

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 27, 2014  
CITY HALL  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
6:00 PM**

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**Mayor Barnes called the meeting order 6:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT: Commissioner Baird, Blythe, Newby and Mayor Barnes  
ALSO PRESENT: Jimmy Howard; City Manager, Garrett Fowles; City Attorney,  
Lisa Cassity; City Clerk  
ABSENT: Commissioner King**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minute Approval:**

- 1) Regular City Commission Meeting held on May 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Special Called City Commission Work Session Meeting held on  
May 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Correction Noted by Commissioner Blythe requested changes be made to his report on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 6p.m. Regular Meeting to reflect he attended a Habitat for Humanity event.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner King	absent	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Ordinance 14-12:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Expressing the Intention of the City to Annex Certain Property into the City of Richmond (Sembol Systems, Inc. Property)

**Second Reading-** Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	

Commissioner King absent  
Mayor Barnes x

**Ordinance 14-13:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the City's Zoning Code Relating to an Additional use within a B-3 Zoning District.  
**Second Reading-** Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe  
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	absent	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Ordinance 14-14:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the City's Development Plan as to Construction Guarantees and the Time within which a Development's Sidewalks are to be Constructed and Completed.  
**Second Reading-** Read and Explained by City Attorney

- Commissioner King entered meeting at 6:21p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Blythe  
Seconded: Commissioner Baird

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Ordinance 14-15:** An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Richmond, Kentucky, Providing for the Issuance of its City of Richmond, Kentucky general Obligation Notes, Series 2014 for the Purpose of Paying all or any Portion of the Costs of Various Public Projects; Setting Forth the Terms and Conditions Upon which the Series 2014 Notes are to be Issued and Outstanding; and Ordering and Providing for the Levy of an Annual Tax, to the Extent Necessary, in an Amount Sufficient to Pay the Interest on and Principal of the Series 2014 Notes.

**First Reading-** Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe  
Seconded: Commissioner King

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	

Mayor Barnes x

**Order 14-65:** An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding an Audit Proposal for the Section 8 Program. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner King

**VOTING: YES NO**

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Baird x

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner King x

Mayor Barnes x

**Order 14-66:** An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring an Employee in the Section 8 Housing Department. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

**VOTING: YES NO**

Commissioner Baird x

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner King x

Commissioner Newby x

Mayor Barnes x

**Order 14-67:** An Order of the City of Richmond Correcting Order No. 14-63 with Hiring Seasonal Workers for the Parks Department. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner King

**VOTING: YES NO**

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner King x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Baird x

Mayor Barnes x

**Order 14-68:** An Order of the City of Richmond Employing Seasonal Golf Maintenance Workers. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

Mayor Barnes questioned if this department is fully staffed for the season. Mr. Howard responded yes.

**VOTING: YES NO**

Commissioner King x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Baird	x
Commissioner Blythe	x
Mayor Barnes	x

**Order 14-69:** An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond,  
Kentucky Terminating the Employment of a City Employee. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird  
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 14-70:** An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond,  
Kentucky Terminating the Employment of a City Employee. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe  
Seconded: Commissioner Baird

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 14-71:** An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond,  
Kentucky Terminating the Employment of a City Employee. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby  
Seconded: Commissioner Baird

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Attorney Discussion- Bicycle Ordinance**

Garrett Fowles lead discussion with the Commission about laws and regulations regarding bicycles being utilized on the streets, roads and sidewalks.

Mayor Barnes introduced the owner of a local bicycle shop (Mikes Hike & Bike Shop) to explain the difference between bike lanes vs bike paths and areas in Richmond that could benefit from having these.

Mike explained the further laws and regulations and expressed safety concerns if bicycles were allowed to be ridden on the sidewalks. Mike suggested that the street sweeper be utilized on the right-a-ways to clean up the debris so cyclists can use that area instead of the vehicle lanes.

Commissioner King spoke about state statues that allow children ages 13 and under to ride on the sidewalks. She also noted in the statues that if a rider deems it a dangerous area they are then allowed on the sidewalk.

Mayor Barnes responded that in today's society common sense will prevail and that the city is only trying to provide public safety for all it's citizens.

### **Public Comments**

David Dilligath- citizen

Spoke in support of Big World and submitted a petition with 1725 written signatures and 467 e-mails online.

Big World- citizen

Spoke in support of him riding his lawnmower again.

Debra Parks- citizen

Spoke in regards to several issues.

Jason Williams- citizen

Spoke in support of Anthony Mitchell and hopes the city can find some common ground for all the issues discussed tonight.

Mikes Hike & Bike Store- owner

Corrected himself on a state statute, that only city in Kentucky that allows children age 13 and under to ride on the sidewalk is the city of Louisville.

Bill Mulhern- president of Richwood Subdivision Homeowners Association

Requested the City move forward with the lawsuit against Barlow Homes because the streets are still not dedicated to the city.

Big World's Mom- citizen (did not state name for the record)

Spoke in support of her son being allowed to ride his lawnmower on the roads.

Male Citizen- (did not state name for the record)

Spoke in support of equal enforcement, suggested a committee to work on policies and encouraged citizens if they want to license lawnmowers for the streets to take the issue to the state.

Matthew- male citizen

Spoke in support of Big World being able to continue to advertise as it's a business for him

Female citizen- yelling from audience

Spoke in support of Big World being able to ride his mower and advertise for his business.

### **Departmental Reports**

None

- Commissioner King exited meeting

### **City Manager's Report**

Mr. Howard discussed the following item:

1. Street light poles being repainted along Main Street
2. Storm water project getting ready to start
3. Sidewalk repairs to Second Street by Elks building
4. Tourism Department is planning July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration
5. Road Salt Bids came in today
6. This Thursday is a Special Called Commission Meeting at 10:00am to discuss upcoming Budget.

### **Commissioner Reports**

#### **Commissioner Blythe**

1. Responding to several of the statements that had been made by public comments and encouraged citizens to address the various concerns with the correct entity. He explained that not all the issues presented tonight are a commission issue. He asked that all citizen who hear statements such as, "I was told" or "I heard" are often taken out of context. He explained that he does not text, but wants citizen complaints to be discussed face to face, and not in a hostile environment. Commissioner Blythe questioned if everyone is going to be treated fairly, does Anthony have a business license to operate his advertising business that was mentioned tonight. He also appreciated Mr. Fowles for his research and Mikes Hike and Bike Story for additional insight on the matter.

#### **Commissioner Newby**

No report

#### **Commissioner Baird**

1. Announced that she attended the Tourism Department Open House
2. Wished Kathy Dean- Disbursement Clerk a happy retirement
3. Announced that she attended on 5-16-14 Judge Executive Kent Clark's state of the county address.

**Commissioner King**

absent

**Mayor Barnes**

1. Announced the city received a safety check from Roberts Insurance and felt that hiring of Philip Williams has been very beneficial to the city.
2. Meet with CSEEP about a adoption of a Specific Plan and construction of the EOC Building.
3. Mayor’s Show this week was Hope’s Wings
4. Attended the monthly Housing Authority board meeting.
5. Had meeting with Charity Tracker- Melissa Cook and feels that this service is vital to Madison County services with hopes of reaching everyone that needs the help, no repeat citizens that abuse the charities.
6. Hosted a tour at City Hall of the Model School 3<sup>rd</sup> graders this week.
7. Announced the 5-29-14 Special Called meeting on budget
8. Closing comment Mayor expressed that he appreciated everyone’s patience this evening and felt some comments were very emotional. However, he wanted to remind the citizens also that it’s hard sitting as an Elected Official trying to protect all citizens’ safety.

**Adjournment: 7:55 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

**VOTING:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner King	absent	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk