



# 2022 Legislative Priorities

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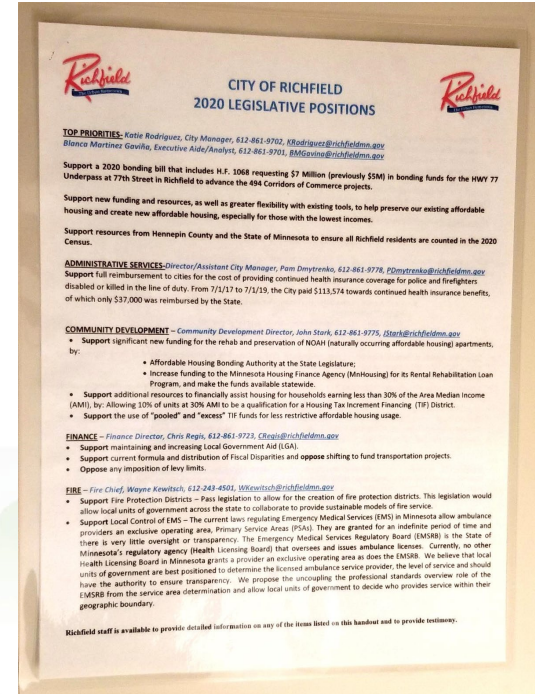
# What is a Legislative Priority?

- Policy positions and bonding requests the city supports at the state level
- Priorities help steer the City's legislative advocacy, outreach and partnership in the coming year
- Legislative priorities may change based on bonding vs. non-bonding year



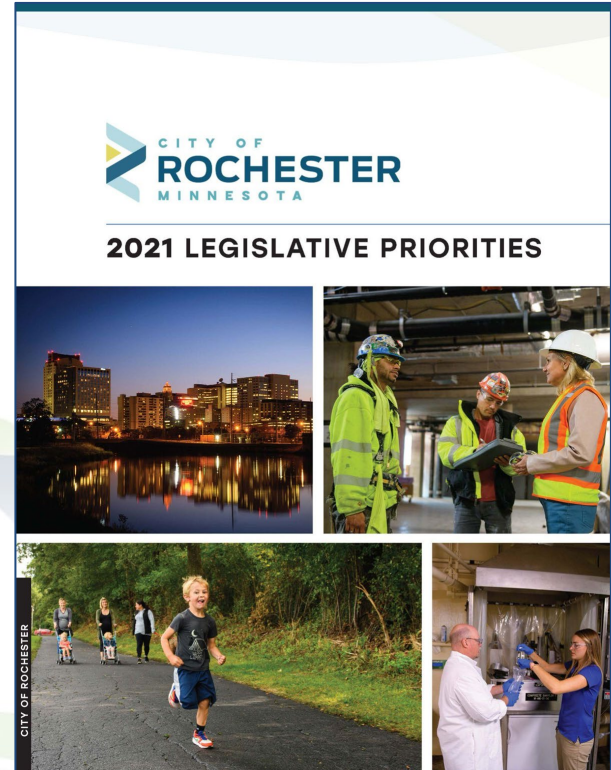
# Past Legislative Process

- City of Richfield legislative priorities compiled in collaboration with City departments and stakeholders
- Review by City Council- priorities never formally adopted



# Reimagining the Process

- Improved and standardized the Legislative process
- Make process more clear to City Council, residents, and elected representatives
- More equitable and inclusive process





# 2022 Legislative Priorities

- Legislative platform includes 3-5 top city priorities
- Within the City's scope of influence
- Formally adopt legislative platform



# Top Three 2022 Legislative Priorities

1. **Support** a bonding bill for a new Wood Lake Nature Center facility
2. **Oppose** legislation allowing the sale of spirits or wine in grocery or convenience stores
3. **Oppose** legislation that reduces the authority of cities to charge fees related to the cost of providing the service, permit or license

# 1. Support a bonding bill that appropriates \$10,000,000 towards a new Wood Lake Nature Center facility

- This beloved and vital regional asset is turning 50 years old this year
- Center is in need of a new building and improved trail system
- 22,500 people attend programs each year
- Serves people from all areas of the Twin Cities metro including visitors from greater Minnesota



## 2. Oppose legislation allowing the sale of spirits or wine in grocery or convenience stores

- Important part of city revenue- in 2021, Liquor Contribution Fund will provide \$450,000 for park capital improvement plan
- Control of the sale of alcohol more difficult if grocery and convenience stores were allowed to sell alcoholic beverages





### 3. Oppose legislation which reduces the authority of cities to charge fees related to the cost of providing the service, permits or licenses

- Fees should cover cost of providing the service, permit or license
- Oppose legislation that require specific methods to pay for city services or place caps on city fees



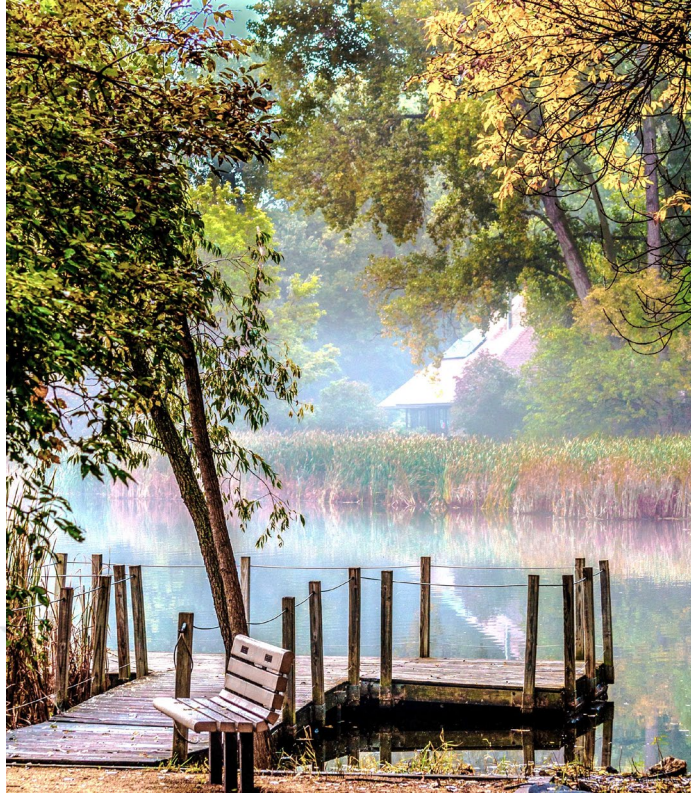
## 4. Additional Legislative Positions

- Items that may not be the main focus of the city lobbying's efforts
- Still critical city matters
- Allows the city to have a position on proposed legislation



# Next Steps

- The final legislative priorities will go to the City Council for adoption at the Nov 23 council meeting
- Adopted legislative platform will be presented to elected representatives at the annual legislative breakfast
- Breakfast scheduled from 7:45 a.m. through 9:15 a.m. on December 9



# Questions?