



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special City Council Work Session

June 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The work session was called to order by Mayor Elliott at 6:00 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

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

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Chris Link; Operations Superintendent; Melissa Poehlman, Planning and Redevelopment Manager/Assistant Community Development Director; Matt Brillhart, Associate Planner; and Jared Voto, Executive Aide/Analyst.

Item #1	SOLAR PROJECTS UPDATE
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Operations Superintendent Link provided a brief history on the topic of solar. He stated staff has been working with an installer and identified areas for the placement of solar arrays at multiple facilities, both 20 and 40 kW systems. He discussed the City's agreement partners (Xcel Energy, Ideal Energies, and Green 2 Solar) and their relationship with the City. He stated there was no cost to the City for the installation of solar and there is an option to purchase at year 14. Lastly, he discussed the ability for the City to show how the arrays are working, by putting a monitor on the website or possibly the monitors at City Hall.

Mayor Elliott asked about the energy savings and if the City did due diligence of the companies.

Operations Superintendent Link responded that it is basically a wash with electricity costs, but the City will never pay more in electricity than we would if we did not have solar. He stated the City checked references and that the provider has done a number of projects throughout the state, including with Richfield School District.

City Manager Devich mentioned that Jim Strommen, attorney for Kennedy & Graven, spent a lot of time with the agreements for the City. Mr. Strommen is also the attorney for the Suburban Rate Authority and is very knowledgeable with utilities. City Manager Devich also mentioned that the City took time to identify the locations for solar arrays.

Mayor Elliott asked about the timeline for installation.

Operations Superintendent Link responded that if the agreements were approved the Public Works Facility could begin installation in September, with the other buildings following. He mentioned the agreements and estimates will be shared with the City Council.

Item #2	MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR 101 66TH STREET EAST (66TH STREET & 1ST AVENUE)
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City Manager Devich introduced the topic as an opportunity for the Council to learn about changes that have occurred on the proposed development to address issues brought up by the neighbors, knowing that not some issues can be addressed and other cannot be addressed, and answer any questions.

Ryan Anderson, ISG, architect for the project, provided background and history of the project. He also discussed changes made that include additions to buffering of adjoining residential property adjacent to the building.

Julie Lapensky and Mike Plantan, neighbors of the proposed development, stated the building is too large for the site, this project being a prototype for other mixed use buildings in Richfield, their interest in businesses that are compatible with R-1 zoning, their interest in making it a dead end street, and the economic viability of the development going smaller.

Council Member Garcia asked about the possibility and type of a restaurant on the site.

Paul Lynch, developer, responded that there are no restaurants on that site currently. He stated potentially yes if a coffee shop or Jimmy John's-type restaurant were interested in the site.

Council Member Howard asked staff how the mixed use designation worked and what types of businesses were permitted in the site.

Associate Planner Brillhart referenced the resolution that was recommended by the Planning Commission. There is a stipulation in the resolution that limits the amount of restaurant space in the development to 2,000 square feet, of the 6,000 square feet of commercial. He went on to list possible types of commercial uses.

Mayor Elliott suggested the developer focus on commercial uses that would benefit the neighborhood.

Mr. Lynch agreed with the Mayor's suggestion.

Council Member Howard discussed the Plaza 66 development and he recalled discussions about parameters on hours that commercial businesses could be open and asked if that was put into the resolution.

Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman could not recall if restrictions were included in the resolution and mentioned that the liquor regulations limit the hours of operation and could be added to the resolution, however the type of restaurant would not typically have late hours of operation, but if it was a concern it is something that could be added.

Council Member Howard stated it would be something he would be interested in to build in assurances.

Council Member Garcia asked about what happens if people start parking on the streets.

Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman responded that staff believes there is adequate parking to serve the needs of the development, but there is always a chance for spillover parking. Staff has tended to wait to see if a problem actually arises and then addressing it.

Mayor Elliott commented he thought staff has dealt well with parking issues and that there have been very few locations that have been an issue, except for 68th and Penn.

Council Member Trautmann asked about the financing of the project.

Mr. Lynch responded with the economy doing well construction subcontractors are more difficult to hire and there are different ways as a general contractor to control their costs. He stated they are looking at the project from a cost and timing standpoint. He stated they have been looking at different materials that add to curb appeals and their costs. He also stated he has financing and would be able to have the bank provide something to the City Council if it is requested.

