



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

## City Council Work Session

### March 10, 2026

<b>ITEM #1</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
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Mayor Supple called the work session to order on March 10, 2026, at 5:17 p.m., in the Bartholomew Room.

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

*Absent:* Council Member Sharon Christensen was excused.

*Staff Present:* Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; Matt Hardegger, Transportation Engineer; and Michelle Friedrich, City Clerk.

*Guests:* Jessa Trboyuch, Hennepin County; Matt Huggins, Hennepin County; Tyler McLeete, Stantec; Lance Bernard, TCZ;

<b>ITEM #2</b>	<b>ITEM DISCUSSION</b>
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a. Penn Avenue Reconstruction Update and Discussion

Matt Huggins, Hennepin County Project Manager, provided a midpoint update on the Penn Avenue reconstruction project from south of 75th Street to just south of Highway 62, noting extensive community engagement to date on priorities such as pedestrian and bikeway safety, multimodal mobility, transit access, stormwater management, and green space.

Council and staff discussed design options for the 66th Street intersection, reviewing a potential multi-lane roundabout versus retaining the existing signal with geometric and safety improvements. While some supported roundabout safety benefits, concerns about cost, right-of-way impacts, and business disruptions led to a consensus to enhance the existing signal with added pedestrian and bicycle safety features. Further analysis and community engagement will continue, including corridor-wide impacts, parking trade-offs, and balancing multimodal improvements with business access.

b. Proposed Traffic Calming Policy Discussion

Transportation Engineer Hardegger presented the proposed traffic calming policy, noting that efforts focus on school areas and reconstruction projects, with local streets easier to modify than county or state roads. Past projects demonstrate that design treatments can reduce speeds, though effectiveness may diminish over time, and decisions must balance safety, technical feasibility, and the city's street network.

Council and staff discussed eligibility criteria, costs of different traffic calming tools, and the potential for citizen-driven petitions, but fiscal constraints and ongoing infrastructure priorities make a new program premature, so it will be placed on the “back burner” for future consideration. Staff noted opportunities remain to adapt plans from comparable cities and incorporate improvements during upcoming reconstruction projects, such as 69th Street, while evaluating long-term policy and funding approaches.

<b>ITEM #3</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Mayor Supple adjourned the work session at 6:48 p.m.

Date Approved: March 24, 2026

*Mary B. Supple*

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Mayor

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City Clerk

*Katie Roary*

Katie Rodriguez  
City Manager