



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special Worksession

February 9, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 5:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members

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

Staff Present:

Steven L. Devich, City Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Barry Fritz, Public Safety Director; Brad Sveum, Fire Services Director; Bill Fillmore, Municipal Liquor Operations Director; Chris Regis, Finance Manager; Kristin Asher, City Engineer; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant to the City Manager; and Nancy Gibbs, City Clerk.

Item #1	DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL LEGISLATORS
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State Senator Ken Kelash, District 63, and State House Representative Linda Slocum, District 63B, discussed the Council's concerns with items scheduled to be discussed during the upcoming legislative session. The topics that were discussed included:

- Financial Impacts
 - Need for balanced budget
 - Consequences of unallotment
 - Levy limits
 - Need for cities to maintain a reasonable fund balance
 - Bonding for planning 77th Street tunnel and Richfield Parkway
 - First responder funding legislation/reimbursement
 - The Buy American statute – costs and problems
- Request new laws to prohibit auto operation while texting or talking on phone
- Remove 494/35W project from #17 on USA's worst traffic delays list and make priority

- Eminent domain

Representative Slocum stated that she thinks next year will be worse financially than this year.

Senator Kelash agreed with Representative Slocum and added that he thought cities would have their Local Government Aid cut again this year.

Senator Kelash stated that the 494/35W project is currently not a top priority because other projects, like the Highway 62 project, need to be completed before another major project can begin.

Representative Slocum stated that she would like to meet with the City Council after the legislative session ends.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:53 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Nancy Gibbs
City Clerk

Steven L. Devich
City Manager



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Meeting

February 9, 2010

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; Barry Fritz, Public Safety Director; Kristin Asher, City Engineer; Corrine Heine, City Attorney; and Nancy Gibbs, City Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

None.

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) Regular City Council Meeting of January 12, 2010; (2) Special City Council Meeting of January 26, 2010; and (3) Special City Council Worksession of January 26, 2010.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1	PRESENTATION OF 2009 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO CITY OF RICHFIELD POLICE OFFICER JEFF HATZENBELLER (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 18)
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Public Safety Director Fritz presented Officer Jeff Hatzenbeller with the 2009 Police Officer of the Year Award.

Item #2	COUNCIL DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIRL SCOUT COOKIE CARE & SHARE • HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Mayor Goettel introduced Melanie Hall, Co-leader of Girl Scout Troop 11786, and the troop members.

Council Member Fitzhenry stated that Representative Slocum was at an earlier worksession this evening and that she thanked the snow plow crews for what a great job they do.

Council Member Sandahl reminded residents that the Richfield West Connection Bike Route meetings will be held February 24 at the Richfield Middle School from 6pm-8pm. The Richfield East Connection Bike Route meetings will be held March 2 at a location and time to be determined.

Council Member Elliott stated that the Biggest Loser contestants from Richfield, O'Neil and Sunshine, are doing very well. He saw O'Neil over the Christmas holiday and he had lost 100 pounds. He also stated that O'Neil mentioned that, upon his return, he would like to address the community about obesity, high blood pressure, and diabetes.

Item #3	COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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M/Fitzhenry, S/Sandahl to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #4	CONSENT CALENDAR
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- A. Consideration of approval of purchase of four new Ford Crown Victoria police squad cars from Elk River Ford, Inc. in amount of \$90,826.44, plus tax S.R. No. 27

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #5	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
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None.

Item #6	PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF FUNDS FOR 2010 URBAN HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM S.R. NO. 28
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Mayor Goettel presented Staff Report No. 28.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10345

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2010 URBAN HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY AND ANY REQUIRED THIRD PARTY AGREEMENTS

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10345.

Item #7	CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
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None.

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

U.S. BANK 02-09-10

A/P Checks: 192006 – 192438	\$ 1,431,230.15
PAYROLL 64170 – 64489; 41468	\$ 495,104.05

TOTAL	\$ 1,926,3347.20
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Motion carried 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

None.

By unanimous consent the City Council left the Council Chambers at 7:25 p.m. to conduct a Closed Executive Session in the Executive Conference Room.

Item #9	SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM REGARDING CITY MANAGER ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
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The Closed Executive Session was called to order by Mayor Goettel in the Executive Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Steve Devich, City Manager.

The Closed Executive Session was convened pursuant to M.S. 13D.05.

The Closed Executive Session adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Item #10	RECONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The City Council reconvened the public meeting in the Council Chambers at 8:23 p.m.

Mayor Goettel stated that the City Council had discussed the City Manager's annual performance evaluation during the Closed Executive Session pursuant to M.S. 13D.05.

Item #11	SUMMARY REPORT OF CITY MANAGER'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR 2009 AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF RICHFIELD AND CITY MANAGER STEVEN L. DEVICH FOR 2010 S.R. NO. 29
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Mayor Goettel presented Staff Report No. 29.

Mayor Goettel reported that City Manager Devich had significant accomplishments this year. Some of these accomplishments include managing a budget crisis, contract negotiations, layoffs, and managing many large projects such as the Lincoln Athletic Complex, Lyndale Avenue Bridge, and the Richfield Municipal Center.

City Manager Devich requested that his annual allowance be moved into his pension plan. There will be no increase in salary at this time.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10344

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF RICHFIELD AND STEVEN L. DEVICH, CITY MANAGER

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10344.

The City Council meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:25 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Nancy Gibbs
City Clerk

Steven L. Devich
City Manager