

Approved 03/20/2023

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

March 6, 2023

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 BY MAYOR RIX.

ROLL CALL

Present: Allen, Misteravich, Reindel, Rix, Schultz, Warn
Absent: LaFore
Others: City Manager Moore, City Clerk McCallister, Chief Costello
Visitors: None

Motion by **Warn**, seconded by **Schultz**, to excuse Councilor LaFore from tonight's meeting, due to being out of town.

All yeas

Motion passes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by **Warn** seconded by **Allen**, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2023 regular meeting as presented

All yeas

Motion passes

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 January 9, 2023, Library Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Receive and File January 10, 2023 Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
- c) *Approval of Schedule of Bills dated March 6, 2023, in the amount of \$181,336.81*

Motion by **Misteravich**, seconded by **Schultz**, to adopt the consent agenda as presented:

All yeas

Motion passes

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Motion #1

1. Consideration of Special Event / Starr Craft Brewery Fourth (4th) Anniversary Celebration

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **Warn**, to approve special event request from Starr Craft Brewery for a Fourth Anniversary Celebration on Friday, July 14, 2023 - Sunday, July 16, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Friday, 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Saturday and 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday, including a tent and outdoor music. The approval is contingent upon the following:

1. Permission to close a portion of Water Street from Forest to the alleyway drive and a portion of the Forest Street Sidewalk and tree lawn area in front of their buildings. From Thursday morning, July 13th through Monday evening, July 17th, to allow time to set up/tear down the fencing and tent.
2. Permission to have one (1) mobile food vendor, Scalici's Wood Fired Pizza, each day, in accordance with their Special Event Application for Mobile Food Vendors.
3. If construction of the parking lot goes longer than anticipated, administration will work with the applicant to amend the area of parking lot closure.

Discussion on Motion:

Councilors expressed their concern with the duration of time being requested, five (5) consecutive days, for closure of the road, sidewalk, as well as the public parking lot. The general feeling is that it is too excessive of a request for a private event on public property. The loss of handicapped parking is a concern as there are no assigned handicapped parking spaces available on Main Street.

Council supports local businesses conducting special events but they have requested further information from Starr Craft Brewery regarding their needs for the Special Event request for their Fourth (4th) Anniversary Celebration.

Motion #2

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **Warn**, to table action on this item to allow further discussion until such time when Darrell Starr, Starr Craft Brewery, can be present at the City Council Meeting to provide further details of the Special Event Request for the Fourth (4th) Anniversary Celebration.

Vote on the motion to table

All yeas (Allen, Misteravich, Reindel, Rix, Schultz Warn)
One absent (LaFore)

Motion passes

2. Consideration of Special Event Activity- Mobile Food Vendor/Starr Craft Brewery

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Warn**, to approve the Special Event Request for a Mobile Food Vendor from Starr Craft Brewery to have a Mobile Food Vendor on the following dates and times:

Saturday, April 15th, 2:00pm - 10:00pm
Sunday, April 30th, 2:00pm - 8:00pm
Friday, May 12th, 6:00pm - 10:00pm
Saturday, June 10th, 2:00pm - 10:00pm
Saturday, September 23rd, 2:00pm - 10:00pm

Discussion on motion:

Misteravich – Supports the special event application and feels the quantity of requests are more acceptable than last year.

Rix – Agrees with Misteravich and is pleased that the request is utilizing the same food vendor, Scalici's Pizza, and has established these events as a charity fundraiser.

All yeas

Motion passes

3. Consideration of accepting donation of property – 69089 Main Street

City Manager Moore informed Council that Dr. Sadeer Daood is interested in donating the building and property at 69089 Main Street. This property includes a parking lot that wraps around the rear and south sides of the building. Dr. Daood was the dentist operating Richmond Dental Care out of this same building. Moore emphasized that the City could control the property and allow the City to decide what they would like to see in the future at this site.

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Moved by **Reindel**, seconded by **Schultz**, to accept a donation from Dr. Sadeer Daood of the building and property at 69089 Main Street, subject to the following conditions:

1. A walk through of the building will be made available to the City Council and administration prior to any letter of acceptance being issued by the City of Richmond.
2. The letter will state that the City has placed a value on the property at the 2023 current assessed value.

Discussion on motion:

Reindel inquired what the property is zoned as...Moore indicated it is B2 Commercial Zoning.

Rix noted this was a generous gift of a historic building (per Moore-assessing records indicate 1903), and would like to establish the walk-thru appointment very soon.

Schultz raised concerns mercury contamination.

All yeas

Motion passes

4. Consideration of Establishing Budget Workshop Meeting Dates

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Warn**, to schedule the following budget workshop meeting dates to review and modify the City Manager's proposed FY2023-24 City Budget, as necessary: April 17th, May 1st and May 15th beginning at 5:30 p.m.

All yeas

Motion passes

5. Consideration of Board of Appointment / Recreation Board

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **Warn**, to (re)appoint Susan Kiel to the Recreation Board for a 2-year term with an expiration date of March 31, 2025.

All yeas

Motion passed

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Schultz**, to (re)appoint Dr. David Varga to the Recreation Board for a 2-year term with an expiration date of March 31, 2025.

All yeas

Motion passed

6. Consideration of attending the MML Capital Conference

A discussion amongst councilors pertaining to interest in attending the MML Spring Capital Conference transpired. At this time no councilors will be attending.

Rix would like more information regarding the recently passed legislation of Public Safety Act 33 when it becomes available. This is a topic that will be discussed at the conference.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Moore thanked Councilor Reindel, (Asst. Fire Chief), for his actions this past weekend involving a transformer located on Gleason Street that required the attention of DTE.

Invitations for the Aud re-opening event have been sent out. A family day event will be planned for a Saturday in May.

Moore made it known he will be out of the office Tuesday, March 7th in the afternoon.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Schultz complimented the DPW for their work cleaning the streets this past weekend.

Misteravich extended his appreciation to Chief Costello for the attention given to the unexpected activities needing addressed. He gave compliments for keeping the community safe, and for the great communication he has provided.

Rix congratulated Commercial House for their “Bibs and Brews” event this past weekend. It was a successful event and they did a great job.

Rix - Upcoming Calendar events:

- 3/7 Board of Review from 1pm-4pm
- 3/9 Planning Commission Meeting at 7pm
- 3/12 Daylight Savings – Reminder to change smoke detector batteries
- 3/13 Library Board Meeting at 5:30pm
- 3/14 Cable Commission Meeting at 6:30pm
- 3/14 & 3/16 Board of Review – Appointment required – Call 727-7571 press “0”
- 3/16 EDC Meeting at 7pm
- 3/20 City Council Meeting

Upcoming Special Events:

- 3/22 Book folding program at the Library, 6pm – Registration required
- 3/25 Library Puzzle Sale from 10am-2pm at the Library
- 4/1 Easter Egg Scramble at 10:30am at Beebe Park – Bring your own bag or basket; Easter Bunny will be located in Recreation Center for photos

CLOSED SESSION

1. Collective Bargaining Agreement – FOPLC (Patrol)

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **Allen**, 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, Misteravich, Reindel, Rix, Schultz, Warn)
One absent (LaFore)

Motion passes

Council recessed at 7:37 p.m. to go into Closed Session

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Schultz**, to reconvene into open session at 7:59 p.m.

All yeas

Motion passes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Warn** seconded by **Schultz**, to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

All yeas

Motion passes

Respectfully submitted:

Heather McCallister