



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## City Council Work Session

### July 22, 2025

<b>ITEM #1</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
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Mayor Supple called the work session to order at 5:33 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

*Council Present:* Mary Supple, Mayor; Sharon Christensen; Walter Burk, Sean Hayford Oleary, Rori A. Coleman-Woods

*Staff Present:* Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Karl Huemiller, Recreation Services Director; Kris Weiby, Facilities Manager; Joe Powers, City Engineer; Michelle Friedrich, City Clerk; Courtney DesCamps, Management Analyst; and Mark McKinley, Administrative Assistant.

*Guests:* Amber Blanchard, MnDOT Metro District Major Projects Manager; Ryan Wilson, MnDOT Metro District West Area Manager; Adam Barnett, Principal Sports Architect at JLG Architects; Zach Finstrom, Project Architect at JLG Architects; Nick Nowacki, Senior Aquatics Engineer at Reengineered, Inc.; and Will Forbord, CPE at Loeffler Construction & Consulting.

<b>ITEM #2</b>	<b>ITEM DISCUSSION</b>
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A. I-494 Phase 2 Discussion

City Engineer Powers provided a summary of the item and opened the discussion to MnDOT staff. Amber Blanchard provided a summary of the agenda and reviewed the follow-up action items from the last discussion. Council asked what the future holds for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue pedestrian bridge if MnDOT does not take any action on the project. Ms. Blanchard stated that if the bridge becomes a safety concern, consideration of a deconstruction plan for replacement would be reviewed. Ms. Blanchard reviewed City and MnDOT projects that will be taking place during the I-494 project. Ms. Blanchard gave an update on the noise analysis and air quality studies. Ms. Blanchard reviewed the feedback MnDOT received from the community. An outline of the public engagement from project 1 and the phase 2 public engagement plans were reviewed.

Ryan Wilson revisited the implementation plan for the projects. He provided a summary of the regional framework and the next steps for this project. Council discussed wanting to increase safety in the area where West 76<sup>th</sup> Street and I-35W cross, noting they would like to see paving as well as increased safety fixes in that area. Mr. Wilson explained they are trying to make these changes over time in that area, and staff are aiming to continue to target these areas.

Engineer Powers noted action items include follow-up on 76<sup>th</sup> Street intersections, trail crossing at railroad bridge, air quality gas emissions, and phase 2 noise.

B. Pool Project Update

Director Huemiller provided a summary of the pool project. Adam Barnett summarized the goal of the project, presented the schedule of the project, and provided a breakdown of the budget.

Nick Nowacki discussed the pool base structure. He noted the structure of both pools is in very good condition and just needs some general maintenance. Mr. Nowacki listed the repairs that are needed. Council asked if concrete replacement is necessary at the big pool, or if resurfacing with plaster is in order. Recreation Services Director Huemiller stated refinishing the pool with new plaster is maintenance that will protect the existing concrete. Mr. Nowacki discussed the lifespan of the updates that are needed.

Will Forbord provided a summary of the bathhouse base scope and needed updates. Mr. Forbord listed bathhouse maintenance needed, some concession changes, and presented alternatives for the pool and bathhouse. Mr. Forbord displayed visuals of alternatives. Mr. Nowacki discussed future opportunities for the pool and provided a breakdown of the estimated cost for the total project.


Council discussed pool-related updates and maintenance and provided feedback on the presentation.


<b>ITEM #3</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Mayor Supple adjourned the work session at 6:54 p.m.

Date Approved: August 12, 2025

  
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 Mayor

  
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 City Clerk

  
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 Katie Rodriguez  
 City Manager