



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Richfield, Minnesota

### Council Special Meeting

### January 15, 2026

<b>ITEM #1</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Supple at 7:45 a.m. on January 15, 2026, in the Bartholomew Conference Room.

*Council Present:* Mary Supple, Mayor; Walter Burk, Sean Hayford Oleary

*Absent:* Sharon Christensen; Rori A. Coleman-Woods

*Staff Present:* Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Mary Bogie, Finance Director; Melissa Poehlman, Community Development Director; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; Karl Huemiller, Recreation Services Director; Jennell Brooks, Fire Chief; Jay Henthorne, Public Safety Director; Courtney DesCamps, Senior Analyst; Michelle Friedrich, City Clerk; Mark McKinley, Administrative Assistant; Scott Kulzer, Senior Analyst; Brianna Darling, Communications Specialist; Kate Aitchison, Communications Director.

*Guests:* Dr. Steven Unowsky, Superintendent Richfield Public Schools; Eric Carter, Board Chair Richfield Public Schools; State Senator Melissa Wiklund; County Commissioner Debbie Goettel; Graham Faulkner, Policy Director; State Representative Michael Howard; Ladan Abshir, Community Representative for Ilhan Omar; Ann Lenczewski, Lockridge Grindal Nauen; Alex Hassel; Kate Wagner.

<b>ITEM #2</b>	<b>REMARKS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>
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Mayor Supple provided an update to the group on meeting procedure and explained her perspective related to the ongoing surge of federal law enforcement in Minnesota communities. Mayor Supple and Council Member Hayford Oleary thanked State Senator Wiklund for her service to Richfield.

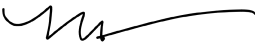
<b>ITEM #3</b>	<b>RICHFIELD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES</b>
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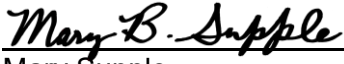
Richfield department directors outlined their legislative priorities for the upcoming year and responded to questions from the attendees. Elected officials provided updates on current initiatives and discussed opportunities for collaboration between city and various offices.


<b>ITEM #15</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The special meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Date Approved: January 27, 2026

  
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 Mark McKinley  
 Administrative Assistant

  
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 Mary Supple  
 Mayor

  
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 Katie Rodriguez  
 City Manager