MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

PRAYER: Rob Kinnard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mark Sowder

Mayor Mike Wright called to order the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Richmond, Missouri, on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Present: Mayor Mike Wright, Barb Hardwick, Deanna Guy, June Paige, Brittnie Lee, Dale Aksamit, Rob Brash, and Rob Kinnard. Absent: Rodney Williams.

ROLL CALL: Staff Present: City Administrator Tonya Willim, City Clerk Saige Mason, Public Works Director Dale Shipp, Fire Chief Mark Sowder, Finance Director Ashley Bennett, Police Chief Scott Bagley, Community Development Heather Robertson, Parks and Recreation Director Haley Williams, Human Resource Manager Courtney Williams, City Attorney Chris Williams, and Associate Jackson Auer.

WELCOMING REMARKS: Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: August 11th, 2026, regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- State Representative Terry Thompson apologized for his inability to get a public safety or transit tax approved in the Senate to be allowed on a local voting ballot. He gave options for the council to think over: the question can go on a statewide voting ballot, or he can try again in Jefferson City to get the bill with fewer amendments to get it approved. Thompson and City Council agreed it should be up to the local voters if the tax is voted on. The Council will think over the options.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to adopt by Councilor Hardwick, seconded by Councilor Kinnard. Roll Call: AYES: Hardwick, Kinnard, Paige, Lee, Guy, Aksamit, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance: Deanna Guy. – The Committee has not met. However, in lieu of the last council meeting, a Full Council work session for the budget was held.
B. Ordinance: Barb Hardwick. – The Committee has not met.
C. Public Works: Rob Peterson. – The Committee has not met.
D. Public Safety: Rob Kinnard. – The Committee has not met.
E. Park Liaison: Deanna Guy – The Board did not meet in September but has a meeting coming up in October.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mike Wright.

- Attended the Full Council work session for the budget.
- Attended the Planning and Zoning meeting last week.
- Spoke with Tonya a few times regarding City business.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Tonya Willim. C/A Willim's report is included in the packet. She had nothing to add, but would take any questions. No questions were asked.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Bill No.: 26-22** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2656 TO REFLECT CHANGES IN REVENUES AND EXPENSES. Councilor Hardwick made the motion for the 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-22. Councilor Guy seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Hardwick, Guy, Paige, Aksamit, Brash, Lee and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 7-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 25-17. Councilor Kinnard motioned for the acceptance of Bill No. 26-22 into ordinance. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Kinnard, Lee, Hardwick, Paige, Guy, Brash, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-22 approved 7-0.

B. **Bill No.: 26-23** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, ESTABLISHING FINANCIAL NEEDS AND RESOURCES FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI. The Finance Committee met on September 2, 2026, to review the FY27 budget. The Committee recommended a full council work session. The full council work session was held on September 8, 2026. The full council recommended the FY27 budget be taken to regular session Council. Councilor Paige made the motion for 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-23. Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Hardwick, Guy, Lee, Brash, Aksamit, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 7-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-23. Councilor Hardwick motioned for the acceptance of Bill No. 26-23 into ordinance. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Hardwick, Kinnard, Lee, Paige, Guy, Brash, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-23 approved 7-0.

C. **Resolution No. 474** A RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI. The Comprehensive Fee Schedule outlines the additions and increases adopted in the FY 27 budget. Staff has reviewed all program, utility, and service fees to ensure they align with Council-approved revenues and expenditures. Councilor Lee made a motion to accept the changes in the comprehensive fee schedule. Councilor Hardwick seconded the

motion. Roll Called: AYES: Lee, Hardwick, Paige, Kinnard, Brash, Guy, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Resolution 474 was approved 7-0.

D. Property and Liability Insurance Renewal – Mike Keith Insurance Representatives were present at the meeting. Star Insurance Company (Star) has been our insurance carrier since October 1, 2021. Their response, service, and representation have been good. There is an overall premium increase from $270,869 in FY26 to $297,819 in FY27. This is a $26,950 (9.95%) increase. Coverage terms reflect the rate based on claims, exposure, and auto largely unchanged. The increase is mainly driven by a 10% adjustment to insured property values, with the remaining 3.63% attributable to other standard factors following the annual review. Please note that optional terrorism insurance would add $1,043 to the base premium. The Council has historically rejected terrorism coverage. Councilor Kinnard made a motion to accept Star for the City's 2026-2027 property and liability insurance carrier and waive optional terrorism insurance, Councilor Lee seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Kinnard, Lee, Hardwick, Guy, Aksamit, Brash, and Paige. NAYS: None. FY27 Commercial Insurance Renewal approved 7-0.

E. **Bill No.: 26-24** Ordinance Approving The Assignment Of The Richmond Assisted Living Redevelopment Corporation Chapter 353 Redevelopment Plan And The 353 Contract Between The Richmond Assisted Living Redevelopment Corporation And The City Of Richmond, Shirkey's has been managing the property, but is now ready to purchase the property. Councilor Paige made a motion for the 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-24. Councilor Guy seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Guy, Hardwick, Lee, Brash, Aksamit, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 7-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-24. Councilor Hardwick motioned for the acceptance of Bill No. 26-24 into ordinance. Councilor Guy seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Hardwick, Guy, Kinnard, Lee, Paige, Brash, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-24 approved 7-0.

