



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Council Regular Meeting

July 14, 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 July 14, 2026, in the Council Chambers.

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

Council Excused: Walter Burk

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Karl Huemiller, Recreation Services Director; Kate Croteau, Human Resources Director; Mary Bogie, Finance Director; 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	MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR LANCE CORPORAL ARMANDO ORTIZ CANSECO
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Mayor Supple requested a moment of silence to honor the life and service of Lance Corporal Armando Ortiz Canseco. Lance Corporal Armando Ortiz Canseco's family was present.

ITEM #4	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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Council requested Consent Calendar item 8e be moved under Consideration of Items, If any, Removed from Consent Calendar as item 9a, for further discussion.

MOTION: made by Council Member Hayford Oleary, seconded by Council Member Christensen to approve the agenda as amended.

Voting Aye: Mayor Supple, Council Member Hayford Oleary, Council Member Christensen, and Council Member Coleman-Woods.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #5	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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MOTION: made by Council Member Coleman-Woods, seconded by Council Member Hayford Oleary to approve the minutes of the (5a) City Council Work Session from June 23, 2026, (5b) City Council Regular Meeting from June 23, 2026, and the Council Special Meeting Minutes from June 30, 2026.

Voting Aye: Mayor Supple, Council Member Hayford Oleary, Council Member Christensen, and Council Member Coleman-Woods.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #6	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 spoke during Open Forum.

Birgit Johnson, Richfield resident, encouraged the City to preserve Richfield's limited green space by avoiding additional park structures, prioritizing maintenance of existing facilities, using brownfield sites for future development when feasible, and protecting natural areas as a sustainable approach for future generations.

ITEM #7	PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
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- a. Proclamation Celebrating the Passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mayor Supple read the proclamation celebrating Americans with Disabilities Act. Human Rights Commissioner Tim Garvey accepted the proclamation.

ITEM #8	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

- a. Approve Disbursements/Claims

U.S. BANK	
A/P Checks/ETF's: (06-15-2026 through 07-03-2026)	\$3,836,047.89
Payroll (07-02-2026) <i>Includes health insurance premiums for July 2026.</i>	<u>\$1,491,660.09</u>
TOTAL	\$5,327,707.98

- b. Consider approval of the first amendment to the Cannabis and Substance Use Prevention (CSUP) agreement with Bloomington Public Health.
- c. Consider approval of the second reading and summary publication of an ordinance amending Subsection 840.11 of the Richfield City Code, pertaining to alcohol in City parks.

BILL 2026-06**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 840.11 OF THE RICHFIELD CITY CODE PERTAINING TO ALCOHOL IN CITY PARKS****RESOLUTION 12440****APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 840.11 OF THE RICHFIELD CITY CODE PERTAINING TO ALCOHOL IN THE CITY PARKS**

- d. Consider a Resolution of Support for a Project Submittal for the 2026 Highway Safety Improvement Program funding solicitation.

RESOLUTION 12441**SUPPORTING HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR WEST 76TH STREET & NEWTON AVENUE INTERSECTION PROJECT**

- e. ITEM MOVED TO 9a Consider approval of a Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor license for St. Peter Catholic Church, located at 6730 Nicollet Avenue South, for their Tri Fest Harvest 2026 event taking place September 26-27, 2026.

MOTION: made by Council Member Coleman-Woods, seconded by Council Member Hayford Oleary, to approve Consent Calendar items 8a-d as presented. Item 8e was moved to Consideration of Items, If any, Removed from Consent Calendar, as item 9a, for further discussion.

Voting Aye: Mayor Supple, Council Member Hayford Oleary, Council Member Christensen, and Council Member Coleman-Woods.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #9	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
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- a. ITEM MOVED FROM 8a Consider approval of a Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor license for St. Peter Catholic Church, located at 6730 Nicollet Avenue South, for their Tri Fest Harvest 2026 event taking place September 26-27, 2026.

Mayor Supple noted the address correction to the Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License at Church of the Assumption, corrected to 305 East 7th Street, scheduled for September 26-27, 2026.

MOTION: made by Mayor Supple, seconded by Council Member Christensen, to approve item 9a, under Consideration of Items, If any, Removed from Consent Calendar, as corrected.

Voting Aye: Mayor Supple, Council Member Hayford Oleary, Council Member Christensen, and Council Member Coleman-Woods.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #10	PUBLIC HEARINGS
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None.

ITEM #11	PROPOSED ORDINANCES
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None.

ITEM #12	RESOLUTIONS
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None.

ITEM #13	OTHER BUSINESS
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a. Professional Services Agreement with GMP Consultants.

Council Member Coleman-Woods presented staff report 13a, Professional Services Agreement with GMP Consultants and noted the agreement outlines the scope of services and compensation for executive recruitment of next city manager.

MOTION: made by Council Member Coleman-Woods, seconded by Council Member Hayford Oleary, to approve the professional services agreement with GMP Consultants to conduct the executive recruitment for the City's next city manager and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the agreement.

Voting Aye: Mayor Supple, Council Member Hayford Oleary, Council Member Christensen, and Council Member Coleman-Woods.

Motion carried: 4-0

ITEM #14	CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez noted there were no reports.

ITEM #15	COUNCIL DISCUSSION
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a. Hats off to Hometown Hits.

Council Member Hayford Oleary thanked the Fourth of July Committee for their excellent work.

Council Member Christensen announced that the annual Poola Palooza will take place on Saturday, July 18, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Richfield Municipal Pool. The event features cardboard boat races with participants competing in handmade boats constructed entirely of cardboard and duct tape. Pre-registration is required, space is limited, and residents are welcome to attend and watch the event.

Council Member Coleman-Woods expressed appreciation to the Fourth of July Committee, City staff, and the many community volunteers for their contributions to the successful Fourth of July celebration.

Mayor Supple highlighted resources available on the City website, including the Parks Master Plan for public input, Arts Commission photography contest winners, and the Sustainability Guide. Mayor Supple also announced that applications for youth commissioners ages 15 to 18 will open in August and September.

b. Council Liaison Reports

No reports were discussed.

ITEM #16	ADJOURNMENT
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MOTION: made by Council Member Coleman-Woods, seconded by Council Member Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Voting Aye: Supple, Hayford O'leary, Christensen, and Coleman-Woods.

Motion carries: 4:0

Date Approved: July 28, 2026



Michelle Friedrich
City Clerk



Mary Supple
Mayor



Katie Rodriguez
City Manager

From: [Sidney Jackson III](#)
To: [Michelle Friedrich](#)
Subject: [POTENTIAL Dating]Hello City Clerk Friedrich, Please submit the following comment for the City Council Open Forum.
Date: Sunday, July 5, 2026 4:05:47 PM

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My name is Sidney Jackson III, and I live in Richfield.

I am asking the City Council to consider directing staff to study a limited neighborhood electric vehicle and golf cart pilot program on designated 25 mph residential streets.

I am not asking for unrestricted golf cart use throughout the city. I am asking whether Richfield could study a safe, limited pilot with permits, insurance, required safety equipment, daylight-only operation, no sidewalks, no major roads, and clearly designated routes.

Richfield has already taken steps toward safer neighborhood streets through lower residential speed limits. A small pilot could support aging in place, veterans, residents with mobility challenges, families, and short local trips to parks, churches, local businesses, and community spaces.

Other Minnesota communities have adopted similar designated-route approaches. I believe Richfield could study whether this would make sense here while keeping safety as the priority.

Thank you for sharing this comment with the City Council.

Respectfully,

Sidney Jackson III

Richfield Resident