

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Richmond City Council was held at the Park Community Center located at 90 South 100 West, Richmond, Utah on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. The meeting began at 6:30 P.M.; Mayor Jeffrey Young was in the chair. The opening remarks were made by Lyle Bair.

The following Council Members were in attendance: Tucker Thatcher, Cheryl Peck, Kelly Crafts, Lyle Bair, and Terrie Wierenga.

City Administrator Jeremy Kimpton, City Engineer Darek Kimball, Librarian Lora Smith, City Recorder Justin Lewis, and City Treasurer Christine Purser were also in attendance.

VISITORS: Micah Capener, Amber Ervin, Sherrie Davis, Hannah Dowding, Paul Erickson, Vance Smith, Spencer Garn, Dominique Rogers, Kirt Sadler, Brent Wallis, Chris Glenn

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2021

A motion to approve the city council meeting minutes from the November 16, 2021, city council meeting was made by Terrie, seconded by Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga
No Vote: None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

HANNAH DOWDING: I am the Youth Council Mayor for this school year. We would like to advertise some events in the upcoming newsletter. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, December 20th. It is our opening social and will be held at 6:00 P.M. We will be attending an event at Utah State University in March. The registration period opens in January. We can take 20 youth and two leaders. The city council and mayor are invited as well. Let us know if you want to attend. Would there be an advantage to having a youth council representative on the planning commission? We are currently helping with the library board.

TERRIE: We want anyone willing to help. Attending planning commission meetings is certainly a good way for people to see what is going on in the city.

MAYOR: The planning commission usually deals with an older demographic because it is more land-use and city code. It is more specific than even what we do. It doesn't mean someone younger would not enjoy being involved.

LORA SMITH: We found two younger members to help with the library board. They are young and dedicated. The planning commission has set terms, so it would be hard for a student to commit long term. They offer good input to the board.

TERRIE: We would not be able to appoint a youth council member to the planning commission.

HANNAH: Thank you for supporting us. Thank you, council, mayor, and especially our leaders for making the program a success.

MAYOR: Thank you for continuing to do things during COVID-19. It has been a hard couple of years. The youth council is always providing new ideas for the future.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE REQUEST BY VANCE SMITH FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE KNOLLS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, A (37) LOT/UNIT SUBDIVISION LOCATED NORTH OF 615 CHERRY CREEK PARKWAY. ZONED RLD (RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY).

JEREMY: Engineering has reviewed Phases 1 and 2. There are no major issues.

DAREK: I have reviewed both plats again. The Bear River Health Department signature blocks need to be removed. That block is no longer required. There is a clerical error on Page 2 of Phase 1 that needs to be corrected. Lot 84 is the retention pond. It needs to say the property owner will maintain the pond not the city. The plats can be approved with these changes.

MAYOR: Let's review the aerial, so everyone knows where we are talking about in town.

JEREMY: Phase 2 is located in the middle of Phase 1 for reference purposes.

VANCE SMITH: The retention pond is in the southwest corner of Phase 1. The road for Phase 1 is shaped like a horseshoe. Phase 3 will connect the main road to State Street.

A motion to approve the Final Plat for the Knolls Subdivision, Phase 1, a (37) lot/unit subdivision amending the plat to remove the Bear River Health Department signature block and changing the wording on the retention pond to state the property owner will maintain the pond and not the city was made by Tucker, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga

No Vote: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE REQUEST BY VANCE SMITH FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE KNOLLS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, A (15) LOT/UNIT SUBDIVISION LOCATED NORTH OF 615 CHERRY CREEK PARKWAY. ZONED RLD (RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY).

MAYOR: Phase 2 is located in the middle of Phase 1.

VANCE SMITH: Yes, all of the lots are in the middle of the project for this phase.

JEREMY: The Bear River Health Department signature block needs to be removed from this plat as well.

A motion to approve the Final Plat for the Knolls Subdivision, Phase 2, a (15) lot/unit subdivision amending the plat to remove the Bear River Health Department signature block was made by Terrie, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga

No Vote: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE REQUEST BY VANCE SMITH FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE KNOLLS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3, A (34) LOT/UNIT SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 900 NORTH STATE STREET. ZONED RLD (RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY).

