



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special City Council Worksession

July 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 8:36 a.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

Council Members Present: Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Michael Howard; Edwina Garcia; and Tom Fitzhenry.

Council Member Absent: Pat Elliot

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; Melissa Poehlman, Acting Community Development Director; Jay Henthorne, Public Safety Director; Wayne Kewitsch, Fire Services Director; and Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager/HR Manager/Acting City Clerk.

Item #1	DISCUSSION WITH U.S. 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE KEITH ELLISON
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Congressman Ellison shared the status of the Appropriations Bill but it is unlikely to pass the end of September. He strongly supports improving our infrastructure. Affordable housing is a top problem in our area/identified as a key issue. We need to increase available housing stock overall. Richfield needs help from the federal government to fund Section 8. We need more funding for senior dining and, ideally, transportation. A Bipartisan Policing Strategies Working Group has been established and will convene in September. Ellison wants on-the-ground ideas

Congressman Ellison discussed the Degrees Not Debt Act, including federal matching dollars to public universities to lower tuition (help students be debt-free) reiterating everyone needs a base education.

ADJOURNMENT

The worksession was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:32 a.m.

Date Approved: August 23, 2016

Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Pam Dmytrenko
Acting City Clerk

Steven L. Devich
City Manager