



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Special Concurrent City Council and Housing and Redevelopment Authority Work Session

**May 20, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The work session was called to order by Mayor Regan Gonzalez at 5:30 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

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

*Council Members Absent:* Simon Trautmann.

*HRA Members Present:* Mary Supple, Chair; Pat Elliott; Maria Regan Gonzalez; Sue Sandahl; and Erin Vrieze Daniels.

*Staff Present:* Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; John Stark, HRA Executive Director/Community Development Director; Julie Urban, Housing Manager; and Melissa Poehlman, Assistant Community Development Director.

<b>Item #1</b>	<b>REDEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES</b>
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Community Development Director Stark presented an overview of redevelopment and the agenda for the work session.

Policymakers spent time answering the question, "Why do we redevelop?" Community Development Director Stark and Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman described several geographic areas that are identified for potential redevelopment in the Comprehensive Plan, along with topic areas of Housing Opportunities and Missing Uses and described the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOTs) of each area. Policymakers added to SWOTs to each area.

Assistant Community Development Director Poehlman and Housing Manager Urban asked policymakers to then prioritize four of the areas. Working in pairs they narrowed down the priorities to two areas and presented those priorities to the group. Results indicated that specific geographic areas were less of a priority and that jobs, new/missing uses, and housing were important to the group.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The work session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:58 p.m.

Date Approved: June 11, 2019

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Maria Regan Gonzalez  
Mayor

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Jared Voto  
Assistant to the City Manager

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Katie Rodriguez  
City Manager