

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2015
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

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

**PRESENT: Commissioner Baird, Blythe, Morgan, Newby and Mayor Barnes
ALSO PRESENT: Richard Thomas; Interim City Manager, Garrett Fowles; City Attorney, Lisa Cassity; City Clerk**

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations:

- 1) Christmas Parade Float Awards- Richmond Tourism Department

Minute Approval:

- 1) Special Called City Commission Meeting held on December 9, 2014 at 4:45 p.m.
- 2) Regular City Commission Meeting held on December 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

TABLED

Ordinance 15-01: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinance No. 96-69 with Regulating Open Burning Within the Corporate Limits of Richmond.

First Reading

Ordinance not read. Mayor asked to TABLE for further discussion

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	

Mayor Barnes x

Ordinance 15-02: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinance 13-14 for the Purpose of Establishing a Place and Time for the Regular Meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

First Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Baird x

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Mayor Barnes x

Order 15-01: An Order of the City of Richmond Reappointing a Member to the Richmond Housing Authority Board.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Baird x

Mayor Barnes x

Order 15-02: An Order of the City of Richmond Declaring Five Gas Meters Surplus and Providing for its Disposal.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Baird x

Commissioner Blythe x

Mayor Barnes x

Order 15-03: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by the Fire Chief.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Baird	x
Commissioner Blythe	x
Commissioner Morgan	x
Mayor Barnes	x

Order 15-04: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Appointing the Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Richmond.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 15-05: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing Hours for Closing for Licensees under Ordinance No. 90-44 for Super Bowl.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 15-06: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for the Installation of a Fence and Gate on the Irvine McDowell Park Property.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Mayor Barnes

Commissioner Blythe questioned why the property needed a fence.

Mayor Barnes responded that the Irvinton Property is the most historic property that the city owns and would provide privacy and esthetics that would enhance the property.

Commissioner Blythe questioned if the Park Board was consulted in the process. Mayor Barnes responded no because this project is not paid for by the city but rather through the Irvinton fund.

Commissioner Blythe questioned how tall the fence would be. Mayor responded that he thought the fence would be at least 5 feet tall to prevent people from vandalizing after hours on the property. He referenced the Emma watts fence that ECU restored is what it would look like.

Commissioner Blythe questioned if landscaping could be used instead of a fence structure. Mayor explained that the purpose of the fence and gate was to prevent vandalism and people on the property overnight.
 Commissioner Blythe questioned if a fence was listed on the Parks Master Plan.
 Commissioner Blythe stated he's not objecting to the fence but wants to see a diagram of what the fence would look like on the property.

Commissioner Blythe offered a motion to Table Order 15-06 for further discussion until the next meeting.

TABLED Order 15-06 until next meeting

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes		x

Order 15-07: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for the Installation of Electronic Carillon and Tower Clock Equipment on the Hall of Justice Building.
 Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

AMEND AGENDA to include Resolution 15-01

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 15-08: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by a Member of the Tourism Commission.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Resolution 15-01: A Resolution of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the Mayor to Make an Application for, and Enter into an Agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS), to execute any Documents which are Deemed Necessary by KOHS to Facilitate and Administer the Project and to Act as the Authorized Correspondent of this Project.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Public Comments

1. David Strange- Spulin Mobile Home Park Resident

Mr. Strange approached the Commission in regards to the lack of street signs and addresses in the mobile home park.

2. Deborah Parks- Citizen

Ms. Parks spoke in regards to the following items:

1. Open burning in city limits
2. Bus transportation
3. Homestead Tax exemption/ Deed to her father's property that is a Master Commissioner sale.

3. Excel Gymnastics

Came to accept their Christmas Parade Float Winner

Departmental Reports

None

City Manager's Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

1. #7 green at Gibson Bay Gold Course needs repairs to a rock wall. Consulting with engineer on design, visited golf course in Lexington with same design, no firm commitments yet, but repairs will be needed before Spring play begins.

2. City Offices are closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday January 20th, 2015

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Newby

No report

Commissioner Baird

1. Happy to be back on the Commission for another 2 years!

Commissioner Blythe

1. Disappointed by losing Marc Whitt on the Tourism Commission.
2. Martin Luther King Jr. March and Service will be January 20th at 4:45pm assemble, and 5:00 p.m. march.

Commissioner Morgan

No report

Mayor Barnes

1. Congrats to Caudill Middle School Cheerleaders for the State title.
2. Commended Marc Whitt on all his contributions to the city and Tourism Commission.
3. Announced that Neen Wiggins is retiring from the Planning & Zoning Commission.
4. Announced that ECU Athletic Director Mark Sandy has accepted another position at another university and will be greatly missed by the Richmond/EKU community.

**Executive Session: Personnel (Conference Room) at 7:00 p.m.
(Personnel) – presented by Jessica Masters, HR Director**

Motion: Commissioner Morgan
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Out of Executive Session back into Regular Session at 7:14p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Adjournment: 7:15 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk