



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Special Worksession

September 22, 2009

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 6:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

*Staff Present:* Steven Devich, City Manager; Mike Eastling, Public Works Director; Jim Topitzhofer, Recreation Services Director; Chris Link, Street Maintenance Supervisor; and Cheryl Krumholz, Recording Secretary.

**Item # 1**

**PRESENTATION FROM YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL**

Representatives from the Youth Action Council presented and discussed their video "SEE us, HEAR us, ENGAGE us."

The City Council provided comments and ideas on finding a location for teens to gather in the City and various possible funding options through grants.

**Item #2**

**UPDATE REGARDING EMERALD ASH TREE BORER (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 152)**

Street Maintenance Supervisor Link discussed a PowerPoint presentation regarding policy direction on handling oak wilt and emerald ash borer impacts on Richfield's trees and potential funding sources.

Council Member Sandahl stated the City's boulevard trees should be considered as an infrastructure investment.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:57 p.m.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Debbie Goettel  
Mayor

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Cheryl Krumholz  
Recording Secretary

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Steven L. Devich  
City Manager



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Richfield, Minnesota

### Regular Meeting

**September 22, 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; Mike Eastling, Public Works Director; John Stark, Community Development Director; Chris Regis, Finance Manager; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant to the City Manager; Corrine Heine, City Attorney; and Cheryl Krumholz, Recording Secretary.

#### OPEN FORUM

Bob Hall, 7309 Oliver Avenue, spoke about his concerns regarding expensive proposed costs for the new City Hall.

#### PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goettel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Wroge, S/Elliott to approve the minutes of (1) Special City Council Meeting of September 3, 2009; and (2) Special City Council Worksession of September 8, 2009; and (3) Regular City Council Meeting of September 8, 2009.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #1</b>	<b>PRESENTATION BY THE WEIDT GROUP REGARDING ENERGY ANALYSIS RESULTS FOR NEW POLICE/FIRE/CITY HALL FACILITY (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 153)</b>
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Kris Leaf, The Weidt Group, made a presentation about the energy analysis as part of the Xcel Energy's Energy Design Assistance Program. He discussed the process used by the Weidt Group to determine energy bundling strategies, key results of the analysis, and summary of the components of the bundle selected by the City Hall design team.

<b>Item #2</b>	<b>COUNCIL DISCUSSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER(S) TO ATTEND NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONGRESS OF CITIES AND EXPOSITION (DEFERRED FROM AUGUST 11, 2009) (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 154)</b></li> <li>• <b>HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS</b></li> </ul>
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Council Member Elliott introduced O'Neal Hampton and his daughter, Sunshine, Richfield residents, who will be participating in the reality show, "The Biggest Loser."

The City Council consensus was to designate Council Member Sandahl to attend the National League of Cities Congress of Cities and Exposition in November 2009.

Council Member Sandahl stated the *Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal* included Richfield businesses, Best Buy and Carrousel Travel, as best places to work.

Council Member Fitzhenry discussed the Metropolitan Airports Commission interactive flight map.

Mayor Goettel acknowledged the participants in the recent Cattail Days event.

Mayor Goettel requested staff consider repositioning the traffic barriers recently installed near Cedar Point for easier bicycle access.

Mayor Goettel requested the neighbors along the Crosstown be contacted regarding the placement of streetlights when construction is finished.

Mayor Goettel reported on the CHAT III open houses, including requests for tree dedications in the park and gardens.

Mayor Goettel requested recycling containers be placed in the parks.

Mayor Goettel discussed the recent editorial in the *Star Tribune* regarding the new City Hall.

<b>Item #3</b>	<b>COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>
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M/Wroge, S/Goettel to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #4</b>	<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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- A. Consideration of approval of resolution and purchase agreement authorizing acquisition of 6758 Portland Avenue from Richfield HRA and resolution authorizing purchase of 6754 Portland Avenue for expansion and building of new City Hall S.R. No. 186

RESOLUTION NO. 10289

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6754 AND 6758 PORTLAND AVENUE

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10289.

- B. Consideration of approval of resolution establishing 2010 license, permit and miscellaneous fees pursuant to provisions of Appendix D of Richfield City Code S.R. No. 187

RESOLUTION NO. 10290

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2010 LICENSE, PERMIT AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF APPENDIX D OF THE ORDINANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF RICHFIELD RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 10182

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10290.

- C. Consideration of approval of resolution certifying unpaid sewer and water service charges to County Auditor for collection with other taxes on said properties S.R. No. 188

RESOLUTION NO. 10291

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SERVICE CHARGES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE COLLECTED WITH OTHER TAXES ON SAID PROPERTIES

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10291.

- D. Consideration of approval of agreement between CenterPoint Energy and City of Richfield to relocate utilities as part of Lyndale Avenue Bridge over I-494 Project S.R. No. 189
- E. Consideration of approval of hiring WSB and Associates, Inc. to complete final concept plans and provide project development coordination for Taft/Legion and Adam's Hill regional stormwater quality projects for cost not exceed \$96,624 without further authorization S.R. No. 190

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

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #5</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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None.

<b>Item #6</b>	<b>CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STREET LIGHT USER FEE TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN CITY OF RICHFIELD FOR OPERATION OF STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM (PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2009) S.R. NO. 191</b>
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Mayor Goettel presented Staff Report No. 191.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Wroge expressed his support because the sunset clause is included and levy limits are currently in place, but when levy limits are removed, the fee should go back on property taxes. He added the definition of property taxes should be discussed.

Council Member Sandahl stated support because of the current budget resulting from reductions in Local Government Aid (LGA).

City Manager Devich explained the current and expected LGA reductions from the State.

Council Member Elliott agreed with supporting the fee as a temporary solution with a sunset date so the fee could go back on taxes.

Council Member Fitzhenry agreed with supporting the fee because the best crime prevention is lighting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10292

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A STREET LIGHT FEE TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF RICHFIELD FOR THE OPERATION OF A STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10292.

<b>Item #7</b>	<b>CITY MANAGER'S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POLICE/FIRE/CITY HALL FACILITY GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY</li> <li>• DECEMBER 22 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING</li> </ul>
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City Manager Devich announced the following items:

- The Police/Fire/City Hall Facility groundbreaking ceremony is on October 31, 2009 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- The Lyndale Avenue bridge ribbon-cutting is on October 29, 2009 at 10 a.m. with the official opening on October 30, 2009, which is approximately one month earlier than anticipated.
- A second City Council Meeting in December will be necessary to stay on schedule with construction bids for the new City Hall.
- A Special City Council Worksession may need to be scheduled very soon to make decisions on the Council Chambers design; including a rear projector system.

Council Member Elliott requested the Orfield and Associates proposal include definitive cost projections and WOLD provide budget adjustment options.

Council Member Wroge requested the City Council be provided the names of other City Halls with rear projectors.

Mayor Goettel added that comparative experiences with or without that system be provided.

City Manager Devich stated the rear projector system could require the Chambers to be lengthened further into the Heredia Park.

City Manager Devich said independent sources will be contacted to provide audio visual equipment comparisons.

<b>Item #8</b>	<b>CLAIMS AND PAYROLL</b>
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M/Wroge, S/Sandahl that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

**U.S. BANK 09-22-09**

A/P Checks: 188759 – 189075	\$ 3,262,028.44
PAYROLL 61026 – 61338; 41457	\$ 506,463.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,768,492.39</b>

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>OPEN FORUM</b>
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None.

The City Council meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:55 p.m.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Debbie Goettel  
Mayor

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Cheryl Krumholz  
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