Council Member Trautmann thanked him for his response and stated the fear he has is the Council gets pitched on one product but end up with something different due to cost reasons that lessens curb appeal.

Mayor Elliott asked for the best case scenario timeline.

Mr. Lynch responded if the project is approved at the next Council meeting, they would start construction in 2018.

Council Member Howard discussed the developer's responses to questions from the neighborhood and references policies in place to mitigate concerns. He commented with the Chamberlain development the developer wrote a letter to the neighborhood and city making some commitments for the policies and to work with the neighborhood and asked if that was something to do here to ensure accountability.

Mr. Lynch responded by clarifying as the landlord he has a lease with renters that require them to adhere to the policies and procedures of the property. In the future if there is an issue that as a landlord he needs to address he can update the policy and provide it to his renters and they must adhere to it. He stated he could provide policies to the City and gave some examples of policies.

Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman suggested providing the letter than the Chamberlain development submitted so he has an idea of what the Council is looking for.

Council Member Regan Gonzalez commented that one piece is policies for tenants but another was agreement with the neighborhood related to buffering and types of fencing. She asked City staff what type of recourse the City has if things that are agreed to are not completed by the developer.

Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman responded as this moves forward the Council should be approving site plans that show where all the items are to be located and materials and these should be included in the stipulations and known now. She commented on the Chamberlain, which is a much larger development; there is more opportunity for things to be moved around and language was included that the developer will continue discussions with the neighborhood about the location of amenities, but in this case the buffer cannot be moved so there aren't as many unknowns.

Council Member Howard stated there seems to be a lot of buffering and asked the neighbors for their reaction to the changes there from what it was originally proposed to what is proposed now, noting the neighbors directly to the south of the proposed development were not in attendance.

Ms. Lapensky responded that it would be difficult to speak for the adjacent neighbors.

Mr. Plantan responded that the concessions may be great for those neighbors it doesn't solve the issue for the whole neighborhood of the scale and aesthetics that are troublesome.

Mayor Elliott commented about the aesthetics of the building and it was clarified that this was not up for approval this evening.

Council Member Garcia stated she was still concerned about the restaurant and parking. She stated she would like to go to the site and view it with staff, and also meet with the nearby residents.

Ms. Lapensky stated she appreciates Council Member Garcia's comments and stated the neighborhood is feeling the project continues to progress with little concessions and people are still frustrated. She stated she hoped for something that would make it better and nothing has truly changed in the eyes of the neighborhood. She also stated that knowing that it contributes to the tax base of the city and asked what can be done to make it livable to the neighborhood.

Council Member Trautmann asked about snow removal and a shadow effect that could be created.

Mr. Anderson responded that this has been part of the discussion throughout the process and a concern with snow from 66th Street. He stated there will be agreements between the commercial tenants and landlord, which is typical with these projects. He also detailed changes to the site to allow for more snow storage and changes to the stormwater infrastructure to handle melting snow.

Mayor Elliott asked the developer if he uses triple-net leases and about snow removal.

Mr. Lynch responded he uses triple-net lease where he takes care of all of the snow, and he hires a snow contractor to remove the snow. He stated if there is a buildup of snow the contractor hauls the snow off the property.

Associate Planner Brillhart clarified that the City is responsible to snow removal along 66th Street and that the Public Works Department has reviewed the plans for the property. He stated shadows slow the melting of ice, but that is true of any multi-story building along 66th Street, and our Public Works Department has not shared any concerns. He also stated that they have previously included stipulations on developments with tight parking that requires all parking spaces be available year-round. This stipulation would likely be included.

Council Member Regan Gonzalez commented that she does not like the fact that the building is a big rectangular box, understanding that the developer looked at different options and asked if this is the most economically viable option for this space.

Mr. Lynch responded that yes, for the last two years this is the direction they have been pursuing.

Mr. Anderson also responded that when they talk about the scale of the building, the depth of the building uses standard commercial multi-residential building, a standard for the industry. He stated that in order to adjust the scale, having less depth, could really increase the costs.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:52 p.m.

