

**APPROVED 03/16/2026**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**MARCH 2, 2026**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 BY MAYOR RIX.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Misteravich

Others: City Manager Moore, City Clerk McCallister, RVFD Fire Chief Reindel

Visitors: Pastor Bryan Wise

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

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by **Warn**, seconded by **Schultz**, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2026 regular 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 Schedule of Bills dated March 2, 2026, in the amount of \$211,004.41

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

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**None**

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**1. Consideration of Special Event Request/National Day of Prayer**

Motion by **Schultz**, seconded by **Allen**, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation recognizing Thursday, May 7, 2026, as the National Day of Prayer; and to invite members of the public to pray, beginning at 12:20 pm.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**2. Consideration Confirmation of Fire Chief**

RVFD Chief Reindel provided Council with emergency call statistics from 2024 through the current date. There are currently twenty-five (25) volunteer firefighters and one (1) active reserve member. There will be an upcoming interview for the addition of another member.

Motion by **LaFore**, seconded by **Warn**, to confirm the appointment of Rob Reindel as Fire Chief for the City of Richmond in accordance with Section 7.13 of the City of Richmond Charter for a one-year term commencing on March 1, 2026 and expiring on February 28, 2027.

Mayor Rix thanked RVFD Chief Reindel and the Volunteer firefighters for their service.

Reindel reported that both fire trucks are expected to be in service by the end of the month. The new truck is currently having its graphics installed, and volunteer firefighters have completed training and certification on the vehicle.

Reindel thanked Council for their continued support.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**3. Consideration of Special Request/Senior Banners**

Motion by **Schultz**, seconded by **Warn**, to approve the request to utilize the poles and banner arms from Division Road to the railroad tracks to place banners recognizing the students of the class of 2026 from April 6<sup>th</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup> and to authorize DPW to install the banners, with the following conditions:

1. That the Project Graduation Committee will furnish the banners and all necessary zip ties.
2. There are no guarantees of exact placements of students on a particular pole or location.

Comment on motion:

The change in the banner display date is so that families could have their graduate's senior banner in time for their graduation party.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**4. Consideration of Special Request/ Purchase Agreement**

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Schultz**, to approve the Purchase Agreement with the First United Methodist Church selling the City half of the parking lot in exchange for \$1.00 and the City repaving the parking lot, and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Comment on motion:

The RVFD is in need of more space and this agreement will benefit both of the parties involved.

LaFore noted that the current parking arrangement for the church will remain the same for their Sunday church services as well as an additional church functions.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**5. Consideration of Establishing Budget Workshop Meeting Dates**

The consensus agreed to drop the rules to have a discussion on meeting dates.

Motion by **LaFore**, seconded by **Allen**, to schedule the following budget workshop meeting dates to review and modify the City Manager's proposed FY2026-27City Budget, as necessary on: April 20, May 4, and May 18, 2026 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**6. Consideration of Special Event Request/Grace Community Church/VBS Tent**

Motion by **Allen**, seconded by **Schultz**, to approve the special event application for a tent in conjunction with Grace Community Church's Vacation Bible School from July 27<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> with the following requests:

- 20' by 20' tent encroaching into Friday Street right-of-way
- Temporary fence adjacent to tent along Friday Street

All yeas

**Motion passes**

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

Information was provided to Council regarding the Solid Waste Plan Amendment. Please call City Manager Moore if any additional information is needed.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Rix - Calendar Events:

- 3/8 Day Light Saving Begins (Change Smoke Detector Batteries)
- 3/9 Library Board Meeting at 5:30pm
- 3/10 Cable Commission Meeting at 6:30pm
- 3/10 Recreation Board Meeting at 7pm
- 3/12 Board of Review
- 3/12 Planning Commission
- 3/16 City Council Meeting

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)
- 3/5 Senior Expo bus trip to Italian American Cultural Center (10am-1pm)
- 3/28 Friends of the Library Puzzle Sale (10am-2pm)
- 3/28 Easter Egg Scramble at Beebe Park (Begins at 10:30am)

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

All yeas

**Motion passes**

Respectfully submitted:

Heather McCallister  
City Clerk