



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Council Regular Meeting

May 26, 2026

ITEM #1	CALL TO ORDER
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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Supple at 7:00 p.m. on May 26, 2026, in the Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mary Supple, Mayor; Walter Burk, Sean Hayford Oleary, and Sharon Christensen.

Excused: Rori A. Coleman-Woods.

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Sam Ketchum, serving in place of Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; and Michelle Friedrich, City Clerk.

ITEM #2	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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Mayor Supple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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MOTION: made by Council Member Hayford Oleary, seconded by Council Member Burk to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: Mayor Supple, Council Member Burk, Council Member Hayford Oleary, and Council Member Christensen.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #4	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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MOTION: made by Council Member Hayford Oleary, seconded by Council Member Burk to approve the minutes of the (4a) City Council Work Session from May 12, 2026, and (4b) Regular Meeting from May 12, 2026.

Voting Aye: Mayor Supple, Council Member Burk, Council Member Hayford Oleary, and Council Member Christensen.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #5	OPEN FORUM
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Mayor Supple noted the process for individuals wishing to speak during Open Forum and reviewed the three-minute time limit for public comments and explained the use of time warning cards to alert the speaker when their time is almost expired. Instructions were given for speakers to state their name and city of residence before speaking.

One resident addressed the Council during the Open Forum opportunity.

Birgit Johnson, Richfield resident, discussed a recent police shooting, emphasizing the importance of reporting suspicious activity, addressing property crime through law enforcement, and maintaining respectful public discourse. Ms. Johnson reflected on the circumstances of the deceased individual, acknowledged broader social challenges and the demands placed on law enforcement, and raised questions about firearm access, accountability, and prevention measures.

ITEM #6	PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
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- a. Proclamation Celebrating Pride Month.

Mayor Supple read the proclamation celebrating Pride Month. The proclamation was received by Kim Lutz.

ITEM #7	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- a. Approve Disbursements/Claims

U.S. BANK	Thru 05-22-2026
A/P Checks/ETF's: (05-02-2026 thru 05-14-2026)	\$2,694,807.28
Payroll (5-22-2026)	<u>\$1,110,829.06</u>
TOTAL	\$3,805,636.34

- b. Approve a work order in the amount of \$680,570 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for engineering services for the 69th Street Reconstruction Project.
- c. Consider approval of a request for a new Secondhand Goods Dealer License for EcoATM, LLC, located at 826 West 66th Street (inside Speedway).
- d. Consider the approval of the second reading of an ordinance amending Subsection 210.01 of the City Code related to City Council salaries for 2027 and 2028 and summary publication of said ordinance.

BILL NO. 2026-05

AMENDING SUBSECTION 210.01 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO CITY COUNCIL SALARIES FOR 2027 AND 2028

RESOLUTION 12425

APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO CITY COUNCIL SALARIES (BILL 2026-05)

MOTION: made by Council Member Burk, seconded by Council Member Christensen, to approve consent calendar items 7a-d as presented.

Voting Aye: Mayor Supple, Council Member Burk, Council Member Hayford Oleary, and Council Member Christensen.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #8	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
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None.

ITEM #9	PUBLIC HEARINGS
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None.

ITEM #10	PROPOSED ORDINANCES
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None.

ITEM #11	RESOLUTIONS
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None.

ITEM #12	OTHER BUSINESS
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a. Consider an alternate appointment to fill vacancy on the Human Rights Commission. Council Member Burk presented staff report 12a to consider an alternate appointment of Jocelynn Klos to the Human Rights Commission with a term commencing on May 27, 2026, and expiring on January 31, 2029.

MOTION: made by Council Member Burk, seconded by Council Member Christensen, to appoint Jocelynn Klos to the Human Rights Commission with a term commencing on May 27, 2026, and expiring on January 31, 2029.

Voting Aye: Mayor Supple, Council Member Burk, Council Member Hayford Oleary, and Council Member Christensen.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #13	CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez expressed appreciation to Representative Mike Howard, Senator Melissa Wiklund, city council members, the mayor, and Public Works staff for their efforts in securing

\$2 million in funding for the Nicollet Avenue reconstruction project, and for supporting related advocacy and bonding activities.

ITEM #14	COUNCIL DISCUSSION
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a. Hats off to Hometown Hits.

Council Member Christensen noted nothing to report at this time.

Council Member Hayford Oleary thanked the Honoring All Veterans Memorial Board for its Memorial Day event and reported on a recent infrastructure tour hosted for approximately 25 attendees from across the country. Council Member Hayford Oleary shared that participants expressed positive feedback about the city's infrastructure projects and noted a conversation about the rainbow roundabout, which highlighted significance as a welcoming community symbol for some visitors.

Council Member Burk commented on the appearance of the newly completed pool facility, expressing appreciation to residents who supported funding for the project. Council Member Burk encouraged community members to visit and enjoy the facility.

Mayor Supple recognized National Public Works Week and thanked the Public Works Department for its contributions to city operations and public safety. Mayor Supple also expressed appreciation to the Honoring All Veterans Memorial Board and volunteers for organizing the Memorial Day ceremony, which included musical performances by the Richfield Symphonic Band, a color guard presentation, a flyover performance by the T6 Thunder, and remarks from keynote speaker Lieutenant Lee of the Special Guerrilla Unit, recently recognized as veterans by the State of Minnesota.

b. Council Liaison Reports

No reports were discussed.

ITEM #15	ADJOURNMENT
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MOTION: made by Council Member Christensen, seconded by Council Member Burk to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Voting Aye: Mayor Supple, Council Member Burk, Council Member Hayford Oleary, and Council Member Christensen.

Motion carried: 4-0

Date Approved: June 8, 2026



Michelle Friedrich
City Clerk



Mary Supple
Mayor



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager