

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota



## Special Concurrent City Council, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and Planning Commission Worksession

February 9, 2016

### CALL TO ORDER

The concurrent worksession was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 6:15 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

*Council Members Present:* Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Pat Elliott; Edwina Garcia; Tom Fitzhenry and Michael Howard.

*HRA Members Present:* Mary Supple, Chair; Pat Elliott, and Debbie Goettel.

*HRA Members Absent:* David Gepner and Doris Rubenstein.

*Planning Commission Members Present:* Rick Jabs, Chair; Sean Hayford Oleary; Susan Rosenberg; Daniel Kitzberger; and Erin Vrieze Daniels.

*Planning Commission Members Absent:* Charles Standfuss and Gordon Vizecky.

*Staff Present:* Steven L. Devich, City Manager/Executive Director; John Stark, Community Development Director; and Cheryl Krumholz, Executive Coordinator.

#### Item #1

#### DISCUSSION REGARDING A CEDAR POINT UPDATE AND A NEW DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 11/HRA MEMO NO. 5)

Community Development Director Stark explained that a portion of the Cedar Point retail development was sold by Ryan Companies to Hempl Companies.

Ben Krsnak, Hempl Companies, discussed future plans for the existing center and the vacant parcels.

Duane Helm, Mt. Calvary Church representative, expressed the church's desire to be included in development discussions.

Community Development Director Stark explained the process moving forward.

Lonnie Provencher, Interstate Partners, presented their proposal for a new retail building at the southwest corner of the roundabout at 66<sup>th</sup> Street and Richfield Parkway, including the purchase of HRA-owned properties in the development area.

There was discussion regarding neighborhood concerns related to the drive-through for the proposed fast, casual restaurant on the east end of the development. Concerns included lighting, odors, traffic flow and hours of operation.

Community Development Director Stark stated that all the key issues and challenges raised this evening have been discussed on the staff level.

The concurrent worksession was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:55 p.m.

Date Approved: February 23, 2016.

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Debbie Goettel  
Mayor

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Cheryl Krumholz  
Executive Coordinator

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Steven L. Devich  
City Manager

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Richfield, Minnesota



### Regular Meeting

February 9, 2016

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

*Council Members Present:* Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Pat Elliott; Edwina Garcia; Michael Howard; and Tom Fitzhenry.

*Staff Present:* Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; John Stark, Community Development Director; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; and Cheryl Krumholz, Executive Coordinator.

#### OPEN FORUM

Mary Barnes, 7544 Bryant Avenue, announced the Richfield VFW elementary school spring coloring contest with the theme of POW-MIA.

Susan Rosenberg, 6633 Thomas Avenue, requested the City Council reconsider and open discussion regarding the ordinance regulating signs, especially sandwich board signs for non-profit organizations.

Community Development Director Stark stated the evaluation of sandwich board signs is a 2016 goal.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goettel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Fitzhenry, S/Elliott to approve the minutes of the (1) Special City Council Meeting of January 25, 2016; (2) Special City Council Worksession of January 26, 2016; (3) Special Concurrent City Council, HRA and Planning Commission Worksession of January 26, 2016; and (4) Regular City Council Meeting of January 26, 2016.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1

#### COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Hats Off to Hometown Hits

Council Member Howard discussed the recent Star Tribune article regarding the selection of the Richfield High School Fire and Ice Homecoming King.

Council Member Fitzhenry provided an update on the airport noise modeling he discussed at the previous City Council Meeting. He also discussed the Civil Service Commission.

Council Member Garcia announced the April 29, 2016 Friends of Wood Lake annual dinner with the topic of Monarch Butterflies.

Council Member Elliott discussed the recent Star Tribune article regarding the demise of hockey in Richfield. He also discussed the removal of the 18 homes along 66<sup>th</sup> Street in west Richfield and that he continues to believe it is still overbuilding but that he does see the future vision of a broad parkway.

Mayor Goettel discussed the following meetings she has attended:

- Richfield School Assistant Superintendent and Director of Technology regarding closing the technological gap with students and parents and fundraising for a 3D printer
- Secretary of Labor Tom Perez and other officials regarding family leave
- Secretary of HUD Julian Castro regarding moving through the process of the legal complaint against the Met Council and the MN Housing Finance Agency.

<b>Item #2</b>	<b>COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>
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M/Fitzhenry, S/Howard to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #3</b>	<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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- A. Consideration of the approval of a resolution supporting dedicated state funding for city streets. S.R. No. 25

RESOLUTION NO. 11180

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEDICATED STATE FUNDING FOR CITY STREETS

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11180.

- A. Consideration of the approval of the first reading of amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance. The proposed ordinance would update day care facility allowances in all residential districts, such that Richfield's regulations are in agreement with those of the State. S.R. No. 26
- B. Consideration of the approval of a resolution granting a conditional use permit to reconstruct and expand a legally nonconforming accessory structure at Mother Duck Learning Center (6341 Penn Avenue). S.R. No. 27

RESOLUTION NO. 11181

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE EXPANSION OF A NONCONFORMING BUILDING AT 6341 PENN AVENUE

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11181.

- C. Consideration of the approval of a first reading of an ordinance authorizing the conveyance of property owned by the City of Richfield to the Richfield Housing and Redevelopment Authority. S.R. No. 28

M/Goettel, S/Garcia to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #4</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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None.

<b>Item #5</b>	<b>CITY MANAGER’S REPORT</b>
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City Manager Devich reported on the following:

- Meeting with the local legislators on February 11, 2016 regarding 2016 Legislative Positions.
- Upcoming meeting requested by the Metropolitan Council with the three City Managers (Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center and Richfield) and Myron Orfield regarding the legal complaint against the Met Council and the MN Housing Finance Agency.

<b>Item #6</b>	<b>CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS</b>
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M/Fitzhenry, S/Howard that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<b>U.S. Bank</b>	<b>02/09/16</b>
A/P Checks: 247344-247655	\$ 1,568,798.45
Payroll: 116416-116739	\$ 642,808.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,211,606.54</b>

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>OPEN FORUM</b>
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None.

<b>Item #7</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The City Council Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:32 p.m.

Date Approved: February 23, 2016

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Debbie Goettel  
Mayor

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Cheryl Krumholz  
Executive Coordinator

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Steven L. Devich  
City Manager