

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special Worksession

March 22, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Fred Wroge; Sue Sandahl; and Tom Fitzhenry.

Council Members Absent: Pat Elliott

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Mike Eastling, Public Works Director; Jim Topitzhofer, Recreation Services Director; and Cheryl Krumholz, Recording Secretary.

The City Council unanimously agreed to excuse Council Member Elliott from the worksession.

Item # 1	DISCUSSION BY RICHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Item #2	DISCUSSION BY THE RYAN COMPANIES REGARDING INTEREST IN MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT AT CEDAR POINT

Tim Carter and Pat Brekken, Richfield Chamber of Commerce, reported on conclusions and future initiatives resulting from meetings with stakeholders and identifying ways the Chamber could help stimulate or facilitate development activity.

Mark Kampmeyer, The Ryan Companies, reported on McDonald's interest in developing a restaurant in the Cedar Point shopping area.

Mayor Goettel stated the discussion with the neighborhood indicated a preference for a sit-down type restaurant, not fast food. McDonald's is great for community support but there may be a desire to wait.

Council Member Sandahl, Council Member Fitzhenry and Council Member Wroge expressed desire to move forward and continue discussions.

Colleen Cary, The Cornerstone Group, discussed the proposed redevelopment of the former Lyndale Garden Center site, including the need for financial assistance and fair and reasonable conversations to reach common goals.

Mike Swenson, Michael Development, discussed the status of the Lyndale Commons redevelopment at 64th Street and Lyndale Avenue, including HUD financing.

Representatives of O'Reilly Automotive discussed proposed plans for a retail Auto Parts store at 66th Street and 12th Street, including variances needed from the city, which impact the progression of the project.

Community Development Director Stark explained the redevelopment process related to financial, planning and regulatory (land use). He discussed the status of legislation for variances. He also discussed the planned unit development (PUD) size restrictions.

The City Council consensus was to have staff review the PUD requirements to permit a small parcel PUD.

Jon Lenander, CVS Pharmacy, provided a status update on the proposed CVS project at 66th Street and Penn Avenue. He added CVS is looking for a second site in Richfield.

Mr. Brekken reported on the recent Menards purchase of the Jun Bo Restaurant site, 77th Street and Nicollet Avenue, but that Menards indicates no future plans have been determined.

Steve Lindgren, Chamber president, discussed a possible revision to the redevelopment process, including partnering with the Chamber to encourage developers to come to the Chamber with proposed projects.

Mayor Goettel suggested this be discussed at a future worksession.

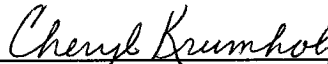
Mr. Lindgren discussed conducting an economic development summit.

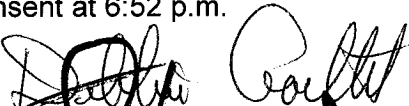
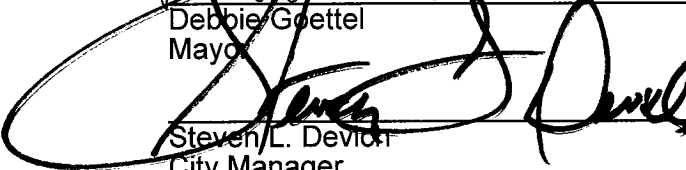
John Bjostad, Richfield Visions representative, stated Visions is being revitalized and could be the catalyst and sponsor for a summit as it unfolds.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:52 p.m.

Date Approved: April 12, 2011


Cheryl Krumholz
Recording Secretary


Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Steven L. Devich
City Manager