



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Meeting

October 8, 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; Neil Ruhland, Communications Manager; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Executive Analyst and Kelly Wynn, Senior Administrative Assistant.

OPEN FORUM

Jody Johnson, 7399 Pillsbury Ave S Richfield resident, spoke of the recent officer-involved shooting. Ms. Johnson requested that the City require mental health crisis training, body cameras for police officers, and for mental health professionals to be on staff.

Amber Allen, Minneapolis resident, shared comments about the mental health recovery of the officers involved in the recent shooting, and concern for them being back on the streets. Ms. Allen also stated disappointment in how the City is handling the incident.

Don Williams, Minnesota resident, expressed concern for what he believes is lack of transparency of the investigation. He would like the family to be able to retrieve their belongings from the police. Mr. Williams also suggested that the City should require body cams and provide assistance for the family of the victim.

Chara Blanch, Minnesota resident spoke in support of Brian Quinones and his family. Ms. Blanch made a request that all videos from police vehicles be released so the family is able to review them. She also spoke of Officer Carrol and would like all officers wearing body cams by January 1, 2020.

Badrdin Aden, brother of Isak Aden who was involved in an officer-involved shooting in Eagan, MN, and believes the family is not being supported. He believes the family is unable to grieve because they have to protest and ask for what he believes is public information.

Sumaya Aden, sister of Isak Aden, who was involved in an officer-involved shooting in Eagan, MN, and reiterated the need to support the family of Mr. Quinones and asked for the dash camera videos to be released.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #1 PRESENTATION OF MANAGING FIRE OFFICER PROGRAM CERTIFICATE TO FF SHEA CHWIALKOWSKI

Fire Chief Kewitsch presented Firefighter Chwialkowski a certificate after completion of the Managing Fire Officer Program from the National Fire Academy.

Council Member Garcia wanted to recognize the firefighters and their families and she is very proud to have them in our community.

ITEM #2 PRESENTATION OF FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE LIEUTENANT BADGING CEREMONY

Fire Chief Kewitsch presented Firefighter Keis and Lieutenant Nelson with their badges after completion of their probationary periods.

Council Member Supple and Council Member Garcia thanked all firefighters and their families for their service.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke of the heroic work the firefighters do for the city and thanked them for all they do.

ITEM #3 PRESENTATION OF THE PROCLAMATION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Mayor Regan Gonzalez welcomed community and read the Proclamation for Indigenous People’s Day. She also welcomed Sarah Jespersion and others to speak on the proclamation.

Sarah Jespersion shared facts about the growing population of American Indian/Native Americans. She also shared information about the events organized for Native American parents and the need for more community events to expose more of the community to native culture.

Council Member Whalen encouraged people to attend the event Monday, October 14th at the Community Center and take time to understand the historical context of Native American history.

Council Member Supple commended Sarah and all she does for the community.

Council Member Garcia appreciated the proclamation.

Council Member Trautmann is looking forward to celebrating Indigenous People.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez stated that there is always looking for ways to encourage community involvement. She spoke to specific websites, videos, documentaries, flags, and creating spaces to celebrate.

ITEM #4	PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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Council Member Supple called up the Transportation Commission Chair, Wes Dunser.

Wes Dunser commented on what the Transportation Commission does and how they engage with the community.

Council Member Supple pointed out how Richfield is a trend-setter and believes the Transportation Commission is a great asset.

Council Member Garcia called out how the Transportation Commission solicits feedback from the residents.

Council Member Trautmann appreciates the feedback that they gather from the public.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez expressed how proud she is of the Transportation Commission and Public Works Department improving the lives of all residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the: (1) Concurrent City Council, HRA, Planning Commission Work Session for September 24, 2019. (2) City Council Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2019

M/Trautmann, S/Supple to approve the minutes

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #5	COUNCIL DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats Off to Hometown Hits
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Council Member Garcia appreciated the School Board Forum and urged people to look at all the candidates.

Council Member Trautmann commented on the annual wine tasting event for the Richfield Foundation as well as the Nature Center Scavenger Hunt on October 27th.

Council Member Whalen thanked everyone who attended any of the Ice Arena Refrigeration Project sessions. He also mentioned the afterschool programs through the district, Beacons, YWCA and Boys and Girls Clubs and how they are a huge need in the community.

Council Member Supple extended a thank you to the Renovation Celebration staff and what a great event it was. She also spoke of the Great Pumpkin Giveaway on October 12th, Wood Lake family event on October 19th and the Nature Center Trunk or Treat on October 19th.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez encouraged people to get their flu shots and mentioned there are many clinics in the Richfield. She also extended a thank you to the service Ann Schultz provided the community before retiring as Chair of the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Regan Gonzalez welcomed BJ Skoog as the new Chair.

Item #6	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/Garcia, S/Trautmann to approve the agenda

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #7	CONSENT CALENDAR
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- A. Consider approval of the Master Grant Contract for Community Health Boards with the Minnesota Department of Health. This contract is effective January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2024. (Staff Report No. 116)
- B. Consider approval to purchase two (2) MT Trackless Tractors, with v-plow and snow blower attachments, from MacQueen Equipment Inc., in the amount of \$290,077. (Staff Report No. 117)

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

Council Member Whalen thanked the Public Works Department for ensuring sidewalks were cleared and making it priority to keep areas cleared of snow, especially for residents without vehicles.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #8	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR
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None.

Item #9	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT FOR WEED ELIMINATION FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY AND REMOVAL OR ELIMINATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY HAZARDS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY. STAFF REPORT NO. 118
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Council Member Trautmann introduced Staff Report No. 118 and opened up the public hearing.

M/Supple, S/Whalen to close the public hearing

Motion carried 5-0.

M/Trautmann, S/Whalen to adopt the resolution assessment for weed elimination from private property and removal or elimination of public health or safety hazards from private property

RESOLUTION NO. 11655

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT FOR WEED ELIMINATION FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY AND REMOVAL OR ELIMINATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY HAZARDS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #10	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR UNPAID FALSE ALARM USER FEES AGAINST PRIVATE PROPERTY. STAFF REPORT NO. 119
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Council Member Whalen introduced Staff Report No. 119 and opened up the public hearing.

M/Mayor, S/Supple to close the public hearing

Motion carried 5-0

M/Whalen, S/Supple to adopt the resolution assessment for unpaid false alarm fees from private property

RESOLUTION NO. 11656

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT FOR UNPAID FALSE ALARM FEES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #11	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR UNPAID VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES AGAINST PRIVATE PROPERTY. STAFF REPORT NO. 120
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Council Member Supple introduced Staff Report No. 120 and opened up the public hearing.

M/Trautmann, S/Whalen to close the public hearing

Motion carried 5-0

M/Supple, S/Trautmann to adopt the resolution assessment for unpaid vacant property registration fees against private property

RESOLUTION NO. 11657

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT FOR UNPAID VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES AGAINST PRIVATE PROPERTY

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #12	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS TO BE COLLECTED WITH PROPERTY TAXES. STAFF REPORT NO. 121
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Council Member Garcia introduced Staff Report No. 121 and opened up the public hearing.

M/Trautmann, S/Supple to close the public hearing

Motion carried 5-0

M/Garcia, S/Whalen to adopt the resolution assessment for unpaid vacant property registration fees against private property

RESOLUTION NO. 11658

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF UNPAID WATER, SANITARY SEWER, STORM WATER, AND STREET LIGHT CHARGES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE COLLECTED WITH OTHER TAXES ON SAID PROPERTIES

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #13	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT FOR REMOVAL OF DISEASED TREES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR WORK ORDERED FROM JANUARY 1, 2018, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. STAFF REPORT NO. 122
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Council Member Trautmann introduced Staff Report No. 122 and opened up the public hearing.

M/Whalen, S/Supple to close the public hearing

Motion carried 5-0

M/Trautmann, S/Whalen to adopt the resolution assessment for the removal of diseased trees from private property for work ordered during January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 11659

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT FOR THE REMOVAL OF DISEASED TREES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR WORK ORDERED DURING JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #14	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING THE ANNUAL LYNDALE/HUB/NICOLLET (LHN) MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ASSESSMENT AND PROPOSED WORK FOR 2020. STAFF REPORT NO. 123
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced Staff Report No. 123 and opened up the public hearing.

M/Trautmann, S/Supple to close the public hearing

Motion carried 5-0

M/Mayor, S/Whalen to adopt the resolution assessment for the Lyndale/HUB/Nicollet (LHN) Maintenance for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 11660

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT FOR THE LYNDALE/HUB/NICOLLET (LHN) MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 11661

RESOLUTION ORDERING UNDERTAKING OF CURRENT SERVICE PROJECT LYNDALE/HUB/NICOLLET (LHN) MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020

Council Member Whalen commented that he is excited to be revisiting this project and taking a closer look at some alternatives.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #15	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING THE ANNUAL INTERSTATE/LYNDALE/NICOLLET (ILN) PROJECT AREA ASSESSMENT AND PROPOSED WORK FOR 2020. STAFF REPORT NO. 124
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Council Member Whalen introduced Staff Report No. 124 and opened up the public hearing.

M/Garcia, S/Supple to close the public hearing

Motion carried 5-0

M/Whalen, S/Garcia to adopt the resolution ordering undertaking of current service project Lyndale/HUB/Nicollet (LHN) Maintenance for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 11662

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT ON INTERSTATE-LYNDALE-NICOLLET (ILN) PROJECT AREA MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 11663

RESOLUTION ORDERING THE UNDERTAKING OF CURRENT SERVICE PROJECT WITHIN THE INTERSTATE-LYNDALE-NICOLLET (ILN) PROJECT AREA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #16	RESOLUTION: VIOLATION HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING CIVIL ENFORCEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENTS THAT RECENTLY UNDERWENT ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS CONDUCTED BY RICHFIELD PUBLIC SAFETY STAFF, AND FAILED BY SELLING ALCOHOL TO UNDERAGE YOUTH. STAFF REPORT NO. 125
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced Staff Report No. 125 and offered the floor to any of affected establishments.

Melissa Marcet, Manager of Davanni’s, spoke to their failure and how they will improve their training program. It is a priority for the business to pass going forward.

M/Mayor, S/Supple to adopt the resolution assessment for unpaid vacant property registration fees against private property

RESOLUTION NO. 11664

RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RICHFIELD MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE #2 d/b/a CEDAR LIQUOR STORE, 6600 CEDAR AVENUE SOUTH, AND IMPOSING A CIVIL PENALTY FOR FIRST TIME ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE FAILURE

RESOLUTION NO. 11665

RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DAVANNI’S INC. d/b/a/ DAVANNI’S PIZZA AND HOT HOAGIES, 6345 PENN AVENUE SOUTH AND IMPOSING A CIVIL PENALTY FOR FIRST TIME ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE FAILURE

RESOLUTION NO. 11666

RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NORTHERN TIER RETAIL LLC. d/b/a/ SPEEDWAY #4188 7720 NICOLLET AVENUE SOUTH, AND IMPOSING A CIVIL PENALTY FOR FIRST TIME ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE FAILURE

RESOLUTION NO. 11667

RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NORTHERN TIER RETAIL LLC d/b/a/ SPEEDWAY #4615 826 WEST 66th STREET, AND IMPOSING A CIVIL PENALTY FOR FIRST TIME ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE FAILURE

Council Member Trautmann acknowledged that Davanni’s is in his ward and appreciates how seriously the business took the failure to verify age.

Council Member Garcia hopes that there will be zero violations moving forward. She also expressed how important it is to comply.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #17	CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez had nothing to report.

Item #18	CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS
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Council Member Garcia reviewed the claims and payroll and commended the staff.

M/Garcia, S/Trautmann that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	10/08/19
A/P Checks: 281265-281654	\$ 1,533,769.47
Payroll: 149160-149483 43066-43067	<u>640,510.29</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,174,279.76

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #19	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:47 p.m.

Date Approved: October 22, 2019

Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor

Kelly Wynn
Senior Administrative Assistant

Katie Rodriguez
City Manager