64TH STREET TO "MIXED USE"

Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked about a new trail near the park.

Director Stark stated it is to allow another entry point to the park making it more accessible and safer. For more information regarding the park, please follow up with Director Markle.

Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman spoke of the revisions to parking that came from the Planning Commission. Public Works and Community Development reviewed the plans and put is having a buffer strip put in between the trail and parking due to door swing.

Council Member Supple stated she was pleased to see the recommendations from Planning Commission to put in an ADA accessible ramp and an additional park entrance were being added.

Council Member Trautmann spoke of push back from current area residents regarding the additional park entrance in that it would bring more people to the area and park. He explained the addition is a not a bad thing and commended staff for making the changes and the park more accessible.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez expressed excitement for the proposal and project for affordable housing along with additional park access.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE

Supple: AYE

Trautmann: AYE

Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0

M/Regan Gonzalez, S/Whalen to approve the attached resolution granting a conditional use permit and final development plans for a planned unit development at 6345 Lyndale Avenue South and 600 64th Street West.

RESOLUTION NO. 11752

RESOLUTION APPROVING A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LYNDAL AVENUE AND 64TH STREET

Council Member Supple stated she was pleased with the recommendations put forth by the Planning Commission for the exit out on to Lyndale being taken into account for this project. She also expressed concern of the possibility of having parking on both sides of the street and would strongly recommend having parking on only one side.

Council Member Whalen asked for clarification on the development consisting of 20% affordable housing units.

Director Stark confirmed since it is a TIF district; 20% of units will be affordable at 50% AMI.

Council Member Whalen expressed support and is excited for the great opportunity to renovate an existing building without having to displace residents along with ADA accessible units. He did voice disappointment regarding the comments he has heard from residents against renters.

Council Member Trautmann congratulated staff and developers for working so hard and participating in discussions to accommodate requests.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez echoed her gratitude and agreed with Council Member Supple for staff to take a look at street parking and traffic flow. She recommended a possible analysis in the future and makes adjustments as needed.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0

Item #5	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF THE RF64 ADDITION (STAFF REPORT NO. 83)
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Council Member Whalen read staff report 83 and opened the public hearing.

Assistant Wynn reported no callers for the public hearing and reviewed the options to participate during the live meeting:

- Call 612-861-0651 to be connected to supply public comment
- Call prior to meeting 612-861-9711
- Email prior to meeting kwynn@richfieldmn.gov

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

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
Supple: AYE
Trautmann: AYE
Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0

M/Whalen, S/Trautmann to adopt a resolution approving a final plat of the RF64 Addition.

Council Member Whalen expressed his excitement for the project.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke of how excellent the tour was and she is excited to support the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 11753

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF A FINAL PLAT FOR RF64

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
Supple: AYE
Trautmann: AYE
Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0

Item #6	CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS VACATING UTILITY EASEMENTS AND APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLATS OF THE HENLEY 2 ADDITION (STAFF REPORT NO. 84)
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Council Member Supple read staff report 84 and opened the public hearing and reviewed the option to participate during the live meeting.

Director Stark spoke of what a wonderful job the engineers and architects have done and what a pleasure they have been to work with during this project.

Ruane Onesirosan, 2421 65th St W, expressed appreciation for council meetings being broadcasted on Channel 16 but was unable to participate during the open forum.

Assistant Wynn reviewed the options to participate during the open forum:

- Call in live during the open forum portion 612-861-0651
- Call prior to meeting 612-861-9711
- Email prior to meeting kwynn@richfieldmn.gov

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

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
Supple: AYE
Trautmann: AYE
Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0

M/Supple, S/Whalen to (1) adopt a resolution vacating storm water sewer and utility easements within the Henley 2 development site at 64th Street West and Lyndale Avenue South; and (2) adopt a resolution approving the final plat of the Henley 2 addition.

RESOLUTION NO. 11754

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF
DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS AND A STORM SEWER EASEMENT
NEAR 64TH STREET WEST AND LYNDALE AVENUE SOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 11755

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL
OF A FINAL PLAT FOR
HENLEY 2 ADDTION

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
Supple: AYE
Trautmann: AYE
Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0

Item #7	CONDUCT THE APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 210.01 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO CITY COUNCIL SALARIES (STAFF REPORT NO. 85)
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Council Member Trautmann presented staff report 85.

M/Trautmann, S/Supple to (1) to approve the first reading of the ordinance amending Subsection 210.01 of the City Code related to City Council salaries and schedule the second reading for July 28, 2020.

Council Member Trautmann expressed support of a zero increase during these uncertain times of the pandemic.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
 Supple: AYE
 Trautmann: AYE
 Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0

Item #8	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez spoke of the City of Edina implementing a mask policy. A proposed mask policy will be brought to the July 28 work session regarding the City of Richfield. She also said the liquor stores hours will be extending. All stores will be open from 11am to 8pm. The Deputy Registrar’s Office continues to improve their practices to accommodate the public.

Item #9	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Whalen, S/Trautmann that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	07/14/2020
A/P Checks 288717 - 289287	\$ 2,727,305.37
Payroll: 155142 - 155705	<u>1,373,378.99</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,100,684.36

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
 Supple: AYE
 Trautmann: AYE
 Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0

Item #10	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Supple spoke of the Richfield Historical Society re-opening and how wonderful it was to take tours and participate in activities. The second half of the re-opening will take place this coming weekend and she encouraged residents to stop by. She also commented on attending the

Transportation Commission meeting that had a guest speaker that spoke on equity in transportation. She also gave kudos to Public Works and their 2019 Water Quality Report.

Council Member Trautmann gave a shout out to the Parks and Recreation Department for all they have been able to provide for children. The virtual recreation they have supplied has been a huge asset.

Council Member Whalen spoke of the council interviewing candidates for the open Planning Commission seat and thanked everyone who applied. He also stated regular commission applications will open in December for any residents who are interested in participating in a commission. He then touched on upcoming elections, the option to vote by mail and how to sign up. He highly recommended residents visit mnvotes.org or call the city at 612-861-0580 for more information. He also encouraged residents to continue to speak up regarding masks and equity. The council appreciates hearing comments and suggestions from the public.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez stated the city continues to look for election judges and encourages residents to volunteer. Trainings will be online due to the current pandemic. She also spoke of the option to utilize absentee and direct ballot voting.

Item #11	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:01 p.m.

Date Approved: July 28, 2020

Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor

Katie Rodriguez
City Manager

Kelly Wynn
Senior Office Assistant