

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

DECEMBER 1, 2008

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M., ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008, BY MAYOR RIX.

Council members and the audience present stood for the Pledge and Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Misteravich, Olson, Reindel, Rix, Schultz, Yaroch, Yelencich

Absent: None

Others: City Manager Moore, City Clerk Stagl

Visitors: Andrew Benoit from the Voice, DPS Director Fejedelem, City Planner Jeschke, Fire Captain Dennis LaFore, David Stanley, Marian Morian and Vicki from Medi-lodge,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by **Yelencich**, seconded by **Schultz**, to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008, regular meeting, as amended:

Under Call to Order, correct to read: ...Called to Order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, November 17, 2008, by Mayor Pro-Tem Schultz.

All yeas

Motion passes

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items)

None received.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by **Yaroch**, seconded by **Olson**, to adopt the Agenda as presented.

All yeas

Motion passes

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Receive and File Police Bulletins dated November 10th through November 23rd, 2008
- b) Receive and File November 13, 2008, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

- c) Approval of FY2008-2009 Budget Amendment
- d) Receive and File October 28, 2008, Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
- e) Receive and file November 10, 2008 Library Board Meeting Minutes
- f) Approval of November 16, 2008, Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$ 138,320.89

Motion by **Schultz**, seconded by **Reindel**, to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

All yeas

Motion passes

PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Consideration of Approving the Contract Extension with Dalia's Inc. for Grounds Maintenance

Motion by **Olson**, seconded by **Yelencich**, to approve a contract extension to the Grounds Maintenance Contract, 2007-GM-1 to Dalia's Inc., for the 2009 season, with the expenses for the Police Post charged to line item 101-266-816.000, Building Maintenance Contract; Buildings & Grounds-Police Post: General Fund; the expenses for the Trailhead Park charged to line item 251-442-818.000, Contractual Services; Public Works: TIFA Fund in the FY08/09 budget and to line item 508-757-779.000, Property Maintenance; Parks & Recreation; P & R Fund in the FY09/10 budget; and the expenses for the WWTP charged to line item 590-527-779.000, Property Maintenance, WWTP: Sanitary Sewer Fund.

All yeas

Motion passes

2. Consideration of Approving the Transfer and Extension of the Tree Maintenance Contract with D & E Landscaping

Motion by **Misteravich**, seconded by **Olson**, to approve a transfer and extension of the maintenance agreement between TIFA and D & E Landscaping to the City for the FY09/10 portion of the 2009 season, with the expenses for the Main Street trees charged to line item 101-442-742.000, Trees; Public Works: General Fund; the expenses for maintenance at the municipal parking lot pocket park charged to line item 202-463-818.000, Contractual Services; Routine Maintenance; Major Street Fund; and the maintenance at the Trailhead Park charged to line item 508-757-779.000, Property Maintenance: Parks & Recreation: P&R Fund.

All yeas

Motion passes

3. Consideration of Approving the Bid Award for the Fire Engine

City Manager Moore informed Council that the purchase of the Fire Engine will reduce the amount of funds in the Fire Department Equipment Acquisition Account. A portion of the \$40,000 paid into this account annually from the City and Townships will be utilized for this purchase. The exact amount will depend on the financing option chosen and the amount of money we are able to receive in the sale of the old fire engine. The Manager and City Treasurer will be meeting with local banks to discuss financing options. The Manager will also be looking into the option of borrowing against our TIFA funds.

Motion by **Schultz**, seconded by **Yaroch**, to award the Fire Engine Purchase Contract 2008-FE-1 to HME Ahrens-Fox for the purchase of a fire engine in the amount of \$391,000.

Discussion on motion:

Olson and Schultz commended the Fire Department on the amount of time and work put into drafting the truck specs.

Yaroch commented that the City is fortunate because we have a capital improvement plan, so this purchase came as no surprise.

Vote on Motion:

All yeas

Motion passes

4. Consideration of Approving the Request to Conduct an Arthritis Walk/Medilodge

Marian Morian from Medilodge briefed Council on the event. This is a fund raiser that will put the City of Richmond on the map. They have 3 health care facilities that will provide volunteers to work along the walking path. They are anticipating 750-1000 participants. This is a wonderful opportunity for the businesses.

Motion by **Yelencich**, seconded by **Reindel**, to approve the Special Event Permit requested by the Medilodge of Richmond for the Arthritis Foundation Walk for a Cure Event on May 9th, 2009.

All yeas

Motion passes

5. Consideration of Approving the Request to Conduct the Annual Goodfellow Paper Sale/Richmond Lions Club

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **Yaroch**, to approve the request received from the Richmond Lion's Club to conduct their Goodfellow Paper Sale, at the intersections of Main/Division and County Line Road/St. Clair Highway on Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th, 2008, from Dawn to Dusk; further, the Lion's Club agrees that the volunteers will wear the appropriate colored vests to make them visible to motorists and utilize orange traffic cones; and further, that the Lion's agree to sign a Liability Waiver.

All yeas

Motion passes

6. Consideration of Approving the Renewal of the Agreement to Conduct School Elections

Motion by **Olson**, seconded by **Schultz**, to authorize the City Clerk to "Opt In" to the Consolidated Election Plan, as presented by the Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh, for a two-year time period.

All yeas

Motion passes

7. Consideration of Scheduling the Council Quarterly Workshop

Motion by **Yaroch**, seconded by **Olson**, to schedule the special quarterly workshop meeting of the City Council for Thursday, January 29, 2009, at City Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

All yeas

Motion passes

8. Consideration of Approving the Closure of City Offices on December 26th, 2008.

Motion by **Yelencich**, seconded by **Yaroch**, to approve the closing of the City Offices on Friday, December 26, 2008; and the Lois Wagner Memorial Library on Friday, December 26, 2008 and Saturday, December 27, 2008 with the understanding that employees must utilize accumulated leave time to be paid for either of those two days since they are not recognized by the City of Richmond as official holidays.

All yeas

Motion passes

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

- Will be attending a Pinehurst Association Meeting on December 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Police Department Conference Room.

- A City Hall Building Facilities Study Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Misteravich – Happy to see that the Christmas Decorations were put up over the weekend.

Yelencich – Commended Fire Department personnel who came to the aid of a resident needing assistance in moving.

Yaroch – Commented on the successful joint meeting with the Recreation Board – a lot of great ideas were shared.

Schultz – Reminder of Santa Parade scheduled for this Friday, December 5th, starting at 6:30 p.m., - dress warmly.

Rix – reminder of upcoming calendar events:

- 12/3 – City Hall Building Facility Study Committee at 7:00 pm
- 12/5 – Santa Parade and Community Tree Lighting, beginning at 6:30 pm
- 12/7 – Cable Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 12/7 – Library Board Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 12/9 – Last day for yard waste collection
- 12/12 & 12/14 – Community Choir
- 12/13 – Shop with a Cop (Call Officer Haggerty for more details)
- 12/15 – Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 12/16 – Parks and Recreation Meeting at 7:15 pm

CLOSED SESSION

1. Command Officer Contract

Motion by **Olson**, seconded by **Yaroch**, 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 if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.

A roll call vote was taken:

All yeas (Olson, Reindel, Rix, Schultz, Yaroch,
Yelencich, Misteravich)

Motion passes

Council recessed at 7:39 p.m. to go into Closed Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by **Yelencich**, seconded by **Schultz**, to reconvene into open session at 7:51 p.m.

All yeas

Motion passes

Motion by **Yelencich**, seconded by **Yaroch**, to approve the Police Officers Labor Council – Command Officers 2007-2010 collective bargaining agreement as presented and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the same on behalf of the City.

All yeas

Motion passes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Schultz**, seconded by **Reindel**, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:53 p.m.

All yeas

Motion passes

Respectfully submitted:

Karen M. Stagl
City Clerk