



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special Joint City Council and School Board of Education (ISD No. 280) Work Session

August 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The work session was called to order by Mayor Elliott at 6:02 p.m. in the Municipal Center.

Council Members Present: Pat Elliott, Mayor; Edwina Garcia; Michael Howard; Maria Regan Gonzalez; and Simon Trautmann

School Board Members Present: Christine Maleck; Crystal Brakke; Tim Pollis; John Ashmead; Peter Toensing; and Paula Cole (arrived at 6:27 p.m.)

City Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager/HR Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; and, Jared Voto, Executive Aide/Analyst.

School Staff Present: Steven Unowsky, Superintendent; and Beth Picard, Assistant to the Superintendent.

Item #1	DISCUSS ITEMS OF MUTAL INTEREST
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Members of the City Council and School Board introduced themselves. Mayor Elliott welcomed the School Board and staff and asked if they had a topic to start the meeting.

Superintendent Unowsky asked about updates on development and housing in Richfield. Community Development Director Stark presented an update on current and upcoming development in the city, as well as projects that are in the “concept” level. City Manager Devich discussed the TIF district by Cedar and thanked the School Board for passing resolutions approving its extension.

Superintendent Unowsky spoke regarding affordable housing and its impacts on the students of the district. Community Development Director Stark discussed “Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing” (NOAH), strategies the City currently has in place, as well as a few options the City is currently researching as possible options. Council Members commented on the affordable housing as a larger discussion about housing in the city and that they believe the Council and School Board’s values are aligned.

Mayor Elliott asked about the School’s referendum. Superintendent Unowsky share information on the referendum, which contains funding for both operations and long-term financial stability and capital projects. City Council and School Board members discussed the referendum and its need for Richfield students.

Mayor Elliott asked about additional meetings with the School Board. City Council and School Board members agreed to meeting quarterly.

Council Member Garcia discussed building community and handouts she distributed with Public Safety and Community Development initiatives.

Council Member Regan Gonzalez discussed having a School Board member be a liaison to the City Council, similar to how she is a liaison from the City Council to the School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:58 p.m.

Date Approved: September 12, 2017

Pat Elliott
Mayor

Jared Voto
Executive Aide/Analyst

Steven L. Devich
City Manager



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Elliott at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Pat Elliott, Mayor; Edwina Garcia; Michael Howard; Maria Regan Gonzalez; and Simon Trautmann.

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager/HR Manager; Jay Henthorne, Public Safety Director/Police Chief; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; Chris Regis, Finance Manager; Jeff Pearson, City Engineer; Jack Broz, Transportation Engineer; and Jared Voto, Executive Aide/Analyst.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Garcia, S/Howard to approve the minutes of the: (1) Special Joint City Council and Housing and Redevelopment Authority Work Session of July 17, 2017; (2) Special City Council Work Session of July 25, 2017; and (3) Regular City Council Meeting of July 25, 2017.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1	RICHFIELD IN BLOOM AWARD
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Sue Rosenberg spoke regarding the Richfield in Bloom Award and Richfield Garden Tour. The "People's Choice" Award was awarded to Mary Shannon of the adjoining gardens at 7036 and 7044 Logan Avenue. The 'Joe K' Award was also given this year, in honor of longtime resident and gardener Joe Krzyzaniak, who passed away this past year. Mary Shannon also won this award and received an additional prize.

OPEN FORUM

Kevin Watts, 6900 Russel Ave S, spoke regarding the 69th Street pilot project and requested it be redesigned.

Ken Meter, 7415 Humboldt Ave S, spoke regarding the flyover at 76th St and 35W.

Kim Danneker, 4404 15th Ave S, Minneapolis, spoke regarding a Richfield resident's interaction with Richfield police.

Iola Kostrzewski, 13000 Garden Lane, Eden Prairie, spoke regarding an interaction with Richfield police.

Corydon Nilsson, St. Paul, spoke regarding a Richfield resident's interaction with Richfield police.

John Thompson, St. Paul, spoke regarding police accountability and a Richfield resident's interaction with Richfield police.

Item #2	COUNCIL DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hats Off to Hometown Hits
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Council Member Regan Gonzalez thanked the community members for being present and working toward solutions

Council Member Howard spoke regarding continuing to work together as a community; the pedestrian safety event held at 70th & Nicollet; and thanked the Human Rights Commission youth members for their service.

Council Member Trautmann spoke regarding Wood Lake Nature Center's programming for kids; beginning a dialog in the community; and thanked Richfield law enforcement officers.

Council Member Garcia thanked Council Member Regan Gonzalez for facilitating discussions and continuing the dialog and congratulated Anne Schultz for becoming the President of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Elliott thanked the other Council members for their honesty and support, and presenting the values of Richfield and the dialog that was started.

Item #3	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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Council Member Howard requested to remove item 4.B. and 4.E. from the Consent Calendar.

M/Howard, S/Trautmann to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #4	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Devich presented the Consent Calendar.

- A. Consideration of the first reading of an ordinance amending City Code Subsection 802 related to small cell wireless installation in the City right-of-way and schedule a second reading for September 12, 2017. (S.R. No. 110)
- C. Consideration of the approval of an agreement with Safe Water Commission to assist with administering the updated cross connection program. (S.R. No. 112)
- D. Consideration of the approval of a resolution granting a site plan amendment to allow additional parking space at 6941 Nicollet Avenue. (S.R. No. 113)
- F. Consideration of the approval of a resolution granting a site plan amendment and variance to allow a building addition and reconfigured parking lot for a K-8 school at 1401 76th Street West. (S.R. No. 115)
- G. Consideration of the approval of a two-year use and indemnification agreement between the City of Richfield and Tom Price for the use of a 4,690 square-foot strip of land along the edge of Lincoln Field. (S.R. No. 116)
- H. Consideration of the approval of a resolution to execute Addendum A - Sponsoring Agency Agreement between and Minnesota Task Force One Urban Search and Rescue Team and the City of Richfield. (S.R. No. 117)
- I. Consideration of the approval of a resolution granting a conditional use permit and variance to allow a restaurant at 6436 Penn Avenue. This item was continued from the July 11, 2017, City Council meeting. (S.R. No. 118)

M/Elliott, S/Howard to approve the consent calendar.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #5	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR
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- B. Consideration of:
 - 1. Approval of design engineering contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for the Lyndale Avenue Street Reconstruction between 66th St. and 76th Street.
 - 2. Approval of a resolution for reimbursement of certain expenditures from the proceeds of street reconstruction bonds to be issued by the City of the Lyndale Avenue Street Reconstruction. (S.R. No. 111)

Council Member Howard presented Staff Report No. 111.

Public Works Director Asher and City Engineer Pearson presented on the Lyndale Avenue street reconstruction project and discussed the public outreach component of the project.

M/Howard, S/Elliott to approve a contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for design engineering of the Lyndale Avenue Street Reconstruction Project between 66th and 76th Streets, not to exceed \$824,827 and approve a resolution for reimbursement of certain expenditures from the proceeds of street reconstruction bonds to be issued by the City of the Lyndale Avenue Street Reconstruction.

Motion carried 5-0.

- E. Consideration of the approval of a resolution granting a subdivision waiver, allowing the division of 7445 Humboldt Avenue into two lots. (S.R. No. 114)

Council Member Howard presented Staff Report No. 114.

Public Works Director Asher and City Engineer Pearson discussed the potential flyover and its impacts on the property.

M/Howard, S/Regan Gonzalez to approve a resolution granting a subdivision waiver for 7445 Humboldt Avenue.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #6	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING HOST APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT REVENUE BONDS BY THE CITY OF DEEPHAVEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF SEVEN HILLS PREPARATORY ACADEMY. (S.R. NO. 119)
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Council Member Michael Howard presented Staff Report No. 119.

Carl Schlueter, Executive Director of Seven Hills, spoke regarding the project.

Council members asked for clarification on the purpose of this item. Finance Manager Regis responded it is required by the State tax code.

M/Elliott, S/Howard to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0.

M/Howard, S/Elliott to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Deephaven to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds on behalf of Seven Hill Preparatory Academy..

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #7	CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 69TH STREET PILOT PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. (S.R. NO. 120)
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Council Member Trautmann presented Staff Report No. 120.

Council members commented on the use of pilot projects and getting resident feedback. They also asked about the timing of implementing the project. Public Works Director Asher responded they hope to complete the work this fall.

Council members discussed the options that were talked about at the previous work session, as opposed to the Transportation Commission’s recommendation. Council members thanked staff, the Transportation Commission, and residents involvement in the pilot project.

M/Trautmann, S/Elliott to approve implementation the 69th Street Project Interim Improvements with the recommendation and on-going communication with the Transportation Commission.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #8	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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Assistant City Manager/HR Manager Dmytrenko gave an update on the airport-related issues and the Noise Oversight Committee.

Item #9	CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS
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M/Garcia, S/Elliott that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	08/08/17
A/P Checks: 260896 - 261296	\$ 3,749,090.25
Payroll: 129377 - 129755	<u>685,377.44</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,434,467.69

Motion carried 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

None.

Item #10	ADJOURNMENT
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The City Council Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:27 p.m.

Date Approved: September 12, 2017

Pat Elliott
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