



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Meeting

October 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Jim Topitzhofer, Recreation Services Director; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant to the City Manager; Corrine Heine, City Attorney; and Cheryl Krumholz, Recording Secretary.

OPEN FORUM

Lori Grotz, 5513 Park Avenue, Edina, on behalf of her mother who lives at 6214 – 5th Avenue, spoke about problems with the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Part 150 Program home insulation and ventilation and the lack of code compliance because no permits are required.

Dennis Probst, MAC Deputy Director of Planning and Environment, explained the MAC's awareness of Ms. Grotz's concerns.

The City Council requested they stay informed of the progress and outcome.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goettel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Sandahl, S/Wroge to approve the minutes of (1) Special City Council Worksession of September 22, 2009; and (2) Regular City Council Meeting of September 22, 2009.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1	PRESENTATION BY THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LONG-TERM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 166)
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Lisa Peilan, MAC Commissioner, District C Representative, addressed the City Council.

Mr. Probst presented the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Long Term Comprehensive Plan.

Item #2	ANNUAL MEETING WITH FRIENDSHIP CITY COMMISSION
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Roger Swanson, Friendship City Commission Chair, provided a report on the Commission's activities and goals.

Item #3	ANNUAL MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION
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Rick Jobs, Planning Commission Chair, provided a report on the Commission's activities and goals.

Item #4	COUNCIL DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Elliott discussed the recent Chamber of Commerce gala.

Mayor Goettel announced the October 31 groundbreaking ceremony for the new City Hall.

Council Member Sandahl announced the October 18 Honoring All Veterans Memorial pancake breakfast.

Council Member Sandahl stated there will be upcoming Crosstown construction traffic flow changes.

Council Member Sandahl announced the October 30 Lyndale Avenue over 494 bridge ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Council Member Fitzhenry acknowledged that the Richfield Joint Community Policing Partnership program has been selected to receive the International Association of Chiefs of Police Civil Rights Award for 2009.

Council Member Fitzhenry acknowledged the efforts of the Richfield Police Department in solving the recent homicide at Avi's Pawnshop in Richfield.

Council Member Fitzhenry acknowledged the recent successful Fire Department open house.

Council Member Fitzhenry recognized the recent death of Pam Taschuk, a former Richfield employee, and extended condolences to the family.

Item #5	COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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M/Wroge, S/Sandahl to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #6	CONSENT CALENDAR
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- A. Consideration of approval of first reading of ordinance amending Appendix D of Richfield City Code, establishing fee schedule for certain permits and applications, and setting second reading for October 27, 2009 S.R. No. 192
- B. Consideration of approval of resolution terminating conditional use permit approval by Resolution No. 8638 that allowed single-family home be built at 6600 Oakland Avenue S.R. No. 193

RESOLUTION NO. 10293

RESOLUTION TERMINATING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
APPROVED BY RESOLUTION NO. 8638

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10293.

- C. Consideration of approval of resolution authorizing Department of Public Safety's acceptance of Justice Assistance Grant from U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs in amount of \$22,964 S.R. No. 194

RESOLUTION NO. 10294

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE TO ACCEPT THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FOR \$22,964 FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS TO BE USED FOR SELECTED TRAFFIC AND NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT, SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR POLICE PERSONNEL, AND CRIME PREVENTION AND JCPP (JOINT COMMUNITY POLICE PARTNERSHIP) PROGRAMS

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10294.

- D. Consideration of approval of change orders related to renovation of Lincoln Athletic Complex:
 - #5 to install pea gravel rather than sand in the drain tile fields for all ballfields in the amount of \$2,035;
 - #6 to provide additional stainless steel components to extend the 6-inch water line into the concession building in the amount of \$1,513.60;
 - #9 to provide conduit from electrical panel to existing paper towel dispensers in the amount of \$990; and
 - #10 to increase the size of four bleacher pads to accommodate larger bleachers in the amount of \$1,146.20 S.R. No. 195
- E. Consideration of approval of renewal of Public Safety towing services contract, December 1, 2009 through November 30, 2010, between City of Richfield and Chief's Towing, Inc, 8610 Harriet Avenue, with no increase in fees S.R. No. 196

Council Member Wroge asked about changes order 7 and 8 (Item #6D).

Council Member Fitzhenry explained change order 7 was approved by the City Council at a previous meeting and change order 8 was rejected.

M/Goettel, S/Wroge to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #7	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
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None.

