



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

City Council Work Session

February 17, 2026

ITEM #1	CALL TO ORDER
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Mayor Supple called the work session to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Remote Access: Council Member Christensen participated remotely via interactive technology for an excused medical reason.

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Melissa Poehlman, Community Development Director; Julie Urban, Assistant Community Development Director; and Michelle Friedrich, City Clerk.

ITEM #2	ITEM DISCUSSION
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- a. Discussion of a draft Emergency Pre-Eviction Notice Ordinance.

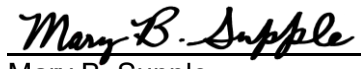
Community Development Director Poehlman presented the draft emergency ordinance extending the pre-eviction notice period for nonpayment of rent from 14 to 30 days due to income disruptions from Operation Metro Surge. Community Development Director Poehlman noted the emergency pre-eviction notice ordinance preserves evictions for non-financial reasons and maintains existing enforcement policies. Staff expressed support for the temporary measure, noting potential impacts on both tenants and landlords. Community Development Director noted preliminary landlord feedback was mixed with concerns about shifting financial burdens and accumulating tenant debt. Community Development Director Poehlman reported \$12,000 of the \$50,000 allocation to VEAP of rental assistance funds have been distributed with additional monetary donations raised by community support.

Council voiced general support for the emergency ordinance and provided staff direction.

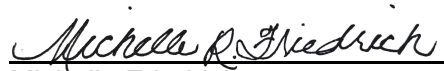
ITEM #3	ADJOURNMENT
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Mayor Supple adjourned the work session at 5:51 p.m.

Date Approved: March 10, 2026



Mary B. Supple
Mayor



Michelle Friedrich
City Clerk



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager