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REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M., ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021, BY MAYOR RIX. THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Others: City Manager Moore

Visitors: DPS Director Goetzinger, Richmond School Superintendent Brian Walmsley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by **Warn**, seconded by **Greene**, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

All yeas

Motion passes

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by **Warn**, seconded by **Greene**, to adopt the agenda as amended:

Change Item #6 to read: Consideration of City's Response to "AUD" email

All yeas

Motion passes

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Receive and File 2020-21 Alarm Billing Quarterly Report
- b) Receive and File January 14, 2021, Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes
- c) Receive and File January 14, 2021, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
- d) Approval of Schedule of Bills dated January 28, 2021, in the amount of \$ 167,601.25

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

All yeas

Motion passes

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for Use of FY2021-22 CDBG Funds

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Greene**, to open the public hearing for the use of FY2021-2022 CDBG Funds at 7:04 pm.

All yeas

Motion passes

City Manager Moore informed Council that the allocation method for CDBG funds has remained the same as last year. All “bricks and mortar” projects are considered using a competitive method where all municipalities are applying for projects from a larger pool of money. Using this method the City can apply for projects up to \$150,000 in value, but we will be competing for funding against other communities in the Urban County Program.

The public service portion of the CDBG program has stayed the same as in previous years. All non-profit organizations seeking CDBG public service funding are required to submit their funding requests to Macomb County for review and project eligibility.

We received the following Public Service Program Requests:

- Request to fund the Senior Activities Coordinator position
- Request from Care House in the amount of \$600.00
- Request from Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers in the amount of \$148.00
- Request from Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) in the amount of \$792.00.
- Request from Turning Point in the amount of \$1,000.00

A representative for Care House was in attendance (via Zoom) and briefed Council on the services provided by Care House.

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **Greene**, to close the public hearing for the use of FY2021-2022 CDBG Funds at 7:09 pm.

All yeas

Motion passes

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Consideration of FY2021-22 CDBG Funding Allocations

Motion by **Greene**, seconded by **Allen**, to allocate \$4,930.00 of the FY2021-2022 CDBG funding to the following Public Service Programs:

- Care House in the amount of \$1000.00
- Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers in the amount of \$100.00
- MCREST in the amount of \$100.00
- Turning Point in the amount of \$1,000.00

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City of Richmond Senior Services Coordinator Position in the amount of \$2,730.00

Discussion on motion:

Rix was not in agreement with the reduction that was made for the MCREST funding. He also indicated that the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers were an agency that could certainly be used by some residents.

Greene indicated that she had no problem adjusting some of the funding amounts, but she wanted to make sure that Care House did receive \$1000.00.

City Manager Moore suggested that the funding amounts could remain as the agencies requested by reducing the amount given to the Senior Services Coordinator Position to \$1,990.00

Motion by **Greene**, seconded by **Allen**, to amend the main motion to allocate \$4,930.00 of the FY2021-2022 CDBG funding to the following Public Service Programs:

Care House in the amount of \$1000.00
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 \$1,990.00

Vote on amended motion:

All yeas

Motion passes

2. Consideration of the Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 156-28/Amendment to Article 4 and Section 6.301 of the City Zoning Ordinance/Body Art Parlors and body Piercing Studios

The text amendment to Article 4 (Land Use Table) will change the use from requiring a special Condition Use Permit in the B-1 and B-2 zoning district to being a permitted use. The text amendment also will open up the O (Office) zoning district to being a permitted use.

The amendment to Section 6.301 will simplify the standards and specifically remove the accessory use standard within the B-2 zoning district.

The amendment will also simplify the standards by removing almost all requirements except for hours of operation and the requirement to comply with all licensing, health and sanitation requirements from the Macomb County Health Department.

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **LaFore**, to introduce and give first reading to Ordinance 156-28 which amends Article 4 (Land Use Table and Section 6.301 Body Art Parlors and Body Piercing Studios).

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3. Consideration of Bid Award/Howard Street Overlay Project

Motion by **LaFore**, seconded by **Reindel**, to award the Howard Street Overlay project to Astec Asphalt in the amount of \$95,170.45 with expenses charged to the appropriate line items in the Major Street Fund.

All yeas

Motion passes

4. Consideration of Bid Award/2021-23 Generator Maintenance

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **LaFore**, to award the 2021 to 2023 Generator Maintenance Contract 2021-GEN-1 to Ancona Controls with the expenses charged to the appropriate line items of the General Fund, Fire Fund, Sanitary Sewer Fund and Water Fund in the FY20/21, FY21/22, FY22/23 and FY23/24 budgets with an estimated amount of \$24,120.

All yeas

Motion passes

5. Consideration of Bid Award/2021 Aggregate Material Supply Contract

Motion by **LaFore**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to award the 2021 Aggregate Materials Supply contract to M.L. Chartier at the unit prices of \$17.50 per ton for 21AA limestone and \$6.95 per ton for MDOT Class III sand.

All yeas

Motion passes

6. Consideration of City's Response to "AUD" email

City Manager Moore was requesting Council's direction in relation to an email received from the School Superintendent Brian Walmsley. The superintendent is asking to meet with the City Manager to see if there is "interest to partner" with the school district on the Aud.

Motion by **Greene**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to authorize the City Manager to meet with the Superintendent and express the City's interest regarding the Aud.

Discussion on motion:

Brian Walmsley was available (via Zoom) and informed Council that the School Board has discussed the District's long-term use of the Aud. The Superintendent was directed to contact the City and the Historical Society to see if there was any organization that may be interested in the building.

Councilors expressed their interest in looking into the possibility of keeping the Aud open for public use. The Aud was an important building within the City and Councilors wanted to see the building utilized.

Vote on motion:

All yeas

Motion passes

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- The City is looking for school crossing guards
- The ice rink is open
- The City Manager will be out of the office on Friday

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Misteravich – Questioned if Councilors could volunteer to be a crossing guard. City Manager Moore would check with the City attorney.

Rix – Reminder of upcoming calendar events:

- 2/11 – Planning Commission at 7:00 pm (via Zoom)
- 2/15 – Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Misteravich**, seconded by **Greene**, to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:52 p.m.

All yeas

Motion passes

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Stagl
City Clerk