



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 Richfield, Minnesota
Special City Council Work Session

April 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Regan Gonzalez at 5:16 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

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

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; Jeff Pearson, City Engineer; Melissa Poehlman, Assistant Community Development Director; and Jared Voto, Executive Aide/Analyst.

City of Bloomington Present: Gene Winstead, Mayor; Tim Busse, Council Member; Shawn Nelson, Council Member; Patrick Martin, Council Member; Jamie Verbrugge, City Manager; Karl Keel, Public Works Director; Julie Long, City Engineer; and Amy Marohn, Civil Engineer.

Item #1	DISCUSS I-494 CORRIDOR PROJECT WITH BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
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Richfield and Bloomington City Councils and staff members introduced themselves.

Richfield City Engineer Pearson and Bloomington Civil Engineer Marohn presented on I-494: Airport to Hwy 169 project including a project overview, project schedule, the regional transportation goals, and staff-developed local goals (transportation and economic). They introduced the local goals and asked for feedback from policymakers.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked about adding a communication effort to the “minimize impacts to businesses during construction” item and if stormwater impacts were included in these goals generally, since it was specifically called out.

Bloomington Council Member Busse commented on thinking about businesses and minimizing business impacts during construction as a top priority, while also thinking about using the design of 494 as an economic development tool for the corridor.

Bloomington Public Works Director Keel commented that staff has been thinking about that there will be impacts to properties and how to guide those impacts so that there are developable parcels and more long-term positives for the corridor.

Bloomington Mayor Winstead agreed that communication is key for businesses and residents during construction.

Council Member Whalen commented that there are two goals with “et cetera” and thought it would be worth clarifying and making them more measurable to ensure we can look back at goals and determine if we succeeded with the project.

Council Member Supple commented on the importance of working together with Bloomington as what is good for Richfield is good for Bloomington and vice versa.

Council Member Trautmann agreed with all the comments and wants to set the goal of positive outcomes for the corridor, not the least, worst choice. He commented we should work to minimize impacts while maximizing opportunities.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked staff from both cities for pulling these goals together and moving the cities forward together.

Bloomington Mayor Winstead discussed having a reality check at some point and prioritizing goals and pieces of the project since currently \$200 million of funding is available for a \$400 million project. Whether it be a prioritization issues/goals, getting additional funding, or phasing the project.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked staff about the next steps in the goals and project.

City Engineer Pearson stated that staff will work through and prioritize the goals with their respective City Councils and asked MnDOT to speak about the project.

Amber Blanchard, Project Director for 494 Corridors of Commerce project, spoke about upcoming internal MnDOT meetings to discuss the state of funding for this project and the funding gap and stated she would come back to give an update when they had this information available.

Council Member Supple asked Ms. Blanchard if she was referring to the 494 project only, or the underpass and 82nd as well.

Ms. Blanchard responded it includes 494 and 82nd, but the 77th Street underpass is a local project.

City Manager Rodriguez gave a brief history of the 77th Street Underpass project, for the benefit of the Bloomington City Council, and provided an update on the construction schedule, current funding, and funding gap.

Bloomington Mayor Winstead discussed the importance of the 77th Street Underpass project as it ties together other elements in the corridor.

Public Works Director Asher discussed the underpass's importance to Richfield and its development as part of the commitment to the ring route solution, and stated her belief that it has more value to the region than it does to the city.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:04 p.m.

Date Approved: April 23, 2019

Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor

Jared Voto
Executive Aide/Analyst

Katie Rodriguez
City Manager



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Meeting

April 9, 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; Mary Supple; Edwina Garcia; Simon Trautmann; and Ben Whalen.

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; Jay Henthorne, Police Chief; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; Chris Regis, Finance Director; Kris Weiby, Facilities Manager; Logan Vlasaty, Civil Engineer; and Jared Voto, Executive Aide/Analyst.

OPEN FORUM

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Regan Gonzalez, S/Supple to approve the minutes of the: (1) Special concurrent City Council, HRA, and Planning Commission work session of March 26, 2019; and (2) Regular City Council meeting of March 26, 2019.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1	PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK (APRIL 14-20)
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Chief Henthorne introduced Tony Martin, PSAP Manager with the City of Edina. Mr. Martin spoke regarding the work of the 911 dispatchers who work hand-in-hand with the Richfield Police and Fire Departments.

Council Member Garcia stated her appreciation for the work that the dispatchers do for the city’s residents.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Mr. Martin.

Item #2	<p>COUNCIL DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats Off to Hometown Hits • Attending the Richfield Red, White & Blue Days Parade (4th of July)
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Council Member Garcia spoke regarding Mayor Regan Gonzalez visiting her high school in Janesville, Wisconsin, and received a plaque celebrating her achievements; the possible upcoming snowfall predicted for Thursday; offered her condolences to the family of Tom Rublein who passed away recently, and discussed his contributions to Richfield. She said a memorial service would take place on April 13 from 5-6 p.m. at Cremation Society of MN on France Ave.

Council Member Supple offered her condolences to the family of Tom Rublein and spoke about her memories of him and how he tried to make the world a better place.

Council Member Trautmann offered his condolences to the family of Tom Rublein; and also remembered his grandmother, Rosa Margarita Cordova, who recently passed away. A memorial service will be held on April 20 at 10 a.m. at Straitgate Church in Minneapolis.

Council Member Supple thanked the Richfield Rotary for providing a free library to the Richfield Arts Commission that will be located near the Richfield Band Shell and they are building free libraries on May 11 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (more information on their Facebook page); thanked the community who help clean up our parks and mentioned the City of Richfield staff and commission members are doing a clean-up of Veterans Park on Tuesday, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and spoke regarding a D Line tour hosted by the Metropolitan Council that she attended and discussed the bus rapid transit (BRT) line.

Council Member Whalen spoke regarding the Richfield Arts Commission and Friendship City Commission’s co-hosted event at the Community Center and the photographs are still on display through May; the Community Wellness Expo is in the morning on April 13 at the Richfield High School; and the Friends of Wood Lake is hosting their annual fundraising dinner on April 26 and encouraged people to get their tickets.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez offered her condolences to the Rublein family and Trautmann family; and spoke regarding her opportunity to meet and talk with Richfield police officers; on July 27 the Urban Wildland 5K and half marathon is taking place and encouraged people to sign-up; the rescheduled State of the Community is taking place on April 11 and encouraged everyone to attend (even if it snows); and discussed the upcoming Red, White & Blue Days and encouraged everyone to attend.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

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

- A. Consider adoption of a resolution to support the Metro Transit D Line Bus Rapid Transit Project and the stops within Richfield along Portland Avenue at 66th, 70th, 73rd, and 77th Streets. (S.R. No. 50)

**RESOLUTION NO. 11618
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE METRO D LINE PROJECT**

- B. Consider adoption of a resolution authorizing Recreation Services staff to accept a \$25,000 outdoor recreation grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for improvements to a dock and boardwalk at Wood Lake Nature Center and execute agreements necessary to complete the project. (S.R. No. 51)

**RESOLUTION NO. 11619
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECREATION SERVICES STAFF TO
ACCEPT A \$25,000 OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT FROM THE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO A DOCK AND BOARDWALK AT WOOD LAKE
NATURE CENTER AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO
COMPLETE THE PROJECT**

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	CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF A BID TABULATION AND APPROVE AWARD OF A CONTRACTS FOR THE CITYWIDE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO CORE AND MAIN LP FOR SCHEDULE A WORK FOR \$2,808,741 AND VANGUARD UTILITY SERVICE, INC. FOR SCHEDULE B AND SCHEDULE D WORK FOR \$1,070,677.45 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGES UP TO \$175,000 WITHOUT FURTHER CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION. (S.R. NO. 52)
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Council Member Supple presented Staff Report No. 52

Public Works Director Asher commented that with the approval of this item they will start a pilot program in May to ensure the communication process meets the City’s needs and after that is successfully implemented will roll it out to a larger area of the city.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked about the benefits of these new meters and their additional features.

Public Works Director Asher responded that the selected meters will have a high accuracy rate, assist with leak detection, and the City can read the meters on a more frequent basis because they will not have to drive every street. There will also be a platform for residents to check their water usage.

Council Member Trautmann thanked Public Works staff for their work and shared his appreciation with their work and is looking forward to the upgrade.

Public Works Director Asher added the technology allowing residents to see their water usage will allow the department to communicate with residents, via text or email if residents sign up, allowing areas that are impacted by water main breaks, or other notifications, to be notified.

