



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## Special Worksession

March 23, 2010

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 6:02 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; Barry Fritz, Public Safety Director; Mike Eastling, Public Works Director; John Stark, Community Development Director; Jim Topitzhofer, Recreation Services Director; Brad Sveum, Fire Services Director; Bill Fillmore, Municipal Liquor Operations Director; and Cheryl Krumholz, Recording Secretary.

<b>Item #1</b>	<b>DISCUSSION REGARDING 2010 BUDGET ISSUES</b>
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City Manager Devich discussed the following:

- State aid cuts are unknown until May or June and there are differences in the Governor's proposed reduction versus the legislature's.
- Proposed transfer of 2009 year-end General Fund surplus to Capital Fund to be used in 2010
- Proposed employee early retirement incentive
- Review of service levels
- Possible one-time option to levy back the loss of 2011 state aids
- Dispatching services
  - Possible use of Special Revenue Funds for capital costs of new building to retain dispatch center
  - Unknown costs of Hennepin County dispatch services
  - No other cities want to move their 9-1-1 service to Richfield
  - Bloomington and Edina preparing cost estimates to move Richfield dispatch center to their facility

- Process of dispatching of emergency responders by Richfield and Hennepin County
  - Process/create time
  - Dispatch time

Council Member Fitzhenry stated he liked the personal touch of Richfield dispatchers to provide updates during calls.

Mayor Goettel expressed her disappointment with WOLD for their under-estimating the bid for the new dispatch center.

City Manager Devich stated the monopole cost was unanticipated.

Council Member Wroge said he did not condone moving dispatch to Hennepin County without knowing the cost.

Mayor Goettel said there were too many unknowns and expressed concern regarding the type of service provided by Hennepin County.

City Manager Devich stated he brought this issue to the City Council so they could make a conscious decision with building the new City Hall and dispatching services.

Council Member Fitzhenry reviewed his researched costs and impacts with Ramsey and Dakota Counties dispatching services.

Council Member Sandahl stated raising franchise fees could be an option.

City Manager Devich suggested if there was the ability to levy back what is lost in state aids, the City should do it.

Council Member Wroge stated he did not support increasing franchise fees. The City should put services on taxes and get off of Local Government Aid (LGA). If LGA continues, that should be used to pay off debt.

Council Member Sandahl responded that there is a benefit to the community to finance projects.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:45 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

**March 23, 2010**

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 7:04 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; Barry Fritz, Public Safety Director; Jim Topitzhofer, Recreation Services Director; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant to the City Manager; Kristin Asher, City Engineer; Corrine Heine, City Attorney; and Cheryl Krumholz, Recording Secretary.

#### OPEN FORUM

Heidi Gaibor, 6915 Wentworth Avenue, discussed the dispatch center costs to stay in Richfield versus going to Hennepin County.

Floyd Roman, 7208 Penn Avenue, spoke in support of keeping the Richfield dispatch center.

Roger Schmidt, 7504 Aldrich spoke in support of establishing a skateboard park in Richfield and requested the City Council consider this at a future City Council Meeting.

Cathy Anderson, 6808 12th Avenue, a Hennepin County dispatcher but not representing Hennepin County, stated it did not matter what was decided but requested the facts regarding dispatching be clarified, including that changing to Hennepin County would not create a dangerous situation.

Fran Sirany, 6808 12th Avenue, stated it did not matter what was decided on dispatching unless it meant increased taxes to stay in Richfield.

Marty Kirsch, 6725 Penn Avenue, spoke in support of keeping the dispatching services in Richfield.

<b>PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>
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Mayor Goettel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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M/Sandahl, S/Wroge to approve the minutes of (1) Special City Council Worksession of March 9, 2010 and (2) Regular City Council Meeting of March 9, 2010.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #1</b>	<b>PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 10, 2010 AS RICHFIELD OPTIMISTS CLUB YOUTH FOUNDATION NO KIDS LEFT BEHIND DAY</b>
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Mayor Goettel presented to Steve Larson, Richfield Optimists Club, a proclamation designating April 10, 2010 as Richfield Optimists Club Youth Foundation No Kids Left Behind Day.

<b>Item #2</b>	<b>PRESENTATION OF 2009 RESTAURANT FOOD SAFETY AWARDS FROM RICHFIELD ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 40)</b>
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Jennifer Turrentin, Advisory Board of Health Chairperson, presented the 2009 Richfield Restaurant Food Safety Awards to:

- Full service Restaurants category:
  - Nominations: Fred Babcock VFW Post #5555, American Legion Post #435, and Don Pablo's
  - Winner: Broadway Pizza
- Fast food/Pizza/Cafeteria category:
  - Nominations: Davanni's Pizza, Arby's, and Subway
  - Winner: Boston Market
- Retail Grocery category:
  - Nominations: Rainbow Foods
  - Winner: Target

<b>Item #3</b>	<p><b>COUNCIL DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RICHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b></li> <li>• <b>HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS</b></li> <li>• <b>MISINFORMATION REGARDING 9-1-1 DISPATCHING</b></li> </ul>
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Sarah Hummel, Richfield Historical Society, requested the City Council to designate June 12, 2010 "Mal Freeburg Day" as an official event in Richfield.

Fredrick Johnson, Author of *Richfield: Minnesota's Oldest Suburb and Suburban Dawn*, explained the history of Mr. Freeburg.

M/Goettel, S/Sandahl to designate June 12, 2010 as Mal Freeburg Day in the City of Richfield.

Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Fitzhenry acknowledged the efforts of the City street maintenance crew for their prompt responses to filling potholes.

Council Member Wroge announced there were several vacancies on the Human Rights Commission and encouraged residents to apply.

Council Member Elliott discussed the staff working with residents to assist with the development of an inoculation program for Emerald Ash Borer.

City Manager Devich discussed and clarified information regarding the 9-1-1 dispatching center.

Council Member Elliott stated the dispatch issue is not to discredit Hennepin County but rather promote Richfield.

Council Member Fitzhenry stated there could be audio difficulties with tonight's meeting but they are due to Comcast problems.

<b>Item #4</b>	<b>COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>
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M/Wroge, S/Sandahl to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #5</b>	<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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- A. Consideration of approval of resolution providing for sale of \$1,535,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010A S.R. No. 45

RESOLUTION NO. 10351

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF  
\$1,535,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010A

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10351.

- B. Consideration of approval of resolution authorizing issuance of Variable Rate Demand Multifamily Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010 and Variable Rate Multifamily Housing Revenue Notes, Series 2010 S.R. No. 46

RESOLUTION NO. 10352

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE SALE AND DELIVERY OF ITS  
VARIABLE RATE DEMAND MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REFUNDING  
REVENUE BONDS LYNWOOD PARTNERS LLC PROJECT SERIES  
2010 AND ITS SUBORDINATE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING  
REFUNDING REVENUE NOTES LYNWOOD PARTNERS LLC  
PROJECT SERIES 2010 APPROVING THE FORM OF AND  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE  
BONDS THE SUBORDINATE NOTES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS  
PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY RIGHTS AND REMEDIES WITH  
RESPECT TO THE BONDS AND THE SUBORDINATE NOTES AND  
GRANTING APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS WITH  
RESPECT THERETO

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10352.

- C. Consideration of approval of resolution modifying Health Care Savings Plan for eligible International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49 bargaining unit employees S.R. No. 47

RESOLUTION NO. 10350

RESOLUTION APPROVING LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF RICHFIELD AND INTERNATIONAL UNION OF  
OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 49 MODIFYING CURRENT POST  
EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10350.

- D. Consideration of resolution restricting parking on both sides of 76th Street between 11th and 12th Avenues S.R. No. 48

RESOLUTION NO. 10353

RESOLUTION RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS  
"NO PARKING" ON 76th STREET

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10353.

- E. Consideration of approval of award of contract to Clearwater Recreation, LLC. for purchase and installation of play equipment and shade structure at Lincoln Athletic Complex in amount of \$55,000 S.R. No. 49

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

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #6</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR</b>
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None.

<b>Item #7</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY AGREEMENT FOR USE OF NORTHERN HALF OF 7700 PILLSBURY AVENUE, CITY'S FORMER PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY, BY RON CLARK CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN COMPANY S.R. NO. 50</b>
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Council Member Wroge presented Staff Report No. 50.

M/Wroge, S/Sandahl to approve the right-of-entry agreement for use of the northern half of 7700 Pillsbury Avenue, City's former Public Works Maintenance Facility, by Ron Clark Construction and Design Company.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #8</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF REVISION TO EXHIBIT D OF LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN METROPOLITAN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND CITY OF RICHFIELD FOR EDINA-RICHFIELD INTERCEPTOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT S.R. NO. 51</b>
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Council Member Sandahl presented Staff Report No. 51.

M/Sandahl, S/Goettel to approve the revision to Exhibit D of land acquisition, design, and construction cooperation agreement between Metropolitan Council Environmental Services and the City of Richfield for Edina-Richfield interceptor improvements project.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #9</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE-TIME EMPLOYEE EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM S.R. NO. 52</b>
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Mayor Goettel presented Staff Report No. 52.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10354

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 10354.

<b>Item #10</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFER OF 2009 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SURPLUS UP TO \$300,000 TO CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2009 S.R. NO. 53</b>
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Council Member Elliott presented Staff Report No. 53.

Council Member Wroge acknowledged the City Manager’s efforts to manage expenditures to end 2009 with a positive balance.

City Manager Devich explained the total balance is not being transferred because there needs to be a cushion if there is a reclassification of funds and it shows the bond rating agencies a positive fund balance.

M/Elliott, S/Wroge to approve the transfer of 2009 General Fund budget surplus up to \$300,000 to the Capital Project Fund, effective December 31, 2009.

Motion carried 5-0.

<b>Item #11</b>	<b>CITY MANAGER’S REPORT</b>
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None.

Mayor Goettel requested more lighting be considered for the new City Hall construction site.

<b>Item #12</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 03-23-10**

A/P Checks: 193019 – 193459	\$ 1,688,926.64
PAYROLL 65126 – 65432	\$ 487,234.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,176,160.96</b>

Motion carried 5-0.

**OPEN FORUM**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:15 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