

APPROVED 02/06/2023

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

January 16, 2023

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023 BY MAYOR RIX.

ROLL CALL

Present: Allen, LaFore, Misteravich, Reindel, Rix, Schultz, Warn

Absent: None

Others: City Manager Moore, City Clerk McCallister

Visitors: City Planner Jeschke, City Treasurer Hatfield , Police Chief Costello, Carl Miller, Scott Andrews (Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers), Paula Schneblen (Care House), Turning Point Representative; Candess Cunningham, Deborah Michon, Angela Pacitto, Margaret Teltow (Richmond Community School Board), Ben Johnson (Plante Moran).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by **Warn** seconded by **Allen**, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 regular meeting as amended:

Add Councilor **Schultz** to the Roll Call Vote for Closed Session- Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All yeas

Motion passes

Mayor Rix made the following statement:

On behalf of the City Council I would like to take a moment to address the public regarding the recent threats received by the Richmond Community Schools. First and foremost the City Council is fully supportive of the Police Department and their efforts to address the situation. The Department has been putting every effort they can towards this case and the Council supports the Department fully. The Richmond Police Department is doing everything they can to ensure the safety of the Richmond Community Schools and our Community as a whole. The Department is also consulting other agencies at the Federal, State and County level. Regardless of the chatter that is out there, we know the hard work that is being done to deal with this and commend the officers for their efforts.

Second, these threats are not reflective of the Richmond Community. We have a great community made up of residents, families, businesses, schools and organizations which all work together to make Richmond a place we all call our home town. The actions of one or a few will not drag our community down. We will all continue to work towards making Richmond a better community.”

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by **Warn**, seconded by **Allen**, to adopt the agenda as presented:

All yeas

Motion passes

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Receive and File DPW Activity Report for December 2022
- b) Receive and File City Clerk’s Activity Report for December 2022
- c) Receive and File City Planner’s Activity Report December 2022
- d) Receive and File Treasury and Money Market December 2022
- e) Receive and File Investment CD Report for December 2022
- f) Receive and File Code Enforcement Activity Report for December 2022
- g) Receive and File Cable TV Activity Report for *December 2022*
- h) Receive and File Library Activity Report for *December 2022*
- i) Receive and File Recreation Department Activity Report for *December 2022*
- j) Receive and File Police Department Statistics for *December 2022*
- k) Receive and File Offense Count Report for *December 2022*
- l) Receive and File Ticket Offense Report for *December 2022*
- m) Receive and File Crime Log Report for *December 2022*
- n) Receive and File Call Flow Report for *December 2022*
- o) Receive and File Traffic Accident Report for *December 2022*
- p) Receive and File 2022 Year-end Statistics Report
- q) Receive and File December 12, 2022, Library Board Meeting Minutes
- r) Receive and File November 9, 2022, Cable Commission Meeting Minutes
- s) Receive and File Cable Commission Goals and Objective for FY2023-23
- t) Receive and File Revenue and Expense Report *December 2022*
- u) Approval of Schedule of Bills dated January 16, 2023, in the amount of \$ 318,860.69

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for Use of FY2023-24 CDBG Funds

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City Manager Moore informed the Council the Public Hearing was to receive comments on the distribution of the City's FY2023-24 Community Development Block Grant Allocation.

The CDBG allocation is derived by a method from the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) that takes into consideration factors such as population, poverty, and overcrowding by using a competitive scoring method.

With no pressing projects this year, administration is requesting to not apply to the project competition for this year.

The public service portion of the CDBG program has stayed the same as in previous years. The City's CDBG Public Service allocation for FY2023-2024 is estimated to be \$4,930.00

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **Warn**, to open the public hearing for the use of FY2023-2024 CDBG Funds at 7:05 pm.

All yeas

Motion passes

We have received a request from City of Richmond Recreation Department to fund the Senior Activities Coordinator position in the amount of \$4,930.00.

Paula Schneblen, Care House, briefed Council on the services provided by Care House: Intervention for sexually/physically abused children, forensic interviews, and support and advocacy group therapy. Families are never charged for the use of these services. They are requesting \$1,200.00 for their Child Advocacy Services Program but would accept any amount awarded.

A Turning Point representative requested \$1,000.00 for their organization. They provide immediate emergency shelter, crisis intervention, and individual/group support services for survivors of domestic abuse and their dependent children.

Scott Andrews, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, provided background information to Council on the services that are administered: Small level repairs, transportation services, chores, and loneliness support for older and disabled adults. They are requesting \$148.00 for assisting eligible seniors and physically challenged adults. If you know anyone needing assistance contact the organization at www.ivicinfo.org.

We have received a request from Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) in the amount of \$792.00 for Emergency Shelter Program.

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **Warn**, to close the public hearing for the use of FY2023-2024 CDBG Funds at 7:18 pm.

All yeas

Motion passes

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Consideration of FY2023-24 CDBG Funding Allocations

Brick and mortar” projects are considered using a competitive scoring method that rates projects based on a number of factors. With no pressing projects this year, administration is requesting to not apply to the project competition for this year.

The City’s CDBG Public Service allocation for FY2023-2024 is estimated to be \$4,930.00

Motion #1:

Motion by **LaFore**, to allocate \$4,930.00 of the FY2023-2024 CDBG funding to the City of Richmond Parks & Recreation Department for funding the Senior Services Coordinator Position for one year. No second to the motion.

Motion dies

Motion #2:

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to allocate \$4,930.00 of the FY2023-2024 CDBG funding to the following Public Service Program(s):

Care House in the amount of **\$1,200.00**,
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers in the amount of **\$148.00**,
MCREST in the amount of **\$792.00**,
Turning Point in the amount of **\$1,000.00**,
Senior Services Coordinator in the amount of **\$1,790.00**.

Discussion on motion:

All the organizations that have applied for the funding are valuable to the community and provide helpful services to individuals in need.

Vote on motion:

All yeas

Motion passes

2. Consideration of Special Event – Bibs and Brews

The owners of Commercial House would like to utilize the City’s portion of the municipal parking lot behind Commercial House, next to Starr Craft Brewery. This will be a collaborative event between Commercial House and Starr Craft Brewery. The alley and parking along the buildings will remain open.

Moved by **Reindel**, seconded by **Schultz**, to approve special event request from Commercial House for their Bibs & Brews event on Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 1:00 pm until 11:00 pm, including a tent and outdoor music along with the use of the City's burn barrels.

All yeas

Motion passes

3. Consideration of Board Appointment

Motion by **Schultz**, seconded by **Allen**, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Theresa Maniaci, to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term with an expiration date June 30, 2023.

All yeas

Motion passes

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

The Chili Cook off will be held at the Community Center on February 4th, 2023 rather than the Aud as originally scheduled as it is still under repairs. If interested in participating in the event contact the Recreation Department. (Roasting pans are available for use if needed).

Radar signs were received and will be installed later this week at the four (4) major intersections of town.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Schultz noted that 119 acres of land was donated for farm preservation in Richmond Twp. This land can be sold but has to be used for farming.

LaFore- Pleased that the organizations that applied for CDBG funding were in attendance.

Rix - Reminder of upcoming Calendar events:

1/19	EDC Meeting at 7pm
1/25	TIFA Meeting at 7pm
2/6	City Council Meeting at 7pm

Upcoming Special Events:

1/9 – 5/24	Beginning Yoga on Monday/Wednesday from 6pm-7pm (\$6)
1/27	Blood Drive from 11am-5pm at Richmond Twp. Hall
2/4	Chili Cook off – Community Center
2/4	B-I-N-G-O Fundraiser immediately following the chili cook-off
3/4	Intro to Pierogi Making. Call 727-3064 for more information

CLOSED SESSION

1. Contract Negotiations – FOPLC (Patrol)

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **Warn**, to convene into closed session in accordance with Section 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, as requested by administration.

A roll call vote was taken:

All yeas (Allen, LaFore, Misteravich, Reindell, Rix,
Schultz, Warn)

Motion passes

Council recessed at 7:35 pm to go into closed session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **Allen**, to reconvene into open session at 9:20 pm.

All yeas

Motion passes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Misteravich** seconded by **Allen**, to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:21 p.m.

All yeas

Motion passes

Respectfully submitted:

Heather McCallister
City Clerk