F. Rezoning Request – 307 S. Camden – Planning and Zoning Commission had a request for rezoning at 307 S. Camden to go from an R-1 Single Family Dwelling District to S&O Service and Office District to increase the number of in-home daycare children. The daycare is currently under a conditional use permit issued in 2020 for ten years, limiting the maximum number of 0 children to ten (10). The rezoning was in the hope of adding eight (8) additional children. The Planning and Zoning meeting was held September 14th, 2026. The discussion at the meeting included the proposed increase in the number of children, limited on-site parking, traffic associated with drop-off and pick-up, available outdoor space, and the compatibility of the proposed use with the surrounding residential neighborhood. The Planning and Zoning Commission ultimately in a 4-2 vote to deny the request and recommended that Council also deny the request. The required notices were mailed, and all public hearing postings were published. Councilor Paige moved for the recommended denial of the zoning request. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. Roll

Called: AYES: Paige, Lee, Hardwick, Guy, Kinnard, Brash, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Rezoning Denial approved 7-0.

G. **Resolution No. 475**.: Cooperative Purchasing Contract – Greystone Construction, Salt Storage Building – Dale Shipp addressed the Council with the approval of a new salt barn with Greystone Construction through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract. The previous salt barn was of lesser quality and was destroyed this spring in a storm. Dale is looking to get this approved for the FY 27 budget and hopefully have it by the end of the year. Councilor Guy made the motion to approve Resolution No. 475 authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement with Greystone Construction Company with the Superseding Addendum in the amount of $87,390.00 for the replacement of the salt storage building through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program. Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Lee, Kinnard, Brash, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Resolution, agreement, and $87, 390 approved for the new slat storage building, approved 7-0.

H. Cooperative Purchasing Contract – Axon Purchase of Body\In-Car Cameras\Tasers the Richmond Police Department has leased with since 2021. The lease is agreement expires in November 2026. The proposed renewal begins December 2026 and consolidates the City's Axon body cameras, in-car cameras, and TASER agreement into a five-year agreement with one annual invoice. This agreement is included in the proposed FY27 budget. Councilor Hardwick made the motion to approve the lease purchase of equipment from Axon and authorize the Mayor to enter into the 5-year lease agreement with Axon in the amount of $234,142.53 for the furnishing and installation of the replacement Axon equipment through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program. Roll Called: AYES: Hardwick, Paige, Guy, Lee, Kinnard, Brash, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Lease Purchase with Axon approved 7-0.

I. **Bill No.: 26-25** Ordinance Approving Award Agreement, Articles Of Agreement Between The City of Richmond Police Department and State of Missouri Regarding the Blue Shield Grant. This is a grant through the Missouri Department of Public Safety. The Richmond Police Department was awarded $29,069.76 for the 2027 fiscal year. The grant funding will be used to purchase the following equipment for the Richmond Police Department:(6) semi-rugged laptop computers for police operations, (5) extended five-year laptop warranties, (5) vehicle docking stations and related mounting equipment, (14) replacement speaker microphones for the department's Motorola portable radios; and (2) Glock 19 Gen6 duty handguns equipped with Aimpoint optics. Councilor Guy made a motion for the 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-25. Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Lee, Brash, Aksamit, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 7-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-25. Councilor Guy motioned for the acceptance of Bill No. 26-25 into ordinance. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Kinnard, Hardwick, Lee, Paige, Brash, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-25 approved 7-0.

J. Liquor License Application – Main Street Bowl – Kaite and Chris Bushong applied for a liquor license for the Main Street Bowl, doing business as Spartan Bowl. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Brash, Hardwick, Kinnard, Lee, and Aksamit NAYS: Guy. Motion approved 6-1.

K. Park & Recreation Rotary Grant – Purchase of Pavilion for Southview Pool – Haley addressed the City Council with her Party Pavilion idea for the pool. With this Rotary Grant, she will be able to purchase the pergola. Councilor Hardwick motioned to accept the $3,000 grant, authorize the spending of it for the Southview Pool Party Pavilion project, and authorize amending the Fy26 budget line item 10-21-01-7006 to reflect the up to $3,000 project expenditure. Roll Called: AYES: Hardwick, Kinnard, Aksamit, Guy, Lee, Paige, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

ADJOURN OPEN/ENTER CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made at 7:45 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Kinnard. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Kinnard, Hardwick, Paige, Brash, Aksamit, and Lee. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

Legal - Pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communication between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

Contract - Pursuant to Section 610.021 (12) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected.

Personnel - Pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.

ADJOURN CLOSED/ENTER OPEN: At 8:14 p.m., Councilor Guy made a motion to adjourn closed session and entered open session with one action taken. Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Aksamit, Brash, Lee, Kinard, and Paige. NAYS: None. Motion Approved 7-0.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN: A motion was made at 8:14 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Brash, Lee, Kinnard, Aksamit, and Paige. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

SEAL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND COUNTY, MISSOURI

Mayor, Mike Wright

City Clerk, Sarge Mason