



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special Concurrent City Council, Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Planning Commission Work Session

March 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The work session was called to order by Mayor Regan Gonzalez at 5:45 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

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

HRA Members Present: Mary Supple, Chair; Pat Elliott; and Maria Regan Gonzalez.

HRA Members Absent: Sue Sandahl and Erin Vrieze Daniels.

Planning Commission Members Present: Sean Hayford Oleary; James Rudolph; Susan Rosenberg; Peter Lavin; Kathryn Quam; and Allysen Hoberg, Chair (arrived at 6:00 p.m.).

Planning Commission Absent: Bryan Pynn.

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Julie Urban, Housing Manager; Melissa Poehlman, Planning & Redevelopment Manager/Assistant CD Director; and Kari Sinning, Deputy City Clerk.

Item #1	DISCUSS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY GARAGE SOUTH (301 77TH STREET WEST) SITE
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced City Manager Rodriguez who reminded the Council and Commissioners that this meeting is not to decide what happens with the site but a discussion of the options for the site. She thanked Community Development Director Stark and Housing Manager Urban for their work on the presentation of which Council Member Garcia echoed.

Community Development Director Stark stated how the comprehensive plan and City policies can influence what the site could be and how the feedback (need) from the community affects the proposals.

Housing Manager Urban gave an overview of the site and the proposal from MWF Properties, a 55-unit workforce housing which could provide 1 bedroom units at 30% AMI for residents. The communities input for what will be built here is important.

Community Development Director Stark spoke about the financial aspects of the site and stated questions for the Council and Commissioners to discuss.

Planning Commissioner Lavin defined "workforce housing" as an affordable housing project. Community Development Director Stark stated that there is no single definition of workforce housing or affordable housing. Commissioner Hoberg gave examples of people that would be classified as workforce housing.

HRA Commissioner Elliott stated that what we call the housing isn't important but what we offer the community is; the safety of children in the area is a concern. He posed a question regarding a potential nuisance claims from LaMettry's Auto Body if a housing unit was built there. He also inquired if there was any commercial interest in the property (i.e. from Richfield Bloomington Honda). Community Development Director Stark responded that other cities have used different tools to address odor nuisance problems but he does not believe that this will be an issue and Richfield Bloomington Honda has not expressed any interest in the property.

Council Member Supple read aloud a statement of support from Commissioner Vrieze Daniels who was unable to attend.

Planning Commission Chair Hayford Oleary stated that the site is a good location for high-density housing and provides additional housing for Richfield residents.

Council Member Garcia agreed with Planning Commission Chair Hayford Oleary and stated that Richfield does not have area for expansion and we need affordable housing for the Residents. The proposed amenities and the building size are very much needed to invest into our people.

Council Member Whalen thanked the staff and the developers for the opportunity to have more 30% AMI units which is needed in Richfield. He also commented on the availability of units for people with disabilities and larger families.

Council Member Supple stated that the accessibility of the proposed plan and the support staff for those with disabilities is a significant influence. However, there is no green space available on the lot for children to play or families to spend time with one another. Overall the pros outweigh the cons; the City of Richfield needs housing and it's great to have a local developer.

Commissioner Quam is in favor of the company and agrees that we need housing but we need to look at it as a whole.

Council Member Trautmann likes the developers and the financial aspects but dislikes the location. There are structural deficits of the site.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez is in support of the idea but it's not an ideal site. She posed a question as to what could be done to make it more neighborhood like. Council Member Whalen stated that there is already housing along 77th street that already seems too ostracized from the rest of the City. There was discussion about the wall along 77th street.

Commissioner Rudolph posed a question of the impact on the schools which Community Development Director Stark stated that there will be a meeting with the School Board in May.

Commissioner Rosenberg stated that she is proud of the work to provide affordable homes for people and shared thoughts on how to include those already in the residential areas of 77th street.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:01 p.m.

Date Approved: April 9, 2019

Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor

Jared Voto
Executive Aide/Analyst

Katie Rodriguez
City Manager



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Regular Meeting

March 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Jay Henthorne, Police Chief; John Stark, Community Development Director; Amy Markle, Recreation Services Director; and Kari Sinning, Deputy City Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time the meeting was moved to the Bartholomew Room to be audio recorded since the audio/visual functions were not operational in the Council Chambers.

The meeting was called back to order by Mayor Regan Gonzalez at 7:15 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Garcia, S/Trautmann to approve the minutes of the: (1) Special City Council work session of March 12, 2019; and (2) Regular City Council meeting of March 12, 2019.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH IN THE CITY OF RICHFIELD

Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced the representatives from CenterPoint Energy and read the proclamation aloud.

Item #2	COUNCIL DISCUSSION J Hats Off to Hometown Hits
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Council Member Garcia gave a reminder about purchasing a legacy brick for the Bandshell at Veteran’s Park; shared that Mayor Regan Gonzalez received a Bush Fellowship and is very proud of her accomplishments.

Council Member Trautmann congratulated Mayor Regan Gonzalez on her fellowship and mentioned registering for Richfield Parks Summer Programs.

Council Member Whalen also congratulated Mayor Regan Gonzalez; attended a session on the Bus Rapid Transit route and is excited to see the results; and extended kudos to Neil Ruhland, the City’s Media Coordinator, for his continuing efforts.

Council Member Supple congratulated Mayor Regan Gonzalez; read aloud a letter from Brent Parsons from the Richfield Hockey Club which thanked the Ice Arena and City Staff; and shared that the Community Wellness Expo will be on April 13th at the High School.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked everyone for their congratulations on her Bush Fellowship and explained the process and how this will help her to become a better leader for the community; mentioned the promotion of Josh Nelson to lieutenant in the Fire Department and thanked Brad Bennett for his 30 years of service in the Fire Department; mentioned the State of the Community is April 11th; reminded everyone that Earth Day is April 22nd and the Woodlake Nature Center is ; highlighted the City’s Adopt a Park Program; attended MICC (Minnesota Independence College and Community) Gala and read aloud a statement from the program; and mentioned that the City was awarded the TRAIL (Transportation Resource to Aid Independent Living) Blazer Award for 2018.

Item #3	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/Supple, S/Trautmann to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #4	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- A. Consideration of approval of the Pathway’s to Policing Grant between the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and the City of Richfield Police Department to partially fund a non-traditional police officer candidate. The total funds available are \$25,392.31. (S. R. No. 45)
- B. Consideration of the approval of a bid tabulation and award of contract to Bituminous Roadways Inc. for the 2019 Mill and Overlay project in the amount \$2,051,632 and

authorization of the City Manager to approve contract changes under \$175,000 without further City Council consideration. (S. R. No. 46)

- C. Consideration of the adoption of a resolution supporting the elimination of the exemption that prevents Hennepin and Ramsey counties from receiving a portion of the sales tax on leased vehicles through the county state aid formula. (S. R. No. 47)

RESOLUTION NO. 11616
 SUPPORTING THE REPEAL OF THE EXCLUSION OF HENNEPIN
 AND RAMSEY COUNTIES FROM RECEIVING MOTOR
 VEHICLE LEASE SALES TAX (MVLST) FUNDS AND A
 RETURN TO THE ORIGINAL MVLST COUNTY STATE AID FORMULA

- D. Consideration of the approval of an amendment to the Hennepin County Cost Participation Agreement for the acquisition of right-of-way for the 77th Street Underpass of Trunk Highway 77 Project. (S. R. No. 48)

M/Garcia, S/Trautmann 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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None.

Item #6	CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2020 CENSUS (S.R. NO. 49)
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Council Member Trautmann presented Staff Report No. 49 and stated the importance of the census.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez offered previous census statistics and how the 2020 census will help the community. She also stated a phrase given by the Census Bureau to “remember the babies” as children count in the census.

M/Trautmann, S/ Supple to adopt a resolution supporting the 2020 census.

RESOLUTION NO. 11617
 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2020 CENSUS

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #7	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez had nothing to report.

Item #8	CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS
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M/Garcia, S/Trautmann that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	03/26/19
A/P Checks: 275951 - 276385	\$ 1,900,323.26
Payroll: 144253 – 144587; 43046	<u>928,542.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,828,865.76

Motion carried 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

None.

Item #9	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:50 p.m.

Date Approved: April 9, 2019

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