JEREMY: If you will remember the initial plat had some legal description issues so the request was not voted on. Those items have been corrected. The plat has been reviewed by engineering.

DAREK: The Bear River Health Department signature block needs to be removed from this plat as well. A note needs to be added that Lot 66 will only have access from Cherry View Drive. That lot would be accessed from the north, not off of State Street.

CHERYL: Is that okay to make that requirement?

JEREMY: There is nothing stating we cannot make that requirement.

DAREK: It is common to have these types of notes on plats.

JEREMY: This is the preliminary plat. The final plat will eventually come back to the council for consideration.

CHERYL: How will they access the backyard of this lot?

DAREK: It is not affected. We are just stopping people on this one particular lot from backing out onto State Street where they have an option to have their driveway on the north instead.

TUCKER: What about Lot 83?

DAREK: That is the retention pond and lift station, so we don't need the same requirement where a home will not be on that lot.

TUCKER: There will still be a couple of lots with access onto State Street only.

MAYOR: Phase 3 will complete the road going down onto State Street. It will be nice having another artery onto State Street.

VANCE SMITH: The main road in Phase 3 will be the fire access road for Phases 1 and 2 until it is completed.

JEREMY: Engineering is still reviewing the proposed fire road.

MAYOR: Where this is still the preliminary plat the road will be reviewed and corrected, if needed, before the final plat is considered.

A motion to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Knolls Subdivision, Phase 3, a (34) lot/unit subdivision was made by Tucker, seconded by Lyle, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga

No Vote: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON RESCINDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RICHMOND CITY AND DEER FLATS ESTATES LLC AND THE CHERRY CREEK HEIGHTS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE FIVE (5) ACRES OF THE DEVELOPMENT FOR A CITY PARK.

MAYOR: This is something we have discussed in the past. We talked about the water agreement last month. In the late 1990's when this project started, a requirement for a five-acre park for the city was included. The land had to be set aside and given to the city for a park. We now have the White Pine Park which is just a couple of blocks away. Something we found out from legal counsel is the land the developer gives to the city does not have to be contiguous. They can provide various pieces of land if they choose to. We have met multiple times to review this. Tonight, we are considering rescinding the requirement for the land for the park.

TERRIE: We have had two major municipal code changes since this agreement was adopted. It makes more sense to have open space throughout the entire area than one five-acre area. I think it is a good move for the city and the developer to rescind the agreement. This gives the city and developer more options to review what can be done with the open space.

MAYOR: This is a different developer than originally started the project.

A motion to rescind the agreement for a five-acre park between Richmond City and the Deer Flats Estates, LLC and Cherry Creek Heights Planned Unit Development was made by Terrie, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga

No Vote: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BRENT WALLIS AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE RICHMOND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION.

MAYOR: A great place to involve the community is serving on the planning commission. It is a great place for community input. It is where the initial contact starts for developments and land-use. We had an application period. We did some interviews last week. It is the most people we have ever had apply for a volunteer position. The recommendation of the interview group is to appoint Brent Wallis as a commissioner.

BRENT WALLIS: It is good to be involved. I am not the type of person who will run for an elected office. Being appointed is more my style. I love Richmond. I moved here nine years ago. It was going to be short term but has turned into something long term. I am hopeful to use my knowledge to help the city grow in the right way.

MAYOR: Brent, please explain your background for those who are unaware.

BRENT: I work in banking. I started out as an analyst. I am now a primary lender. I do a lot of work with developers on lending for their projects. I know there will be times I have to disclose a conflict of interest on a project. I might be involved as the loan officer on the project. I will make sure it is fully disclosed. I get to see what other cities are doing as part of my job. I see what upsets people.

CHERYL: Brent and his family are great to help with community service. They helped with the Black & White Days parade for many years.

TERRIE: Do you have any personal or professional work experience working with a planning commission?

BRENT: No. I have attended planning commission meetings in other cities as an observer in the past. I have helped clients with development in the past.

MAYOR: I have known Brent for many years. I have had nothing but a positive experience working with him. He is a good person with a good family. He will be good for the community.

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A motion to appoint Brent Wallis as a Commissioner on the Richmond City Planning Commission was made by Cheryl, seconded by Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga

No Vote: None

JUSTIN: As part of the interview process for the planning commission, we reviewed our municipal code. We would like the input from the council on possibly drafting an Ordinance for consideration next month. Right now, our code states the planning commission will consist of six members, and the chairperson is a non-voting member. The chairperson is getting penalized and not allowed to vote by being selected as the chairperson. We are wondering if the council would consider changing the commission from a six-member commission to a five-member commission and making the chairperson a voting member. We talked to Lewiston, Hyde Park, Smithfield, and North Logan. All of them but one is a five-member board with the chair being a voting member. Smithfield is a seven-member board with a voting chairperson. With the exception of Lewiston, the other cities also have alternate commissioners. The alternate commissioner would attend each meeting and be a voting member and sit on the stand in the absence of a commissioner. We have had a hard time having a full commission recently due to conflicts and would like to recommend an alternate commissioner be added or considered.

TUCKER: The quorum would still consist of four board members?

JUSTIN: Yes.

MAYOR: We have interest from some residents in serving as an alternate and eventually as a commissioner.

JUSTIN: When the term of a commissioner expires, the alternate would be made a full-time commissioner and a new alternate would then be selected by the city council.

MAYOR: I think this is logical and in line with what other cities are doing. It is needed as we grow to have more people involved.

TERRIE: Training is such a key part of what we are involved in. I strongly encourage we schedule some training for the planning commission and city council. The code is always changing. We have a new mayor, council member, and commissioners on the planning commission.

The consensus of the council was to draft an Ordinance proposing the planning commission change to a five-member board with the chairperson a voting member and add verbiage adding an alternate planning commission member.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ORDINANCE 2021-19, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHMOND CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 8-000 "MUNICIPAL PROPERTY", CHAPTER 8-102 "ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL", PART 8.102.030 "PROCEDURES"; TITLE 12-000 "LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT (LUDMO)", CHAPTER 12-700 "SIGNS", PART 12-704 "ENFORCEMENT", PART 12-705 "BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED"; TITLE 13-000 "POLICE DEPARTMENT", PART 13-260 "KENNELS", SECTION 13-261 "DEFINITION AND ESTABLISHMENT" AND 13-262 "FEES".

JUSTIN: The proposed Ordinance was drafted to correct a couple of issues and consider another couple of items. Legal counsel advised us to remove the section about accepting less than fair market value on real property. This is not allowed.

JEREMY: It also goes against state code.

JUSTIN: We also have our fees in a Prevailing Fee Schedule and need to get fees removed from the municipal code. This would state kennel fees are in the Prevailing Fee Schedule. We have heard from residents, planning commission members, and some of the council our municipal code is cumbersome in some regard. We make things more difficult than other communities we are told. Two areas we can easily change and make less time consuming are in regard to sign permits and kennel licenses. Right now, both of these items must come before the planning commission which can take two to six weeks to get on the next agenda depending on when an application is submitted. The thoughts of the staff are to put the review and approval in the hands of the mayor, city administrator, or their designee. The code is straightforward enough that if a kennel qualifies, it cannot be denied. If a sign meets the requirements, it cannot be denied. There is no reason for these to go before the planning commission if the request is as simple as the item qualifies or does not qualify. If it qualifies, it should be approved. The designee could be whomever the mayor or city administrator want it to be. It could be staff, a planning commission member, or a city council member. If an item is controversial and not a simple approval it can be added to the planning

commission or city council agenda for review and approval by one of those bodies. We are trying to make it easier for an applicant when the request is cut and dry. You comply or you don't. If you do, you are approved.

MAYOR: We have a lot of code, and it can be time consuming to review. We need to review and amend our code as needed. I hope this change will make us be more efficient. It was not possible in the past with only a part-time staff. Now we have a full-time staff we can review and approve these requests.

A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Lyle, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga

No Vote: None

The public hearing opened at 7:07 P.M.

There were not any comments or questions.

A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Terrie, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga

No Vote: None

The public hearing closed at 7:08 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2021-19.

TERRIE: There are issues with the sign code versus the sign chart which need to be corrected. I want to see streamlining of the process as well when possible. I see no need for people to wait for approval. We need to make sure we amend our Ordinances as needed and keep them in good shape.

MAYOR: I think this is a good Ordinance. No emotion is involved. If the code is met and the person complies, the application is approved. If there is an issue or problem, then the planning commission or city council can be involved as needed.

JUSTIN: Appeals and other items could still come before the planning commission or city council.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-19, an Ordinance amending the Richmond City Municipal Code, Title 8-000 "Municipal Property", Chapter 8-102 "Acquisition and Disposal", Part 8.102.030 "Procedures"; Title 12-000 "Land Use, Development and Management (LUDMO)", Chapter 12-700 "Signs", Part 12-704 "Enforcement", Part 12-705 "Building Permit Required"; Title 13-000 "Police Department", Part 13-260 "Kennels", Section 13-261 "Definition and Establishment" and 13-262 "Fees" was made by Terrie, seconded by Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga

No Vote: None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET WHICH IS THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022.

JUSTIN: We typically adjust the budget at the midway point of each fiscal year so in December or January. Then, we adjust again in May and June. Most of the items we are adding with this amendment are grants and impact fees. The General Fund would increase \$204,476. The biggest increases are for Property Tax Revenue in the amount of \$61,999 which was from holding the rate earlier this year as well as new growth. Franchise tax would increase \$73,000. Mass Transit Tax would increase \$30,000 in revenue and \$30,000 in expense. We also received some grants for the library such as the hotspot grant as well as some donations. There was a \$4,000 donation to help repair the decorative streetlight pole bases and paint the poles. The library also received a donation of \$1,200. Expense increases in the Administrative Fund are for the city party. Several insurance line items are increasing. Our

insurance provider did a physical inventory of the city earlier this year with Jeremy. The representative was here all day touring the city. Some property, buildings, and equipment were added to the schedule. Some equipment we no longer have was deleted. The list is now very accurate, and we are paying for what we own. The Building and Public Safety Funds would increase \$600 each for insurance. The Streets Department would increase \$54,142 for Mass Transit Tax as well as the purchase of the new Ford truck. As you will recall, we ordered the new Ford F350 in the last fiscal year, but it did not arrive until late fall in this fiscal year. The Parks Department is increasing \$58,425 with the majority of it being from the purchase of the tractor and accessories. As you will recall, we left this item out of the original budget because of a lack of funds. We knew if the property tax rate was held, we would purchase the tractor at that time. The property tax rate was held back in August. The tractor arrived last week. The Fire Department would increase \$7,960. Our contract with Smithfield is based off of a specific rate and then off of the population total. The census was recently completed, and we had underestimated the number of people in town. If I recall correctly, there are just over 2,900 residents. The contract has been adjusted based on the new census number. The Library Fund is increasing \$16,285 which is mainly for grants we have received. The remaining \$63,668 would be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund. No proposed changes to the Cub River Sports Complex Fund. Water Enterprise Fund revenue would increase \$282,269. This is \$165,868 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grant funds. We would also add Water Dedication payments in the amount of \$15,000 and impact fees in the amount of \$90,760. Expenses would include increases to engineering and sampling. The ARPA funds will be used to pay for the equipment needed to repair our lead and copper problem. We are working on getting a quote for some equipment for a different ARPA project as well. We will bring that project to the council for consideration when all of the information has been gathered. Sewer Enterprise Fund revenue would increase \$46,258 with the vast majority being from impact fees. Expenses in the sewer fund would increase \$6,547.

MAYOR: My first assignment as a council member fourteen years ago was parks. I could not believe we did not have a tractor to do things. It has taken a long time to get to this point where we could purchase the correct one with the correct attachments and pay cash for it. It took a lot of planning over many years to make it happen. How long did it take to purchase the snowplow truck?

JUSTIN: We talked about it and planned for it for almost a decade, so we could pay cash for the purchase.

