

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 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, Lisa Cassity; City Clerk
ABSENT: Garrett Fowles; City Attorney**

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations

- 1) Irvinton History Project- Madison Middle School
- 2) ~~Richmond Register Newspaper Publisher- Dave Eldridge (Absent)~~
- 3) Kids to Park Proclamation- Brittany Toombs
- 4) FEMA- Flood Assistance

Minute Approval:

- 1) Regular City Commission Meeting held on April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Special Called Joint Government Meeting held on April 30, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.
- 3) Special Called Meeting held on May 8, 2015 at 9:30 a.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	

Ordinance 15-06: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky, Declaring the City's Intent to Annex 230 Miller Drive Adjacent to the City Limits.
(Wilbur and Barbara Dabney)

Second Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Ordinance 15-07: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky, Declaring the City’s Intent to Annex 232 Miller Drive Adjacent to the City Limits.
(Edna Marie Belcher)

Second Reading

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 15-50: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by a Part Time Switchboard Operator.

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

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

Order 15-51: An Order of the City of Richmond, KY Authorizing the Filing of a 2015 Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Public Services Application.

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

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

Order 15-52: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring an Administrative Assistant for the Fire Department.

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

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

Order 15-53: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring a Codes Enforcement Director for the Codes Department.

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

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

Order 15-54: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Seasonal Workers for the Parks Department.

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

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

Order 15-55: An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing a Fire Chief.

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

Commissioner Blythe questioned the process at to which this recommendation. He explained that in previous Orders it detailed that the position was advertised and interviews conducted, but this Order did not include that language.

Mr. Thomas responded that Mr. Long has been the acting chief for the past 6 months and has observed him and is impressed with his work ethic and feels that is qualified for the

position. He added that he felt that Mr. Long should have that opportunity for the Chief position even though, no interviews were conducted.

Mayor Barnes responded also that internal employees can be recommended for as in our personnel policies manual. He added that if the city has an internal employee that position they should have the opportunity for the position.

Commissioner Newby responded that no other candidates had the opportunity for the position and felt other employees have paid their dues.

Mayor Barnes responded that the city should consider ranking file when making these decisions in these type departments.

Mr. Thomas responded that he thought the other Battalion Chiefs would still want to have the 24/48 hour schedule and the Chief position is only Monday- Friday day shift.

Commissioner Baird responded that she is proud of Mr. Long and would proud to have him as the city Fire Chief.

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

Public Comments

Mayor announced that this is a Business Meeting and that citizens should not be addressing individuals but rather addressing the Commission as a whole elected body. He reminded citizens that on the agendas is listed the procedures for public comments and should be addressed to the entire commission, not individually.

Sandy Hunter- Oak Street Resident

Mr. Hunter asked the Commission where they are with the Ordinance draft to address the issues on his street.

Bill Mulhern- Richwood Subdivision Resident

Mr. Mulhern asked the Commission if the Ordinance drafted for Oak Street issues would address also issues in his subdivision with college students. Mr. Mulhern also noted that the location at 321 Leverton Place is where he knows more than 2 unrelated college students live that are causing all the public nuisances.

Departmental Reports

Larry Brock- Police Chief

1. Addressed Dr. Hunter on the nuisance ordinance draft and explained that him and the City Attorney have completed a draft and will be presenting to the Commission in the next couple weeks.
2. A Richmond Police Officer was featured on Channel 18 news recently for personally assisting citizens that needed help by giving them a ride and a warm meal. Officer didn't publically announce this Good Samaritan act, but rather a citizen took a picture and thanked the officer for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Chief Brock for hosting such a nice awards banquet and commended all the officers that received awards including the lifesaving awards.

Lisa Cassity- City Clerk

Ms. Cassity announced the results from the City vs. County Blood Drive yesterday.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

1. Marriott Suites- Amberly Way
2. Left Turn requested on Robert M. Martin By-pass by Commissioner Blythe is under review by the State Transportation Cabinet.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Newby

No report

Commissioner Baird

1. Commended the Police Department for such a nice awards banquet.
2. Asked if any other businesses are currently planning to be also on the new Walgreens property.

Commissioner Blythe

1. Questioned when the Tipton Court Project will be completed.
2. Asked if the new businesses can be recognized again at the Commission meetings as they did in the past.

Commissioner Morgan

1. Questioned if the Commission would have any meetings prior to budget presentation.
2. Questioned if the Commission was still planning to meet on May 22nd for City Manager Interviews.

Mayor Barnes

1. Announced he attended the new Kroger expansion ribbon cutting.
2. Water Street project progressing well.
3. CVS is also moving lots of rock and dirt and progressing on their new store location downtown.

Adjournment: 7:18 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:

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

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk