



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Meeting

January 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Regan Gonzalez at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mayor; Edwina Garcia; Mary Supple; and Simon Trautmann.

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Brian Lehinger, City Attorney; Jay Henthorne, Chief of Police; John Stark, Community Development Director; Chris Regis, Finance Director; Kris Weiby, Acting Recreation Services Director; Jennifer Anderson, Support Service Supervisor; Neil Ruhland, Media Coordinator; and Jared Voto, Executive Aide/Analyst.

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None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Regan Gonzalez, S/Trautmann to approve the minutes of the: (1) Special City Council work session of January 3, 2019; (2) City Council meeting of January 8, 2019; and (3) Special City Council work session of January 12, 2019.

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #1	PROCLAMATION: BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF RICHFIELD
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez read the proclamation and presented it to the Brett Stursa, Chair of the Human Rights Commission.

Council Member Garcia read a number of facts related to Black History Month.

Item #2	POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 OFFICER OF THE YEAR DYLAN SCHULTZ • COP OFFICER OF THE YEAR MIRANDA SOLDOW • TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICER OF THE YEAR NICHOLAS SCHIPP
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Council Member Garcia introduced Chief Henthorne and thanked the entire Police Department for their work.

Chief Henthorne discussed the awards and presented them to Officer Soldow and Officer Schultz. Officer Schipp was unable to attend the meeting and would receive his award at another time.

Mayor and Council Members thanked the Police Department for their professionalism and work in the community.

Item #3	COUNCIL DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats Off to Hometown Hits
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Council Member Supple spoke regarding the Arts Commission is seeking poems to be sandblasted in the sidewalk on east 66th Street from Portland to Cedar; gave thanks to the Wood Lake Naturalists who did a great job with Richfield students; and invited residents of Ward 3 to vote in the upcoming special election on February 12, or vote absentee at the Municipal Center.

Council Member Trautmann spoke regarding a Recreation Services Department program on January 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Central School for Home Alone Safety Day that trains children ages 9-12 to safely stay home alone.

Council Member Garcia spoke regarding Richfield’s winter farmers market on January 25 at 3 p.m.; on February 15 at 7:45 a.m. the City Council will be meeting with state legislators; on February 19 at 10 a.m. a naturalization ceremony is being held at Holy Angels Academy; Friends of the Richfield Band Shell is continuing to sell personalized bricks to raise funds for the project; Mayor Regan Gonzalez was interviewed last week by WCCO and MPR and was master of ceremonies at Attorney General Keith Ellison’s get-together; and thanked City Manager Rodriguez for attending advisory commission interviews and putting in time to connect with citizens.

Council Member Trautmann noted the decision of the Richfield Housing and Redevelopment Authority’s decision to provide funding in March, if needed, for residents receiving Section 8 housing funds. The federal government, due to the partial shutdown, does not have funds available past February.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez discussed attending former Mayor Loren Law’s funeral and having the opportunity to meet his family and learn more about his service to Richfield. She spoke about the City’s podcast – That’s Rich(field) – and encouraged people to listen; she attended the League of Women Voters candidate forum last Saturday and encouraged residents to vote at the special election on February 12; Coffee with a Cop will be held on January 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Local Roots (817 E 66th St); and the State of the Community will be held on February 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Richfield Middle School auditorium.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

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

- A. Consideration of the adoption of a resolution supporting hazard mitigation planning efforts and adopting the Hennepin County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. (S.R. No. 12)
- B. Consideration of the approval for a Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor license for the Blessed Trinity Catholic School, located at Church of St. Richard, 7540 Penn Avenue South, for their 2019 Sno*ball Dance taking place February 9, 2019. (S.R. No. 13)
- C. Consideration of the approval of a Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor license for the Church of St. Peter, located at 6730 Nicollet Avenue South, for their Ham Bingo event taking place on March 30, 2019. (S.R. No. 14)
- D. Consideration of the approval of a Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor license for the Church of St. Peter, located at 6730 Nicollet Avenue South, for their Spaghetti Dinner event taking place on February 10, 2019. (S.R. No. 15)
- E. Consideration of the approval of the continuation of an agreement with the City of Bloomington for the provision of public health services for the City of Richfield for 2019. (S.R. No. 16)
- F. Consideration of the approval of a Declaration of Covenants related to the use of City property by CPII Development, LLC for the construction of a public pocket park at approximately 63rd Street East and Richfield Parkway. (S.R. No. 17)
- G. Consideration of the approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 300 of the Richfield City Code to formally establish the offices of City Treasurer and City Clerk. (S.R. No. 18)
- H. Consideration of the adoption of a resolution supporting a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the Cedar Point II Housing redevelopment project. (S.R. No. 19)

M/Garcia, S/Trautmann to approve the consent calendar.

Motion carried 4-0.

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

Item #7	CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE RICHFIELD RECREATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN 2018 AND AUTHORIZING THE RECREATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TERMS PRESCRIBED BY DONORS. (S.R. NO. 20)
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Council Member Trautmann presented Staff Report No. 20.

M/Trautmann, S/Supple to adopt a resolution accepting grants and donations received by the Richfield Recreation Services Department in 2018 and authorizing the Recreation Services Department to administer the funds in accordance with any applicable grant agreements and terms prescribed by donors.

Mayor and Council Members thanked the donors for their support of the Recreation Services Department and their programs.

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #8	CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO CITY ADVISORY COMMISSIONS. (S.R. NO. 21)
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez presented Staff Report No. 21 and read the list of commission appointees.

M/Supple, S/Trautmann to appoint persons to fill the expiring or vacant terms on City advisory commissions.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez discussed having more applicants than positons available over the last few years and wanted to discuss options to consider related to the terms of commissioners.

City Manager Rodriguez provided the number of applicants and vacancies over the last three years. She also discussed a previous resolution from 1993 that laid out preferences for appointment of new commissioners over current commissioners and discussed options for the Council to consider.

Council Members discussed the idea of having a policy or guidelines for appointments and that ultimately appointment was at the discretion of the City Council. Council Members though this could be a work session item and would want to think about it more before making a decision at a future meeting.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez discussed having a clear and transparent in policy so that the Council is consistent in their appointments and residents would better understand the appointment process.

Council Members discussed how impressed they were with all the applicants and the difficulty in selecting commissioners when everyone was highly qualified.

Motion carried 4-0.

Item #9	CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez stated she had nothing to report.

Item #10	CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS
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M/Garcia, S/Supple that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	01/22/19
A/P Checks: 274355 - 274765	\$ 6,056,711.85
Payroll: 142260 - 142573 ; 43032	<u>644,451.76</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,701,163.61

Motion carried 4-0.

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None.

Item #11	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:58 p.m.

Date Approved: February 11, 2019

 Maria Regan Gonzalez
 Mayor

 Jared Voto
 Executive Aide/Analyst

 Katie Rodriguez
 City Manager