MAYOR: We plan for these items and then pay cash for them when we can.

A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Tucker, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga

No Vote: None

The public hearing opened at 7:16 P.M.

There were not any comments or questions.

A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Terrie, seconded by Lyle, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga

No Vote: None

The public hearing was closed at 7:16 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET.

A motion to approve amendments to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget was made by Lyle, seconded by Terrie, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga

No Vote: None

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW WITH DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS AS NECESSARY.

JUSTIN: We sold the used Ford F350 Fire Truck for \$3,755. We collected \$50,956 in sales tax revenue. If I recall correctly, this is only the second time we have received over \$50,000 in one month. We received \$26,403 in Class "C" Road Funds. This is our second of six distributions in the fiscal year. This tax has been pretty flat and not increased much over the years. The library hotspot grant totaled \$6,194. We received the private donation of \$4,000 for the streetlight pole maintenance project. Lewiston City paid their annual payment of \$10,000 towards the Cub River Sports Complex. Each city pays \$10,000 to start the fiscal year. They are a little behind in paying this year because they have had some turnover in their staff. Water Impact Fees collected total \$90,760, and Sewer Impact Fees total \$48,058. Over the last 14 years I have attended approximately 168 city council meetings with Mayor Young. I have been with Cheryl her entire time serving as well. I did not know Cheryl at all when she got onto the council. I have never met or worked with a more honest person than Cheryl. I will miss my association with her. It has been a long road with Mayor Young. A lot of things have been done in fourteen years. The water tank project and MBR plant. Moving into the Park Community Center. The 300 East Trail project. A couple of safe sidewalks to school projects. Many different RAPZ Tax projects. Outside of the two big infrastructure projects, we have paid cash for everything. Mayor Mike Hall handed the city off to Mayor Young in good financial standing. Mayor Young is handing off the city to Mayor Erickson in an even better position. I am proud of the council and the things we have accomplished. The hard topics which you were willing to deal with. Hiring a full-time city manager was a big task. Jeremy is the right person at the right time for the job and does a tremendous job for the city. I am excited to see what the future brings for Mayor Young and Cheryl. I look forward to working with Mayor Erickson and Amber Ervin. Be proud knowing you accomplished many great things during your time, and you are handing off the city in a better place than when you got involved. Each mayor has improved the city a little bit more, and I would expect Mayor Erickson will do the same thing. Thank you for all of your years of dedicated service to the community. Thank you for being my friends. It has been an honor serving with both of you.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

TUCKER: Jeremy can you provide and update on the lead and copper water problem.

JEREMY: The studies are complete. Water quality is still being monitored. The DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) has signed off on our modification proposal and equipment purchases. We have to provide some information on how we clean the equipment and flush the system. We are working on some SCADA issues as well. The project won't be completed by the end of the year, unfortunately. We are finalizing the purchase with engineering, and then we will be ready to proceed. I don't know what the lead time on the equipment will be.

DAREK: Typically, this type of equipment is readily available. With COVID-19 being a factor, I am not sure how available the equipment is right now. I would hope we could have the equipment within 60 days of ordering it.

JEREMY: There were no overages in our last round of sampling. That is a trend we want to continue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR: We are going to start to use a new software for the council packet. A lot of small communities started using what we are using about a dozen years ago. The security agreement expires in January. We are switching to a more current software. It is through SharePoint. It will keep the security we need in place. You will end up receiving a new link and log-in for the new access point. It is a good thing. I am surprised how long our current software has lasted.

CLOSING REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBER PECK AND MAYOR YOUNG.

CHERYL: Mayor Hall asked me to run for city council 8 ½ years ago, and I said no. I said I didn't know anything. He replied that nobody knows anything to start. I prayed for a way I could help my country. I thought this was it. I am grateful for this opportunity to do this service for the city. Most importantly, I made some friendships. The council, mayor, staff, youth council, and library are all people I want to thank. I could go on forever thanking different people. Thank you.

