

**Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council**  
**Thursday, March 19, 2015**  
**Joint City Council Meeting with EDA**

**Item #1: Call to Order**

Mayor Hemmesch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Richmond City Hall.

Council Members noted as being present: Pat Evens, Mike Mathiasen, Jim Hemmesch, Josh Worm, Tim Paczkowski

Also present were: Martin Bode, City Administrator; Lydia Mackenzie, EDA Commissioner; Dave Blommel, City Engineer; Matthew Loven, City Attorney; Jeremy Glenz, Julie Glenz, Cindy Rathbone, Craig Norstrom, Margaret Norstrom, Shirley Thyen, Marlene Polk-Pearson, Will Hopfer, Tracy Hopfer; Tammy Paczkowski;

**Item #2: Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Hemmesch asked if there were any additions or changes to the Agenda.

Remove Item #5

Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion to approve agenda with subtraction.

*Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to Approve the Agenda with subtraction, seconded by Councilor Worm. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Item #3: Public Hearing**

EDA Chair Evens opened the public hearing. 6:33 pm

City Attorney explained that this public hearing is in regards to selling the 2 lots in the tower view acres.

EDA Chair Evens asked for any other comments or questions (3 times), hearing none, Chair Evens closed the public hearing at 6:36 pm

**Item #4: Consideration of**

- a. Joint Resolution 122-15 and 2015-101 Approving Subsidy with Richmond A & W
- b. Business Subsidy Agreement
- c. Resolution 123-15 and 2015-102 Approving EDA/City council sale to Richmond A & W
- d. Vacant land purchase agreement
- e. Quick claim deed

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any comments or questions, hearing none, he asked for a motion.

*Motion by Evens, to Approve the Joint Resolution 122-15 and 2015-101, and the Business Subsidy Agreement, Resolution 123-15, 2015-102, and the Vacant land purchase agreement and Quick claim deed; Seconded by Paczkowski. Motion passed.*

**Item #5: Jay Ave S and 3<sup>rd</sup> St E Water Sewer Extension** – removed

**Item # 6: 4<sup>th</sup> St NW, 6<sup>th</sup> St NW and 4<sup>th</sup> St SW**

Consideration of Ordinance 2015-101: An Ordinance renaming the streets currently named 4<sup>th</sup> St NW (west of CSAH 23), 6<sup>th</sup> ST NW (West of CSAH 23) and 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE (between Hall Ave SW and Jay Ave SE); in the City of Richmond.

Administrator Bode explained that the need to change 4<sup>th</sup> St SE to Frontage Rd because highway 23 is actually 4<sup>th</sup> ST SE. Administrator Bode explained the two options for changing the names of 4<sup>th</sup> ST NW and 6<sup>th</sup> ST NW.

1. Changing the streets to "Aspen Loop" keeping with the tree name.
2. Putting the division of the road at 5<sup>th</sup> St NW

Mayor Hemmesch asked for comments from those attending the meeting:

Marlene Polk-Pearson, 728 6<sup>th</sup> St NW: *She was interested in who would bear the burden of the cost of changing the name: street signs, title and deed registrations, changes to maps, postal, gps changes, utility companies, etc. She stated that she would incur a significant cost to changing all her documents; licenses, bank records, bills and mailing labels. Also stated this would be an inconvenience.*

Will Hopfer, 712 6<sup>th</sup> St NW: *stated that if you change the name to a loop it will make it difficult for emergency personnel and the Richmond first responders arrives on the scene first and they lead the emergency personnel to the scenes. He stated that the name should be ended in the middle.*

Craig Norstrom, 736 6<sup>th</sup> St NW: *stated that when he moved in he was told that a sign would be placed by his property indicating the change. He stated that everything was working until recently when the postal service stopped giving them the mail because they see him on 4<sup>th</sup> St NW not 6<sup>th</sup> St NW. He asked if they put it in the middle would it not be a hardship on others.*

Shirley Thyen, 722 6<sup>th</sup> St NW: *she stated that she agrees with the other people. However, if they move ahead with changing the name she recommended naming it "Turtle Lane" because the area has turtles in the spring and people stroll the area.*

Mayor Hemmesch asked if the Council would like to address this now or think about it for another month. Council agreed that this should wait another month.

#### **Item #7: Annexation**

Council discussed the annexation process and the items they are having staff and the planning commission address.

#### **Item #8 EDU and SAC/WAC Fees**

Administrator Bode explained that he had learned from some other area clerks that their city put their EDU's on the utility bills spreading it out over a number years.

Engineer Blommel stated that EDU's were set to make commercial and industrial properties equal to single residents in regards to sewer usage.

Consensus of the Council is to leave the EDU's and sac/wac fees as they are.

#### **Item #9: Request for Council Action Purchase requisitions, Allocations and Transfers**

Resolution 124-15 Approval of donations/contributions for December 2014 and February 2015

*Motion by Evens, to Approve Resolution 124-15 Approval of donations/contributions for December 2014 and February 2015, Seconded by Mathiasen. Motion passed.*

#### **Item #10: Other Matters of Concern and Related Items -none**

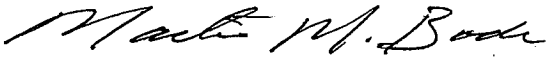
**Item #12: Adjournment**

Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion to adjourn.

*Councilor Paczkowski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Evens. Motion passed unanimously.*

Mayor Jim Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martin M. Bode  
City Administrator