

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015  
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, 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) Oneita Stewart- Heart Health Month

**Minute Approval:**

- 1) Special Called City Commission Meeting held on January 8, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
- 2) Regular City Commission Meeting held on January 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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 Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

**Ordinance 15-03:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Adopting an Access Management Manual and a Roadway Design Manual, Mandating Compliance with the Requirements and Specifications Set Forth in the Manuals, and Incorporating Same into the City's Development Ordinance.

**First Reading**

Read by City Attorney  
Motion: Commissioner Morgan  
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner Morgan noted that he had several questions in regards to the manual.

Jason Hart, Director of Planning & Zoning and Dave Uckotter from CDP Engineers approached the Commission with a full report on the manual. Mr. Hart explained that he started working on the plan in 2013 in relation to the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Morgan questioned

**Order 15-09:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk  
Motion: Commissioner Blythe  
Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

**Order 15-10:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk  
Motion: Commissioner Baird  
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

**Order 15-11:** An Order of the City of Richmond Adjusting the Status of an Employee in the Building & Grounds- Parks Department.

Read by City Manager  
Motion: Commissioner Newby  
Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Mayor Barnes x

**Order 15-12:** An Order of the City of Richmond Kentucky Declaring a Tract of Real Property to be Surplus and Authorizing its Sale.

Read by City Manager

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 15-13:** An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the Filing of a 2014 Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Microenterprise Economic Development Application.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Baird x

Commissioner Blythe x

Mayor Barnes x

**AMEND AGENDA to include Tabled Order 15-06**

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Baird x

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner Morgan x

Mayor Barnes x

**Mayor asked for a motion to take Tabled Order 15-06 off the table to continue discussion.**

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

Commissioner Blythe stated that he was the one that made the motion this item be tabled at the last meeting to simply allow for some information gathering with conquer from majority of the commission. Because the discussion has gone well and he

appreciates the patience from the commission but there is still one or two items that need to be discussed further.

Commissioner Blythe made a motion to table Order 15-06. Mayor asked that he provide a timeline.

Commissioner Blythe restated his motion to table Order 15-06 until February 10, 2015 meeting.

**TABLED 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.

Order not read

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Departmental Reports**

None

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

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

1. #7 green at Gibson Bay Golf Course needs repairs to a rock wall. Consulting engineer has completed design, and bid specs were created. The project was advertised and bids will be opened to the public on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. There may be a Special Called meeting that week just to accept the bid so repairs will be completed by spring.

### **Commissioner Reports**

#### **Commissioner Baird**

1. Announced the Senior Citizen Center Sweetheart Chili Fundraiser Feb 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm at Central Bank.

#### **Commissioner Blythe**

1. Commented on how proud he is by the Community response for the Martin Luther King Jr event.

#### **Commissioner Morgan**

1. Commissioner Morgan made a statement in response by the citizens asking him about the Grand Campus tax exemption or presumed tax exemption. Commissioner Morgan

stated that the property is currently on the tax roll, no exemption has been provided, what has been reported is only the opinion from the Finance Cabinet, the university has an opportunity to file an exemption status, once that exemption status is received by Mr. Ackerman which he'll make a decision, based on the decision there are several series of appeals that will need to happen. He added that if the application is denied by Mr. Ackerman then the local tax board made of local citizens and they will decide if the property is tax exempt. If it's denied by the local tax board then it will go on to the state board of assessments. Then if the property is denied by them, then the university has an opportunity to go to Circuit Court of appeals, then if denied the university can appeal in the Supreme Court. He stated that in reverse the property is accepted for tax exempt then we will have an opportunity to appeal the approval status. He added that the Board of Commissioners takes this matter very seriously and have met multiple times to discuss it. He wanted to ensure the community that the city is monitoring the progress, and will take action if and when its needed.

**Commissioner Newby**  
No report

**Mayor Barnes**

1. Thanked the Street Department for handling the snowy streets.
2. Asked the Commission if they preferred to vote on Ordinance first readings or just to take the motion/second for purpose of discussions. Commission referred to the clerk for clarification if voting was required on first reading. Clerk responded it's not required. Commission responded that they didn't care either way but to just be consisted.

**Adjournment: 6:39 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Baird  
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk