



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

City Council Work Session

November 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting 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; Simon Trautmann; and Ben Whalen.

Council Members Absent: Edwina Garcia

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Chris Link, Operations Superintendent; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager; Police Chief Jay Henthorne; Neil Ruhland, Communication and Engagement Manager; Deputy Police Chief Mike Flaherty; Jamie Maiser, Administrative Aide; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Executive Analyst.

Non-Staff Present: Monique Drier-Sutton, Hennepin County Professional Services Supervisor; Donald Ryan, Hennepin County Project Manager; Diana Chaman Salas, former Senior Planning Analyst and Community Liaison.

Item #1	PRESENTATION OF MAINTENANCE DISTRICT REVIEW
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Operations Superintendent, Chris Link, reviewed the historical context of the maintenance district and whether it should be continued and provided an alternative to dissolve.

Council Member Supple asked for clarification on the process of dissolving the maintenance district and the associated cost burden. Operations Superintendent Link stated a portion of the costs would fall on to the residents.

Council Member Trautmann asked about the standard and process for garbage collection within the HUB and the surrounding area. Chris Link agreed the garbage is unsightly but they are looking for alternatives. City Manager Rodriguez stated that there can be a review regarding maintenance of garbage disposal. Council Member Whalen reiterated that there have been complaints about garbage around that area and asked for review of the garbage collection and subsequent preservation. Chris Link spoke to the process for maintenance and garbage disposal.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked if the Council Members are in support of dissolving the maintenance district. Council Member Trautmann asked about the process and asked for the clarification on the slide displays. Operations Superintendent Link reiterated the process.

Council Member Supple stated that the maintenance district seemed to be disproportionate and will be supportive of dissolving the district.

City Manager Rodriguez asked for consensus about dissolving the maintenance district and all council members agreed unanimously to dissolve the maintenance district.

Item #2	PRESENTATION OF PMAC DISCUSSION
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City Manager introduced former Community Liaison, Diana Chaman Salas.

Diana Chaman Salas gave a presentation reviewing the PMAC goals and mission, results, capacity development, and JCPP overview.

Council Member Supple thanked Ms. Chaman Salas and restated that direct services are critical for the community to feel safe. Ms. Chaman Salas gave an example of the direct services she has provided.

Council Member Whalen reiterated the need for direct services and asked for clarification of the hiring process. Monique Drier Sutton stated that the process is occurring right now with the hopes of hiring in January.

Council Member Whalen asked for clarification about ways that PMAC members can communicate community concerns about the police department. Ms. Chaman Salas explained community engagement and reviewed the process of her engagement with PMAC. Mr. Ryan stated the need for JCPP to be embraced and tailored to each city.

Council Member Whalen mentioned the need and theme of trust, in addition for spaces where conversations around issues such as the use of force and racial profiling can happen. Monique Drier-Sutton spoke to the resources available for domestic abuse related cases and how a case would travel through the system. Chief Henthorne explained the strategic plan for addressing direct services. Mr. Ryan also commented that they would like to utilize PMAC to address and solve issues in a positive and constructive way.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked Ms. Chaman Salas and asked for the clarification on the CSC & Domestic and the percentages. Ms. Chaman Salas clarified the percentages of direct services.

Mayor Regan Gozalez asked for any recommendations from Ms. Chaman Salas, to which she responded with the following:

1. Census work engagement with minorities
2. Further communication for direct services
3. Bringing a strategic plan for key issues of the city

Council Member Supple asked about vitals and on boarding. Chief Henthorne spoke to the Vitals App but they have not rolled it out to the JCPP quite yet.

Council Member Trautmann thanked Ms. Chaman Salas and Public Safety and reiterated the need for safe spaces where people can have trust in the process of law enforcement.

Council Member Whalen thanked Ms. Chaman Salas and stated he hopes the trust can be built and stated that he appreciates all the hours and years of the past PMAC members.

Ms. Chaman Salas stated the mission of the PMAC has been redefined and would like to leverage the program to continue developing a relationship with the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:55 p.m.

Date Approved: November 26, 2019

Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor

Kelly Wynn
Senior Administrative Assistant

Katie Rodriguez
City Manager