Item #8	CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING RICHFIELD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHANGING DESIGNATION FOR PORTION OF 6710 PORTLAND AVENUE FROM PARK TO PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC AND AT 6731, 6754, AND 6758 PORTLAND AVENUE FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CITY HALL FACILITY AT 6700-6758 PORTLAND AVENUE S.R. NO. 197
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Council Member Elliott presented Staff Report No. 197.

M/Elliott, S/Wroge that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. 10295

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR A PORTION OF 6710 PORTLAND AVENUE FROM PARK TO PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC, AND AT 6734, 6754, AND 6758 PORTLAND AVENUE FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10295.

<p>Item #9</p>	<p>PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR 6700-6758 PORTLAND AVENUE AS SITE OF FUTURE CITY HALL FACILITY AND HEREDIA PARK S.R. NO. 198</p>
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Council Member Fitzhenry presented Staff Report No. 198.

M/Wroge, S/Elliott to close public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0.

M/Fitzhenry, S/Wroge that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. 10296

RESOLUTION GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF A PLAT FOR RICHFIELD CITY HALL

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10296.

<p>Item #10</p>	<p>CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR 6700-6758 PORTLAND AVENUE FOR NEW CITY HALL FACILITY AND ADJACENT HEREDIA PARK S.R. NO. 199</p>
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Council Member Wroge presented Staff Report No. 199.

M/Wroge, S/Elliott that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. 10297

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF A SITE PLAN FOR 6700 - 6758 PORTLAND AVENUE

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10297.

Community Development Director Stark explained the proposed variances reducing the required parking spaces and the reduced setback required. The retaining wall height variance can be addressed by the Hearing Examiner. Details still to be decided include the sidewalk along Portland Avenue, landscaping, plaza, park, and outstanding issues with Hennepin County regarding ingress/egress onto Portland Avenue.

City Manager Devich discussed the Hennepin County policy position optimum is no entrance/exit onto Portland Avenue but rather 67th Street, however, strict enforcement in a fully developed area is virtually impossible.

City Manager Devich explained temporary parking on Portland Avenue on the east side of the current City Hall is not needed because with the area where the trees were, there is space between Portland Avenue and City Hall.

Item #11	CONSIDERATION OF BID MINUTES FOR ENTIRE ICE ARENA ROOF ONE PROJECT AND AWARD CONTRACT TO QT COMMERCIAL ROOFING FOR ROOF SHINGLE REPLACEMENT OF RINK ONE AND ADDED INSULATION IN AMOUNT OF \$145,835 S.R. NO. 200
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Council Member Sandahl presented Staff Report No. 200.

City Manager Devich clarified the additional funds will be from the Recreation Enterprise budget and not impact the General Fund.

Council Member Elliott abstained from voting because he stated he has a professional relationship with QT Commercial Roofing.

M/Sandahl, S/Goettel to approve bid minutes for entire ice arena roof one project and award contract to QT Commercial Roofing for roof shingle replacement of rink one and added insulation in amount of \$145,835.

Motion carried 4-0. (Elliott abstain)

Item #12	CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER FOR FIVE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2014 S.R. NO. 201
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Mayor Goettel presented Staff Report No. 201.

Council Member Wroge stated he supported the appointment but believed all City Council Members or none serve as the HRA.

Mayor Goettel said City Council representation is needed on the HRA and is provided with the recommendation of Council Member Sandahl.

City Manager Devich stated the City Council has not served as the HRA since 1980.

M/Goettel, S/Wroge to reappoint Council Member Sandahl to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Commission for a five-year term expiring October 31, 2014.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #13	CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR SITE PREPARATION WORK NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POLICE/FIRE/CITY HALL FACILITY S.R. NO. 202
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Mayor Goettel presented Staff Report No. 202.

City Manager Devich clarified approval of plans and specifications are scheduled for the November 10 City Council Meeting.

Dale Sonnicksen, Project Manager, Stahl Construction, discussed the bid award process and timeline.

Council Member Sandahl requested the December 17 Special City Council Meeting begin at 7 p.m.

The City Council agreed.

M/Goettel, S/Sandahl to approve award of contracts for site preparation work necessary for construction of new Police/Fire/City Hall facility.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #14	CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
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None.

Item #15	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Sandahl, S/Elliott that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. BANK 10-13-09

A/P Checks: 189076 – 189519	\$ 3,629,555.02
PAYROLL 61339 – 61658	\$ 482,737.73
TOTAL	\$ 4,112,292.75

Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Heine explained the award on the Ramada parcel had been received but the commissioners are meeting on October 14 to explain the award. Because no information on reasoning is yet available, the City Council Closed Session is scheduled for October 27.

OPEN FORUM

None.

The City Council meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:30 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Cheryl Krumholz
Recording Secretary

Steven L. Devich
City Manager