MAYOR: I have been thinking of service. My first desire to serve was in middle school. The local Lion's Club came to my school. They taught a program learning about the government. I was the only student to attend. I ended

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up going to Boys State. I was so young. It is about a one-hour drive from my home to the capital building in Boise. The leader who drove was part of the American Legion. I remember getting out of the truck and the feeling I had was this person loves his country. People want to protect their time, and then they want to help make society better. I knew that I needed that in my life. It has come full circle. I now know what he felt. I will miss the association with each of you. It is different when you are committed and trying to better the community. We are all trying to allow our families and children to have a specific way of life. It creates a bond when working together. It is a lifelong bond. I am grateful Richmond has allowed me to stake a claim here. I have been here for almost 20 years now. I am grateful for all of you. When I leave, I won't sit in the background and question what you are doing. If you are doing something, I will know there is a reason behind it. Leaving is a good reminder that change is good. We received a substantial donation for updating the streetlights. I have driven by those streetlights every day for years. I didn't notice the poor condition the bases are in but others did. Change is okay. New eyes reviewing things are a really good thing. As long as many eyes are taking care of the community, it is a good thing. Paul and Amber give me a good feeling as they come into office. When you put in your heart and soul and know how important it is to them as well, it is an awesome feeling. It has been a long path with Jeremy. He is our first full-time city administrator. It was a risky move at the time. Only a couple of other small local cities had full-time administrators at that time. Some considered the move extreme. Time has proven it was a good and wise decision. Jeremy, you are proof we have good people here working for the city. It takes good people to pick good people. It takes good people to attract good people to work here. My ultimate goal is to show Richmond has good people even when things are hard and frustrating. There are people that care. I built my home in 2006. During that process, I had lunch with Brad Jensen. He asked if I wanted to be involved. My first time meeting Mayor Hall was when an irrigation line was hit which was running through my property. I was impressed how the city handled the situation. I was surprised how good I was treated. Justin adds on to everyone else. He compliments what they are doing behind the scenes. Justin has never asked for a pay raise for himself. Not one time did he ever include himself on the pay raise list when we were discussing it. We always had to add him on ourselves. That is an example of who he is. You are a good friend. Justin has always provided his opinion, even when I did not want to hear it. He has been a good filter for my ideas. He has signed off and supported what we are doing even when he did not originally fully support it. He always supports what we do. I go back a long time with Terrie. She helped me to understand state code and city ordinances when I got on the council. It has now come full circle. She is staying on, and I am leaving. I have had a few public disagreements with her. I appreciate her for that. It is really important everyone can be heard, and Terrie makes sure that happens. Terrie always makes sure everyone's opinion is heard. I appreciate all of the women with whom I have served. I did not realize how much I appreciate serving with you until I had a daughter. She knows she can be involved because of the service you have offered. You have led the way. Every one of you has a say, and it is very valuable. Providence thought it was something when they had one female council member, then two, then three. I told their mayor that is nothing; I have served with three female council members for years and they are great. Every one of us is unique in our own way. When I was coming on the council, Leslie Erickson was going off, and I could see how much passion she had. She was so invested in what she was doing. Thank you all for your friendship. Most of all, I want to thank Breanne (Young). She needs to know she is the most dear thing to my heart. She has stuck by me in some crazy and hard years. We almost lost our house in 2008 when the mortgage world collapsed. I remember coming home from council meetings and sitting down with her while we tried to figure out how to pay our bills. I was having a hard time making ends meet. She was always there. It was so important at that time to be around good people like the council. I appreciate what you are doing and the time you serve. Honor yourself by continuing to be who you are. Just be you. It is so important. Breanne has always wanted to form a non-profit organization to let people know they are important. Just Be You is a non-profit organization we are starting. We will continue to work and find ways to give back. While I have been serving, we lost a grocery store in town, and now we are getting one back. Things have come full circle. Thank you. I live in Richmond because I choose to live here. I love this place and want to raise my family here. My heart is here. I want to continue to be part of this community.

A motion to adjourn and pay bills was made by Cheryl, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Tucker, Peck, Crafts, Bair, Wierenga
No Vote: None

Adjournment at 7:48 P.M.

RICHMOND CITY CORPORATION

Justin B. Lewis, City Recorder