

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

JANUARY 19, 2026

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026 BY MAYOR RIX.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Others: City Manager Moore, City Clerk McCallister, City Assessor Yankee, Parks and Recreation Director VanHove, Police Chief Costello

Visitors: Will Trombley (Saving Destiny Animal Rescue)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by **Warn**, seconded by **Schultz**, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

All yeas

Motion passes

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

All yeas

Motion passes

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Receive and File Revenue and Expense Report December, 2025
- b) Approval of Schedule of Bills dated January 19, 2026, in the amount of \$253,367.73

Motion by **LaFore**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

All yeas

Motion passes

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Consideration of Special Event Request/Ruckus in Richmond Wrestling Fundraiser

The applicant previously met with the Recreation Director, Recreation Programmer, and City Manager. Administration recommended that this matter be brought before City Council due to the recent renovations to the Aud flooring and revisions to the Non-Profit Usage Form.

The Recreation Board agreed to grandfather this wrestling fundraiser and waive the rental fee for this wrestling event this year and for all future occurrences.

Applicant, Will Trombley indicated he is still working on acquiring a food truck for the event and the promoter will acquire an insurance rider.

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Schultz**, to approve the “Ruckus in Richmond” wrestling event to be held at the Aud on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from noon to midnight, as a fundraiser for “Saving Destiny Animal Rescue” to include alcohol sales and one mobile food vendor with the wrestling event grandfathered as a Richmond Non-Profit event.

All yeas

Motion passes

2. Consideration of Adopting Resolution 2026-1/Poverty Exemption

Motion by **LaFore**, supported by **Misteravich**, to approve Resolution 2026-1, adopting the poverty exemption guidelines and asset test.

Comment on motion:

The Assessor provided the process for residents to apply for the poverty exemption. Residents should contact the Assessor to inquire about poverty exemptions.

All yeas

Motion passes

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

The city calendars and the winter newsletter are now available.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

LaFore's mother celebrated her 90th birthday. Happy Birthday!

Rix - Upcoming Events:

- First/third Wednesdays Senior Coffee Hour at the Aud (9am to 10am)
- Tues/Wed/Thursdays Hall Walking at Lee Elementary (6pm-8pm) \$1 fee
- 1/21 EDC meeting at 7pm
- 1/24 Lois Wagner Memorial Library Craft Swap (11am-1pm)
- 1/28 TIFA meeting at 7pm
- 2/7 Chili Cook-Off (11am-1:30 pm) at the Aud. Entries are still available (\$10)

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by **Allen** seconded by **Schultz**, 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:

Seven yeas: (LaFore, Misteravich, Rix, Schultz, Warn, Yelencich, Allen)

Motion passes

Council recessed at 7:18 p.m. to go into Closed Session.

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Schultz**, to reconvene into open session at 7:25 p.m.

All yeas

Motion passes

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Teamster Local 214 Tentative Agreement

Moved by **LaFore**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to approve the Tentative Agreement with Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) signed on January 12, 2026.

Comment on motion:

Rix thanked Labor Council and City Manager Moore for their work in negotiating a fair contract.

All yeas

Motion passes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Misteravich** seconded by **Allen**, to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 7:26 p.m.

All yeas

Motion passes

Respectfully submitted:

Heather McCallister
City Clerk