M/Supple, S/Whalen to accept the bid tabulation and approve award of contracts for the Citywide Water Meter Replacement project to Core and Main LP for Schedule A work for \$2,808,741 and Vanguard Utility Service, Inc. for Schedule B and Schedule D work for \$1,070,677.45 and authorize the City Manager to approve contract changes up to \$175,000 without further City Council consideration.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #7	CONSIDER APPROVAL OF: FINAL DESIGN PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE LYNDALE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM 66TH STREET TO 76TH STREET; AND THE BID TABULATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT TO R.L. LARSON EXCAVATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,672,483.27 AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGES UNDER \$175,000 WITHOUT FURTHER CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION. (S.R. NO. 53)
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Council Member Whalen presented Staff Report No. 53.

City Engineer Pearson presented an overview of the Lyndale Avenue Reconstruction project.

Council Member Supple asked for clarification if on-street parking north of 67th Street was on both sides of the street.

City Engineer Pearson responded it would be on both sides of the street.

Council Member Supple thanked staff for receiving resident's concerns and making appropriate adjustments to the design.

Council Member Garcia commended staff for following through with meeting with residents, hearing their concerns, and the final product will look beautiful.

Council Member Trautmann thanked residents for their feedback on the project, commented on saving trees in the corridor, discussed the process for these major reconstructions and looking into the future of the area, and commented on the positives of roundabouts.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez commented she is looking forward to this reconstruction and making Lyndale Ave safer for everyone.

Council Member Whalen commented he was impressed by the residents and staff working together to make sure this project meets the needs of the corridor, up to the individual lots.

M/Whalen, S/Trautmann to approve the final design plans and specifications for the Lyndale Avenue Reconstruction Project from 66th Street to 76th Street.

Motion carried 5-0.

M/Whalen, S/Supple to approve the bid tabulation and award of contract to R.L. Larson Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$10,672,483.27 and authorize the City Manager to approve contract changes up to \$175,000 without further City Council consideration.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #8	CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF \$8,865,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019A. (S.R. NO. 54)
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez presented Staff Report No. 54.

Finance Director Regis provided an overview of the bond sale.

Council Member Supple commented that she reviewed the capital improvement budget and financing plans and stated she supported the reduction of the par amount through the use of LGA and is looking forward to the upcoming work sessions related to balancing the long-term needs with our ability to pay.

Council Member Garcia commented on improving clarity on the budget and we are healthy financially when looking into the future.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked City Manager Rodriguez to share some details on looking into the budget in the future.

City Manager Rodriguez discussed goal setting and discussing finances at a meeting on May 14 and also having additional meetings to go over the budget.

Council Member Trautmann commented discussing the budget is a timely conversation and investing in our infrastructure pays dividends throughout the city.

Council Member Whalen commented on the conversation on the budget, capital planning, and upcoming projects for public works and recreation that are needed while minimizing the impact on residents and the tax levy.

M/Regan Gonzalez, S/Supple to adopt a resolution providing for the sale of \$8,865,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019A.

RESOLUTION NO. 11620
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF \$8,865,000 GENERAL
OBLIGATIONS BONDS, SERIES 2019A

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #9	CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A FACILITY DEDICATION REQUEST TO DEDICATE THE STAGE OF THE RICHFIELD COMMUNITY BAND SHELL TO THE PETERSON FAMILY. (S.R. NO. 55)
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Council Member Garcia presented Staff Report No. 55 and discussed the work in making the band shell a reality and the importance of remembering those who have contributed to Richfield.

M/Garcia, S/Trautmann to approve a facility dedication request to dedicate the stage of the Richfield Community Band Shell to the Peterson Family.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #10	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez asked Council if they would like to participate in the Red, White & Blue Days parade.

Council Members discussed and agreed to participate in the Richfield Red, White & Blue Days parade.

Item #11	CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS
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M/Garcia, S/Whalen that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	04/09/19
A/P Checks: 276386 - 276767	\$ 1,451,392.15
Payroll: 144588 - 144906; 43047	<u>675,739.38</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,127,131.53

Motion carried 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

None.

Item #12	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:43 p.m.

Date Approved: April 23, 2019

Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor

Jared Voto
Executive Aide/Analyst

Katie Rodriguez
City Manager