

Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council
April 15, 2021
City Council Workshop

Item #1: Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Council Members noted as being present: Jim Hemmesch, Pat Evens, Mike Mathiasen, Emily Monnens and Chuck Merten

Also present were: Tesa Tomaschett, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Dave Blommel, SEH Engineer; Traci Ryan, EDA Consultant; Doug Boser; Jim Schleper; Clyde Lewis; Terry & Tyna Meemken; Jason Blum, Police Chief; Mark Haffley; Jeff Kramer; Patti Plantenberg; Jason Murray, David Drown Associates

Item #2: Open Forum- none

Item #3: Approval of Agenda with additions/deletion

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

Add:

Item #5: Police

Item #5 (a): Hiring Committee

Item #7: Richmond Business Park

Remove:

Item #9: Main St. Parking- Move to Item #5 b.

Item #10: City hall rental

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the Agenda with additions/deletion, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed

Item #4: Acknowledge PeopleService March 2021 Written Report

Motion made by Councilor Evens to Acknowledge PeopleService March 2021 Written Report, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Item #5: Police

- a. **Hiring Committee-** The Cold Spring/Richmond police department is looking to hire a full time and part time officer. A hiring committee needs to be formed for the full-time officer. Chief Blum asked would the council would like to represent for Richmond.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to appoint the Mayor and City Administrator to sit on hiring committee, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.

- b. **Main St. Parking-** Chief Blum explained to the council if there is not a start and end point with the 15-minute parking, the police department can't enforce it. Council will start with one sign on the light pole, if it keeps to the point of needing to be enforced then council will look at making changes.

Item #6: Refinancing Bonds- Jason Murray with David Drown Associates, spoke to the council about refinancing two bonds. The two bonds involved would be the 2010A and 2013A. Jason projects that the city could save potentially \$45,000 over a 5–7-year span. By doing this, the city could update their bond rating.

- a. **Resolution 125-21:** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$1,620,000 G.O. IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021A SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND RATIFICATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve Resolution 125-21, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Item #7: Richmond Business Park

Staff and professional services who have been working hard on this development would like to open up to the council for discussion. A big question is, what is that plan for Richmond's future? They do not want a decision to be made but to talk through questions and concerns so a decision can be made at a further meeting. This development is stuck with financing at this time. How can the city afford to pay for this project and a 4-million-dollar street project? TIF is not an option for the whole property at this time due to Green Acres status. It will be looked into if it can be used on an individual basis when that time comes. Is bonding an option if the expenses are not assessed out? Another item that will be looked into further. Jeff Kramer made the comment of where in the ROCORI area can you find land like this. Kramer mentions Rockville maybe has one lot, Cold Spring just sold their last lot, there is none around at this time. Where would new businesses go?

Special meeting for April 29th, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

(Temporary Recess for Council workshop)

Workshop Agenda

Item #8: 2021- 2022 Liquor License fee- Tomaschett asked the council if they will be giving any discounts on the liquor licenses since there was a shutdown during November-January. Terry and Tyna Meemken with The Olde Coliseum were present to be part of this discussion. They felt they shouldn't be compared to the bars since they are not fully open it with all the restrictions in place. They are asking to pay \$566.67 instead of \$1700; that includes four months of forgiveness and 50% prorated of remaining balance. Council discussed giving a 16% discount to the two bars for the 7-8 weeks of closure.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve \$566.67 for liquor license for The Olde Coliseum and a 16% discount to the two bars, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed

Item #9: Main St. Parking- Move to Item #5 b.

Item #10: City hall rental

(Reconvene Council Meeting)

Item #11: Next Meeting: May 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Item #12: Adjournment

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items.

Hearing none Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tesa Tomaschett

City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer