

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Special Worksession

June 28, 2011

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 6:05 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

*Council Members Present:*

Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Fred Wroge; Sue Sandahl; Pat Elliott; and Tom Fitzhenry.

*Staff Present:*

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

Item # 1	DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL COMMUNITY BAND SHELL
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Recreation Services Director Topitzhofer explained the Community Services Commission recruited several members and Richfield resident David Butler to begin planning for a potential community band shell. Discussion included the community benefits, potential uses, potential locations (Veterans Park – southeast of Arena or the Lyndale Garden Center site), stage size, seating capacity, funding and visual examples of current bandshells in the metro area.

Council Member Sandahl spoke in support of a bandshell but expressed concern with the Lyndale Garden Center because of parking.

Council Member Wroge spoke in support of the Veterans Park location with the orientation changed so water or trees, not the Arena, are in the background. He expressed concern regarding parking at Lyndale Garden Center if housing is included in The Cornerstone Group redevelopment project.

Doris Rubenstein, 6515 Emerson Avenue, suggested Augsburg Park be considered as another location because it's a natural, rustic amphitheater. She stated the bandshell acoustics need to be considered for the noise impact on the neighborhood.

The City Council consensus was to proceed with the bandshell plan and review pros and cons of the three locations.

Recreation Services Director Topitzhofer stated funding will change for each site.

Item # 2	<b>DISCUSSION REGARDING ORGANIZED GARBAGE COLLECTION IN RICHFIELD</b>
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Recreation Services Director Topitzhofer discussed the Community Services Commission's process and consensus in recommending that the City Council continue studying the possibility of organized garbage collection.

Greg Mangold, Community Services Commission Member, 6233 Washburn Avenue, reviewed his analysis of waste collection services, including lower prices for consumers, reduced truck traffic and community control over decisions on waste management.

Recreation Services Director Topitzhofer reviewed the State Statute requirements regarding the process establishing organized collection.

Mayor Goettel discussed organized collection as being a sustainability issue. She also said the push-to-the-curb day should be included.

Council Member Sandahl stated the idea should be reviewed.

Council Member Wroge said he supported organized collection at first but now he believes it limits the homeowner's ability of choice. It could create a monopoly of one hauler which no longer provides for the fair market of prices.


Council Member Elliott said an organized collection could be a cornering of the market.


Due to a lack of time, the City Council continued discussion to the July 12 City Council Worksession.

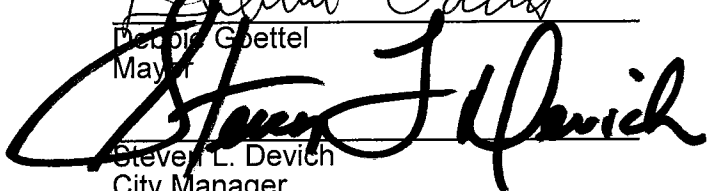
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:55 p.m.

Date Approved: June 28, 2011

  
 Cheryl Krumholz  
 Recording Secretary

  
 Debra Goettel  
 Mayor

  
 Steven L. Devich  
 City Manager