



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Regular Meeting

September 10, 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; Chris Regis, Finance Director; Neil Ruhland, Communications Manager; and Blanca Martinez Gavina, Executive Analyst.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the council in a moment of silence in remembrance of the incident that occurred on September 7, in the City of Richfield.

### OPEN FORUM

Miguel Fiol, discussed the impact of trauma for many Puerto Ricans and Hispanics due to both natural and external environments. He urged the City Council to maintain open communication and transparency during the police investigations.

John Trepp, 1611 Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis, a member of NAMI Hennepin affiliated with NAMI Minnesota, spoke about the mental health needs in communities and the role that local officials have in ensuring that no lethal police force is used.

Robert Cerny, 6737 4<sup>th</sup> Ave south, spoke about alternative use of de-escalation for the Richfield Police.

Commissioner Debbie Goettel, 6525 James Ave South, spoke about the need to come together as a community and ensure that there is support for families that were impacted by the incidents on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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M/Supple, S/Garcia to Approval of the Minutes of the: (1) City Council Work Session of August 13, 2019; (2) Regular City Council meeting of August 13, 2019; (3) Concurrent City Council and HRA Work Session of August 19, 2019; (4) Special City Council Meeting of August 21, 2019. (5) Special City Council Meeting of August 27, 2019; and (6) City Council Work Session of August 27, 2019.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>ITEM #1</b>	<b>PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2019, AS DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK IN THE CITY OF RICHFIELD</b>
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Council Member Supple thanked direct support service professionals for their work and commitment.

Council Member Garcia thanked direct support services professionals for the support they give to families and individuals.

<b>ITEM #2</b>	<b>PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2019 AS GIRL SCOUT SPIRIT WEEK IN THE CITY OF RICHFIELD</b>
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke to her experience as a Girl Scout and the skills that are developed through this community based program.

Council Member Whalen spoke about his admiration for the Girl Scout's ability to increase women leaders in community.

Council Member Garcia spoke of her experience as a troop leader and her commitment to the development of young women.

<b>ITEM #3</b>	<b>PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 AS WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE RATIFICATION CENTENNIAL DAY IN THE CITY OF RICHFIELD</b>
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Council Member Supple spoke to the importance of remembering how women received their rights to vote and the sacrifices that were made.

Council Member Garcia spoke to the legacy of the Richfield Women League of Voters, and their importance in raising leaders in Richfield.

Council Member Whalen commented on the critical initiatives from the Women League of Voters in Richfield and their critical importance to creating inclusive communities.

Council Member Trautmann gave commendation to the Richfield Women League of Voters and spoke of the historical importance that have had on women voting, engaging and leading in their communities.

<b>ITEM #4</b>	<b>COUNCIL DISCUSSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hats Off to Hometown Hits</li> </ul>
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Council Member Whalen gave a reminder of the upcoming school board election forum on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m., at the Municipal Center. There was mention of the Ice Arena refrigeration project and residents ability to tour about the upcoming proposed project. In addition, Council Member Whalen referenced the World Suicide prevention day on September 10.

Council Member Supple stated appreciation for the efforts from city staff to work around the clock to ensure that Richfield schools open on time.

Council Member Garcia commented on the open house of Partnership Academy. Additionally, there were comments made on the sealing of the bricks in the Bandshell.

Council Member Trautmann commented on Penn Fest on September 15<sup>th</sup> on the West Side, and the *Independence 5k run* during Penn Fest which raises money for the Independence College for people with disabilities. There was also a mention about the Council Member's participation in Night to Unite and stated their appreciation for the Police and Fire Departments for their support of the event.

<b>Item #5</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>
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M/Whalen , S/Trautman to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #6</b>	<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- A. Consider approval of a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with Richfield Properties, LLC (Audi Richfield), that defines ownership and maintenance responsibilities for certain features constructed at 1401E. 77th Street in the City of Richfield. (Staff Report No.99)
- B. Consider approval of a request for the temporary expansion of the licensed premises for Davanni's, located at 6345 Penn Avenue South, to allow for the outside service of strong beer on Sunday, September 15, 2019, in conjunction with Richfield's Open Streets at Penn Fest event.(Staff Report No.100)
- C. Consider the approval of the bid tabulation and award a contract to Michels Corporation for the 2019 Watermain Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$1,775,349.40 and authorize the City Manager to approve contract changes under \$175,000 without further City Council consideration. (Staff Report No.101)

- D. Consider approval of the adoption of a resolution authorizing Amendment #1 to the partnership agreement between the City of Richfield and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the purchase/storage of salt through June 30, 2022. (MnDOT Contract No. 1030429) related to a 26% increase in salt costs for 2020. (Staff Report No.102)

RESOLUTION NO. 11647  
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD TO ENTER INTO  
 AMENDMENT #1 TO MNDOT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT NO. 1030429 WITH THE  
 MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE  
 PURCHASE/STORAGE OF SALT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2022

- E. Consider approval of the 2019-2020 contract with the City of Bloomington, using public health emergency preparedness grant funds distributed by a federal grant from the Centers for Disease Control, to provide services in the area of public health emergency preparedness/bio-terrorism and the development of a response system. (Staff Report No.103)
- F. Consider approval of the amended rental agreement between the City of Richfield and the Minnesota Magicians for use of a locker room, ice time for practices and games, concessions, and alcohol sales. (Staff Report No.104)
- G. Consider approval of a lease agreement between the City of Richfield and the United States Postal Service for the use of fourteen parking spaces in the lower parking lot of the Wood Lake Nature Center. (Staff Report No. 105)
- H. Consider approval of a resolution supporting a joint application with the City of Bloomington to the Congress for New Urbanism's 2020 Congress Legacy Project for the area surrounding the Portland Avenue and I-494 interchange. (Staff Report No. 106)

RESOLUTION NO. 11648  
 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION  
 TO THE CONGRESS FOR THE NEW URBANISM  
 FOR A 2020 CONGRESS LEGACY PROJECT

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

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #7</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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None.

<b>Item #8</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE THE 2019 REVISED/2020 PROPOSED BUDGET RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING THE 2020 PRELIMINARY PROPERTY TAX LEVY, SETTING TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING DATE, AUTHORIZING BUDGET REVISIONS, AND AUTHORIZING REVISION OF 2019 BUDGET OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS</b>
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez welcomed Finance Director Chris Regis. Finance Director Regis gave a presentation of the proposed the 2019 revised/2020 revised budget.

Council Member Whalen asked how the 4.9% in the levy is not a 4.9% increase on tax on property. Finance Director Regis stated that it depends on the market value of the property and tax capacity.

Council Member Garcia thanked Finance Director Regis for his leadership and the thoroughness, in addition to transparency during the budget process.

Council Member Trautmann expressed that the City of Richfield is going through the difficult phase of taking on debt to invest in the aging infrastructure. Council Member Trautmann also stated their appreciation for the sacrifices that have been made to ensure that these projects are done, thanked Public Work’s Director Asher, City Manager Rodriguez, Finance Director Regis and all those involved.

Council Member Whalen encouraged the public to listen to the work session in which directors described the budget logistics, process and other useful information related to the budget.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez commended the work that Finance Director Regis to maintain the balance between preservation and also thinking of expansion. Mayor Regan Gonzalez stated that the pressure on the tax levy is for aging infrastructure and to maximize opportunities. Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked for Communications Manager Neil to create communication methods in which budget decisions can be easily communicated to the public.

M/Supple, S/Whalen to adopt the attached resolutions establishing the 2020 preliminary property tax levy and proposed date for the Truth in Taxation hearing, authorizing budget revisions, and authorizing revision of 2019 budget of various departments.

RESOLUTION NO. 11649  
RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROPOSED BUDGET AND TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 11650  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET REVISIONS

RESOLUTION NO.11651  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF 2019 BUDGET OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #9</b>	<b>CITY MANAGER’S REPORT</b>
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City Manager Rodriguez welcomed Executive Analyst Blanca Martinez Gavina.

<b>Item #10</b>	<b>CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS</b>
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M/Garcia, S/Regan Gonzalez that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

<b>U.S. Bank</b>	<b>8/27/19</b>
A/P Checks: 280450 - 280810	\$ 1,668,921.38
Payroll: 148488 - 148844 ; 43059	<u>631,604.58</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,300,525.96

<b>U.S. Bank</b>	<b>9/10/19</b>
A/P Checks: 280046 - 280449	\$ 2,416,245.42
Payroll:148111 - 148487	<u>694,791.68</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,111,037.10

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #11</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:20 p.m.

Date Approved: September 24, 2019

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Maria Regan Gonzalez  
Mayor

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Blanca Martinez Gavina  
Executive Analyst

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Katie Rodriguez  
City Manager