

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special City Council Worksession

November 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 6:00 p.m. in the Bartholomew Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager; Mike Eastling, Public Works Director; John Stark, Community Development Director; Corrine Heine, City Attorney; and Cheryl Krumholz, Executive Coordinator.

Item #1	DISCUSSION REGARDING COMPOSITION OF RICHFIELD HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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City Manager Devich reviewed the composition history of the Richfield Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA).

City Attorney Heine explained the State Statute requirements and the establishing resolution consistent with State law related to the HRA.

Council Member Elliott discussed the need for HRA membership accountability balanced with expertise and the best interests of the City.

Council Member Wroge discussed his reasons why the City Council should be on the HRA so the voters decide who is qualified and represents residents and businesses.

Council Member Fitzhenry said he'd rather see some citizens on the HRA for their input and that he'd like to review the selection of applicants.

City Attorney Heine explained the City Council could specify the HRA term length.

Council Member Sandahl discussed the benefits of having citizens on the HRA and the importance of balance. She agreed to have a recruitment process similar to the advisory commissioners.

Mayor Goettel discussed the rationale of how she arrives at her HRA recommendation. She added she likes the mix of citizen membership.

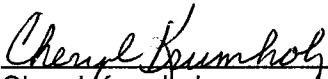
The City Council consensus was to conduct a recruitment similar to the advisory commission process, the City Council review all resumes to determine the top applicants and make recommendations to the Mayor, including discussion at a Worksession, interview the top applicants, concluding with the Mayor making a recommendation to be confirmed by the City Council at a City Council meeting.


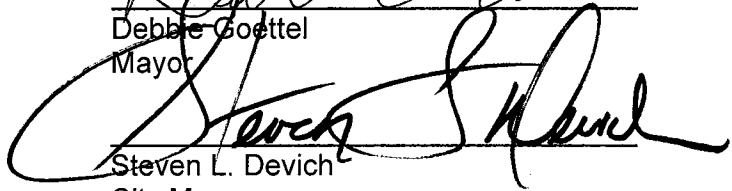
The City Council requested a resolution be prepared to establish a two 5 year (10 years) consecutive term limit, continue citizen membership, have the length of HRA term match the elected length of term of the City Council Member appointed to the HRA, and members must be Richfield residents.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:45 p.m.

Date Approved: December 13, 2011


Cheryl Krumholz
Executive Coordinator


Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Steven L. Devich
City Manager