

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**February 2, 2026**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026 BY MAYOR RIX.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

Others: City Manager Moore, City Clerk McCallister, City Planner Jeschke, DPS Director Goetzinger, Parks and Recreation Director VanHove

Visitors: Stephen Aiken (RVFD/Hometown Heroes), Erik Barden (SEMCO), Tara LaDuke (Commercial House), Rich Weinert (RAHGS), Barbara (Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by **Warn** seconded by **Schultz**, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2026 regular meeting as presented.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

Motion by **Warn** seconded by **Schultz**, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2026 quarterly meeting as presented.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of FY2026-27 City Council Goals and Objectives
- b) Approval of Schedule of Bills dated February 2, 2026, in the amount of \$452,304.71.

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 FY2026-27 CDBG Funds**

The Public Hearing was to receive comments on the distribution of the City’s FY2026-27 Community Development Block Grant Allocation.

Motion by **LaFore**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to open the public hearing for the use of FY2026-2027 CDBG Funds at 7:06 pm.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

Representative of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers (IVC), provided information regarding the free basic assistance services that are provided to seniors and low income individuals through their program.

Motion by **LaFore**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to close the public hearing for the use of FY2025-2026 CDBG Funds at 7:10 pm.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**1. Consideration of FY2026-27 CDBG Funding Allocations**

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to allocate \$4,930.00 of the FY2026-2027 CDBG funding to the following Public Service Program(s):

- Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers in the amount of \$270.00
- MCREST in the amount of \$990.00
- Turning Point in the amount of \$1,000.00
- Senior Services Coordinator in the amount of \$2,670.00

All yeas

**Motion passes**

Motion by **Schultz**, seconded by **Allen**, to apply for \$107,887.50 of the FY2026-2027 CDBG competitive funding for the proposed ADA Ramp Project on Forest Street at the intersections of Water, Monroe, and Park Streets as well as Park Street at the intersections of Grove, Walnut, and Parker Streets.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

## **2. Consideration of Special Event Request/ Veterans of SEMCO Walk-A-Thon**

Erick Barden, coordinator of the Veterans of SEMCO Walk-A-Thon, provided information on many of the valuable veteran services the organization supports with the money raised by this event.

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Warn**, to approve the special event application from Veterans of SEMCO Operation Injured Soldier for a 30 Mile Walk-A-Thon and allow organizers to utilize the Trailhead Park and Macomb Orchard Trail from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 with Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> being the alternate rain day.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

## **3. Consideration of Special Event Request/ Hometown Heroes Block Party**

Stephen Aiken, RVFD/Hometown Heroes representative, shared details on how the funds will be utilized for their future charitable work.

Moved by **LaFore**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to approve special event request from the Richmond Hometown Heroes to hold a “Hometown Hoedown Block Party” in the City’s portion of the North Forest Parking Lot on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> with the use of the parking lot and portion of Monroe Street between Forest and the bank driveway from 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

Motion by **LaFore**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to approve Special Event Request from Richmond Hometown Heroes for two mobile food vendors (Main Street Taco and Crumble Cookies) for the “Hometown Hoedown Block Party” on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**4. Consideration of Special Request/ RAHGS Signage Request**

Rich Weinert, RAGHS Board Member, indicated the request for additional signage is to help visibility of the Historic Village.

Councilor LaFore liked the updated graphics on the Filling Station

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Schultz**, to approve the RAGS Signage Proposal for additional signs in Bailey Park and direct administration to work with RAHGS under the following conditions:

1. Installation of a streetscape style Historic Village sign at the corner of Stone and Park Street.
2. Install a hanging Historic Village sign from the existing Bailey Park sign on Beebe Street.
3. Add a “pointer finger” sign indicating the location of the parking area on the north side of Beebe Street.
4. Approve the 16’ vintage pole sign for the Filling Station and direct administration to take it to BZA for a variance.
5. Council requested the filling stations murals be more in line with the historical nature of the gas station.
6. Council recommends that administration work neighboring property owners and RAHGS for more suitable suggestions for the directional sign at the corner of Park and Main Streets.

Comment on motion:

Mayor Rix thanked Weinert for the updated graphics on the Filling Station.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**5. Consideration of Special Event Request/Commercial House/Bibs and Brews**

Tara Laduke, Commercial House representative, provided background information on the Bibs and Brews event.

Motion by **Schultz**, seconded by **Warn**, to approve special event request from Commercial House for their Bibs & Brews event on Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm, with vendors, Chili Cook-Off and outdoor music.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**6. Consideration of Adopting Resolution 2026-2/Board of Review Alternate Date**

Motion by **LaFore**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to adopt Resolution 2026-2: a resolution setting the alternate first meeting date for the 2026 March Board of Review in accordance with MCL 211.30(2).

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**7. Consideration of Adopting Roadway Asset Management Plan**

Motion by **Misteravich**, seconded by **LaFore**, to adopt the City of Richmond Roadway Asset Management Plan as presented and to authorize the plan to be submitted to MDOT for approval.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**8. Consideration of Awarding Bid Contract/Community Center Roof**

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Schultz**, to authorize award of the Community Center Roof Replacement Project to SAS Services in the amount of \$15,225.00 with expenses charged to the appropriate line items in the P&R fund.

Comment on motion:

The roof replacement will take place in the spring.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**9. Consideration of Awarding Bid Contract/2026 Aggregate Supply**

Motion by **LaFore**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to award the 2026 Aggregate Materials Supply contract to J.D.A.G. Trucking at the unit prices of \$18.45 per ton for 21AA limestone and \$8.90 per ton for MDOT Class III sand.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**10. Consideration of Awarding Bid Contract/Over Band Crack Sealing**

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Warn**, to award the 2026 Overband Crack Filling Contract 2026-SR-3 in the amount of \$30,000 to Scodeller Construction with the expenses charged to the appropriate line item in the Major Street and Local Street funds.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**11. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 75-3/Livestock**

Motion by **Schultz**, seconded by **Warn**, to give Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 75-3: an ordinance to amend Article III Livestock section of Chapter 14 of the Animal ordinance.

Comment on motion:

Rix stated that Council had lengthy discussions pertaining to livestock. Once research was conducted comparing the current ordinance with neighboring community's ordinance it showed Richmond's criteria was too lax and pitted neighbor against each other.

If any residents have concerns please contact City Council or the City Manager.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**12. Consideration of Board Appointment/ BZA**

Motion by **Misteravich**, seconded by **LaFore**, to appoint Drew Reindel to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 3-year term with an expiration date of December 31, 2026.

Comment on motion:

Council looks forward to having Reindel serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

Reminder of the Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am. This event will include ice carvings and demonstrations

Thanked Council for allowing attendance to the annual City Manager's conference and is looking forward to the MML Capital Conference.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Schultz thanked DPW on their work clearing the snow and to Priority Waste for their continued work during the extreme cold conditions.

Rix applauded Administration for the effort in getting local businesses/residents to clear the snow from their sidewalks. As a reminder, no snow can be placed in the roadway.

**APPROVED 02/16/2026**

Administration indicated a follow up with a red door hanger was distributed to those that did not comply with the first request of snow removal.

Rix - Upcoming Special Events:

- First/Third Wednesday-Senior Coffee and Conversation at the Aud (9am-10am)
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday- Hall Walking at Lee Elementary (6pm-8pm)
- 2/7 Chili Cook-off and Ice Carving demos at the Aud (11am-1:30pm)
- 2/12 Planning Commission at 7pm
- 2/14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 2/16 City Council Meeting at 7pm

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Misteravich** seconded by **Allen**, to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:03 p.m.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

Respectfully submitted:

Heather McCallister  
City Clerk