Date Approved: June 26, 2018

Pat Elliott
Mayor

Jared Voto
Executive Aide/Analyst

Steven L. Devich
City Manager



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Meeting

June 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Elliott at 7:00 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, Chief of Police; Jim Topitzhofer, Recreation Services Director; Chris Regis, Finance Manager; Melissa Poehlman, Planning & Redevelopment Manager/Assistant Community Development Director; Jennifer Anderson, Support Services Manager; Jack Broz, Transportation Engineer; and Jared Voto, Executive Aide/Analyst.

OPEN FORUM

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Howard, S/Elliott to approve the minutes of the: (1) Special joint City Council and HRA work session of May 21, 2018; (2) Special City Council work session of May 22, 2018; (3) Special City Council work session of May 22, 2018; and (4) Regular City Council meeting of May 22, 2018.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1	GENE & MARY JACOBSEN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2018 AWARD
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Council Member Howard introduced Mark Westergaard, Chair of the Human Rights Commission. Chair Westergaard announced the Citizen of the Year for 2018 Award was awarded to Joyce Marrie and read her nomination. Kim Jacobsen, son of Gene & Mary Jacobsen, presented the

award to Ms. Marrie. Ms. Marrie thanked the City of Richfield, the Richfield City Council, Human Rights Commission, spoke about her work and read a poem she wrote.

Council Members praised and thanked Ms. Marrie for her work, saying she is what makes Richfield great.

Item #2	HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW
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Council Member Howard re-introduced Mark Westergaard, Chair of the Human Rights Commission. Chair Westergaard provided the purpose of the Human Rights Commission and gave a review of 2017-2018 work done by the Commission.

Council Member Howard thanked Chair Westergaard his work as Chair and shared his appreciation for the work they do for Richfield.

Council Member Garcia thanked Chair Westergaard and the Commission for their work.

Chair Westergaard thanked the City for their support and Mike Koob as liaison.

Item #3	COUNCIL DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats Off to Hometown Hits
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Council Member Garcia spoke regarding concerts in the park on Thursday, June 14 at Augsburg Park; on June 19 at Augsburg Park there is kids entertainment by The Alpha Bits at 12 p.m.; on June 20 at Richfield Historical Society there is a concert by the Ghost Wagon band; on June 22 there is a program for home alone safety for 9-12 year olds from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Richfield Central School, at a cost of \$20; on June 26 at 12 p.m. there is kids entertainment at Augsburg Park by Kid Power w/ Rachael.

Council Member Trautmann spoke regarding attending the first curling club event at the Richfield Ice Arena and stated this is the only location in Hennepin County to curl. He asked people to visit their website (www.richfieldcurlingclub.com) for more information and join a new comer's league.

Mayor Elliott spoke regarding also attending the curling event and invited others to go to the ice arena and try it. He also reminded everyone that the 4th of July is approaching and invited the community to volunteer and help out at the events.

Council Member Howard spoke regarding the opening of the Richfield pool and that season passes are available on the website. He also mentioned the terrific Memorial Day event, despite the heat.

Council Member Regan Gonzalez spoke regarding the Dementia Friendly kickoff luncheon on June 20 at 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Richfield Community Center, and spoke about the community's effort to become dementia-friendly.

Mayor Elliott also spoke about the professional wrestling event at the 4th of July festivities and stated he has volunteered to referee a match.

Item #4	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/Howard, S/Elliott to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #5	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Devich presented the consent calendar.

- A. Consideration of the approval of a Community Celebration Event license (with a request for the fee to be waived) and a Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor license from the Fourth of July Committee for events scheduled at Veterans Memorial Park, July 3 - 4, 2018. (S.R. No. 93)
- B. Consideration of the approval of a Temporary On Sale Intoxicating Liquor license for activities scheduled to take place July 4, 2018, for the Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post #435, located at 6501 Portland Avenue South. (S.R. No. 94)
- C. Consideration of the approval of a bid tabulation and award of contract to Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC for the 2018 Maltene Pavement Rejuvenation Project in the amount \$486,200, and authorize the City Manager to approve contract changes under \$100,000 without further City Council consideration. (S.R. No. 95)
- D. Consideration of the adoption of a resolution authorizing the 69th Street West Pedestrian Improvements Project application submission for Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds under the Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation process. (S.R. No. 96)

RESOLUTION NO. 11505
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 69th STREET
 WEST PEDESTRIAN PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR
 FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11505.

- E. Consideration of the approval of an Amendment of Commercial Lease with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Amendment of License Agreement with Transmission Shop, Inc. for the parking lot at Cedar Avenue and Diagonal Boulevard and authorize the City Manager and Mayor to execute any renewals of the Amendment of Commercial Lease and Amendment to License Agreement after June 30, 2020, without further Council consideration. (S.R. No. 97)
- F. Consideration of the adoption of a resolution supporting a Livable Communities Demonstration Act grant application to the Metropolitan Council for the Cedar Point II housing project. (S.R. No. 98)

RESOLUTION NO. 11506
 RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE NEED FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES
 DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT ("LCDA") FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING
 AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11506.

- G. Consideration of the approval of a first reading of an ordinance rezoning 6328 Aldrich Avenue from Single family Residential to Planned Mixed Use, related to a proposal for the former Lyndale Garden Center property. (S.R. No. 99)
- H. Consideration of the approval of the lease agreement between the City of Richfield and ETS Elite South Central, LLC for use of the space formerly occupied by Hat Trick Hockey to conduct physical training programs. (S.R. No. 100)
- I. Consideration of the adoption of a resolution appointing Whitney Bain and Kristen Lindquist to the Board of Directors of the Richfield Tourism Promotion Board, Inc. (S.R. No. 101)

RESOLUTION NO. 11507
 RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF
 DIRECTORS OF THE RICHFIELD TOURISM PROMOTION BOARD,
 INC.

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11507.

M/Elliott, S/Regan Gonzalez to approve the consent calendar.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #6	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR
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None.

Item #7	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING HOST APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAXEXEMPT REVENUE BONDS BY THE CITY OF BETHEL FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY. (S.R. NO. 102)
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Council Member Trautmann presented Staff Report No. 102 and opened the public hearing.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

M/Trautmann, S/Garcia to adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Bethel to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds on behalf of Partnership Academy.

RESOLUTION NO. 11508
 RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE
 BY THE CITY OF BETHEL OF ITS CONDUIT REVENUE OBLIGATIONS
 AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11508.

Item #8	CONSIDERATION OF THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY AT 101 66TH STREET EAST (66TH STREET AND 1ST AVENUE) FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PLANNED MIXED USE. (S.R. NO. 103)
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Mayor Elliott presented Staff Report No. 103.

M/Elliott, S/Trautmann to approve a first reading of an ordinance that amends Richfield Zoning Code Appendix I to designate 101 66th Street East as Planned Mixed Use.

Council Member Howard commented that he sees a lot of value to adding mixed use to this site. He stated he wanted continued dialog between the neighbors and developer as there are continuing concerns from the neighborhood.

Mayor Elliott commented that he attended Planning Commission meetings and listened to the testimony and discussions. He stated he was somewhat in favor of the project to begin with and some of the comments made by the Planning Commission members, who were presented with more testimony than the City Council have received, who were not necessarily in favor of the development to begin with, and after several hearings and witnessing changes have changed their opinion from somewhat against to affirming and voting positively for the development. He stated the City Council uses the Planning Commission’s hearings and recommendations to guide their decisions. He continued that there has been a good faith attempt to work with the neighbors and agreed to continuing the dialog.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #9	CONSIDERATION OF THE SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOBACCO ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE INCREASING THE MINIMUM LEGAL AGE TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND TOBACCO RELATED DEVICES FROM EIGHTEEN (18) TO TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE AND UPDATING SEVERAL SECTIONS TO INCLUDE NEW AND UPDATED DEFINITIONS AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE. (S.R. NO. 104)
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Council Member Regan Gonzalez presented Staff Report No. 104.

Jennifer Anderson, Support Services Manager, spoke about a minor change since the last reading of the ordinance.

Council Member Garcia thanked Council Member Regan Gonzalez and staff for their work on this ordinance.

Council Member Trautmann commented about the American Cancer Society’s public statement on eliminating combustible tobacco and they draw distinction between combustible tobacco and electronic cigarettes and where the health risks lie. He predicted the small vaping shops will be eliminated in the next five years as these devices are sold at gas stations next to combustible tobacco products and that big tobacco will win in the end.

