

1 **RICHMOND WATER AND SEWER**
2 **COMMISSION MEETING**
3 **SPECIAL INFORMATION SESSION**
4 **WEST MAIN AND INCOME SURVEY**
5 **July 23, 2015 MINUTES**

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7 Members Present: Bard Hill, Chair; Lincoln Bressor; Bruce Bailey; Robert Fischer

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9 Members Absent: David Sander

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11 Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Kendall Chamberlin, Water Resources
12 Superintendent; Tom Clark, Income Survey Coordinator; Cara LaBounty;
13 about 40 park residents.

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15 Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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17 **Welcome and Public Comment**

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19 Mr. Hill opened the meeting and explained that the board was here to explain the West Main project
20 and the reasons and need for the park residents to complete the income survey. The meeting was
21 largely a question and answer session between the board, the residents, and Ms. LaBounty as the
22 park owner's representative regarding the water and sewer extension. Mr. Clark explained the need
23 for the income survey to qualify for federal grants, and why it was important to the project.

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25 The discussion from the residents centered around concerns among the residents of park conditions:
26 damaged pavement; standing water; no fire hydrants and a chlorine smell in the water; and some
27 complaints about unsafe items found on the ground around the park. The residents were reluctant to
28 help the park owner develop the property unless their concerns were addressed first.

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30 The residents were highly concerned that this project would be an excuse for the owner to install a
31 rate surcharge on them, without any way for residents to know what his costs were.

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33 The Water Commission explained the project and how it would benefit the residents with water quality
34 and fire protection. The Water Commission assured the residents that their goal was to avoid
35 financial punishment for them and were willing to put into the contract that no surcharges or unusual
36 water restrictions would be placed on the residents due to this project.

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38 Throughout the meeting discussions were made on these topics. The Water Commission wanted to
39 stress the importance of keeping the project moving forward and the chance for the town to address
40 some of the concerns of the residents through protections in the contract. The residents wanted to
41 make sure that concerns were heard and understood by the Water Commission. Residents were
42 urged to consider completing the income survey and returning it to the surveyor, Tom Clark.

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44 **Adjourn**

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46 Mr. Bailey offered a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm and was seconded by Mr. Bressor. So voted.