Council Member Regan Gonzalez thanked Bloomington Public Health, the Richfield Advisory Board of Health, and the youth and community members for their work on this issue.

M/Regan Gonzalez, S/Garcia to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending the tobacco ordinance to include increasing the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco products and tobacco-related devices from 18 to 21 and adopt a resolution for summary publication of the Ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. 11509
RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF AN
ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO TOBACCO SALES AND THE
REGULATION OF SMOKING

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11509.

Item #10	CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN LAYOUT OF LYNDALE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PLAN FROM 66TH STREET TO 76TH STREET AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. (S.R. NO. 105)
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Council Member Howard presented Staff Report No. 105.

Jack Broz, Transportation Engineer, presented an overview of the preliminary design process for the Lyndale Avenue Reconstruction project. He presented the public outreach including four open houses and six transportation commission meetings and the motorists', pedestrians', and bicyclists' concerns that were heard through the outreach. He presented the project measures based on the feedback received and displayed the proposed facilities for each type of user. He also presented notes of proposed changes along the corridor, including mini roundabouts between 68th to 66th Streets. Lastly, he outlined the next steps if Council approved the preliminary design.

Wes Dunser, Transportation Commission member, spoke regarding the safety of crossing Lyndale Avenue is an issue he has discussed with his neighbors. He also discussed looking at this road for the next 50 years and what that means with multimodal transportation and needs of the community.

Mayor Elliott invited Larry Koch to speak to the Council.

Larry Koch, 471 Big Horn Drive, Chanhassen, attorney representing Nola Wagner of 7000 Lyndale Avenue, spoke about her concerns with the proposed changes to Lyndale and specifically the roundabout at 70th Street as it relates to safety and access from her property. He provided a letter to the City Council title "Objection to Lyndale Avenue Reconstruction Plan from 66th Street to 76th Street", outlining Ms. Wagner's objections.

Council Member Trautmann stated he had an opportunity to talk with Ms. Wagner and asked Mr. Koch for clarification if there were any taking of her property with the addition of the roundabout, or is it the City's property.

Mr. Koch responded that based on his examination that the improvements fall within the City's property. He stated the bigger issue is the access to Lyndale.

Council Member Trautmann asked Transportation Engineer Broz if this is something to resolve this evening or if this could be revisited at the Transportation Commission.

Transportation Engineer Broz responded explaining the process of going to detailed design and taking a look at the impacts in more detail and the process of looking at parcel by parcel. This isn't done at preliminary design.

City Manager Devich clarified that the property is within the City right-of-way and there is no taking in this case.

Mayor Elliott asked about the process of preliminary design versus final design and the timeline.

Transportation Engineer Broz responded the schedule is to bid in the winter and would need to move into detail design to stay on schedule.

Mayor Elliott asked if it was possible to meet in the next 7-10 days to meet with Mr. Koch and other homeowners who may have concerns.

Transportation Engineer Broz responded that was possible and highlighted the presentation outlined that contacting the adjacent property owners would take place as detailed design begins.

Council Member Howard commented that safety is a key issue with the corridor. He stated that as Council has looked at roundabout safety has been a key component of that. He asked if safety was part of the justification for looking at a roundabout at 70th Street.

Transportation Engineer Broz responded there is not an existing crash issue at 70th Street. He stated there are issues of maintaining a signal over time and highlighted a roundabout has additional benefits of pedestrian crossing.

Council Member Howard asked about the proximity to Ms. Wagner's driveway to the proposed roundabout, as it relates to existing roundabouts in the city.

Public Works Director Asher responded that there are access points on Portland that are within where the medians and closer to the roundabout.

Mr. Koch commented he has done a lot of studies in the past 24 hours on roundabouts and asked that there be a dialog. He stated they have some ideas and changes to Lyndale and a roundabout that would change site lines and increase safety. He stated there is room for dialog about whether roundabouts are actually safer for bicycles and pedestrians.

Council Member Howard asked if approval tonight would preclude the Council from changing the roundabout to a signal.

Public Works Director Asher responded that if the intersection control is proposed to change the process is moving back six months and it impacts the entire design as the roundabouts narrowed the roadway and allowed motorists to use them as U-turns to access their property, which reduced the impacts on the property owners. She stated that roundabouts are safer for everyone.

Council Member Howard asked if the Council votes to approve the plans is it a vote for a roundabout at 70th or is there leeway for dialog.

Public Works Director Asher stated her interpretation is if you are considering to not put a roundabout at 70th to not approve the plan.

Council Member Howard asked if the item should be tabled for two weeks, or does that throw off the timeline.

Public Works Director Asher stated if the design stayed the same as is proposed the two weeks would not be an issue but if it ended up different it would probably be moved from 2019.

Mayor Elliott asked when the plan first came out with the roundabout at 70th Street.

Public Works Asher responded she believed it was the third open house, of February 20, 2018.

Mayor Elliott asked about notice given to people along the corridor.

Public Works Asher responded the notice was to invite people to the open house or view the plans online if they were unable to attend.

Mayor Elliott commented on the time the project has been discussed and that the roundabouts have been proposed since late February, we are too far down the road and will seriously jeopardize the project moving forward. He acknowledged the concerns raised by Mr. Koch and his clients and stated they had opportunities before this date to raise the concerns. He stated he would be voting yes to continue the process.

Council Member Howard commented overall he thought the plan was strong and appreciated Commissioner Dunser's comments about looking into the future and building a road for 50 years from now. He stated being mindful we're building a road for 50 years, he preferred taking two weeks to discuss the issue with residents.

Mayor Elliott commented he appreciate Council Member Howard affording the opportunity but went back to altering what is proposed at 70th Street changes the whole plan and it is not quite as simple as only looking at 70th. He stated at this stage they weren't in the position to stop the project.

Council Member Garcia commented that no one likes change, and she remembers when Lyndale was redesigned previously. She commented that there have been a number of open houses and the Transportation Commission attended those meetings. She respects the time and effort put into this by the Transportation Commission and their recommendation. She stated she would support the staff recommendation.

Mr. Koch commented he believed Ms. Wanger had met with Council Members and staff and her issues have not been addressed. He stated the City's policy on streets says the City will be involved with the public all the way through to design.

Council Member Trautmann commented that he did speak with Ms. Wagner and his understanding that this was her land and would be a taking, but after talking with staff he understood there would not be a taking. He generally supports Council Member Howard's position to slow the process, but he stated he wants to respect the recommendation of the Transportation Commission, who are volunteer residents, and would vote to move forward.

Council Member Regan Gonzalez asked for clarification from staff about if Council thinks the intersection should be a signal we should vote no, and if Council agree the plan, including the roundabout, the Council should vote yes, but that doesn't preclude Council and staff from continuing conversation with residents about protections.

Public Works Director Asher responded she agreed with her assessment.

Council Member Howard stated he would be voting for the item, speaking about the entirety of the design. He stated it is forward looking and the right approach. He appreciated the work that has gone into the project from the City and residents and wanted to make sure the dialog continues.

M/Howard, S/Garcia to approve the preliminary design layout for the Lyndale Avenue Reconstruction Project from 66th Street to 76th Street as recommended by the Transportation Commission.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #11	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Devich discussed cancelling the second City Council meeting in August (August 28), which the Council has done in the past. He also discussed scheduling a budget meeting for either August 29 or September 5. He also discussed the need to change the first meeting in August (August 14) because it falls on the state-wide primary date. He suggested having the meeting on August 21. Council agreed with the meeting on August 21 and cancelling the August 28 meeting.

City Manager Devich read the resignation letter he submitted to the Richfield City Council, effective November 30, 2018, and thanked the City Council for the opportunities they have given him.

Mayor and Council Members thanked City Manager Devich for his service for the city of Richfield.

Item #12	CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS
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M/Garcia, S/Elliott that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	06/12/18
A/P Checks: 268404 - 268843	\$ 1,859,173.47
Payroll: 136729 - 137051; 42798 - 42801	<u>656,013.57</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,515,187.04

Motion carried 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

None.

Item #13	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:45 p.m.

Date Approved: June 26, 2018

Pat Elliott
Mayor

Jared Voto
Executive Aide/Analyst

Steven L. Devich
City Manager