

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 16, 2015
CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM
9:30 AM**

Mayor Barnes called the meeting order 9:30 a.m.

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

Departmental Reports

Wayne Long- Fire Chief

1. Normal Operations
2. Recently hired secretary who is a great addition to the department
3. Working on promotions within the department
4. Currently 6 vacancies

Tonita Goodwin- Industrial Development

1. Working on the new grading project for the park
2. Had several RFI but no commitments

Dave Mauck- Community Development

1. Closing Tipton Court project
 2. Beginning Scholar House paperwork
 3. Kentucky Changers list of properties for repairs this week.
- Commissioner Morgan questioned what his goals were for the department in the next fiscal year.
- Commissioner Baird questioned if the grant paperwork that Rita Smart provided us were going to be applied on behalf of Richmond.

Larry Brock- Police Chief

1. Hiring process
2. Noted the officer in the wreck recently is recovering but damages estimated at \$19,000, so vehicle is totaled out.

Scott Althausen- Richmond Utilities

1. Regular maintenance
2. Water Street Project
3. Sewer project on E. Main

4. Georgia Street- repaving

Rose Rex- Downtown Coordinator

- 1. Provided update on events
- 2. Clean up volunteers for downtown area.

Sharon Cain- Finance Director

- 1. Auditors will be begin first visit mid-July
- 2. Finishing Budget

Unfinished Businesses

- An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, KY Relating to a Public Nuisance. (DRAFT)

Open discussion

No action taken

Mr. Fowles will continue to draft the ordinance and discuss at a later date with the commission.

New Business

15-13 Ordinance: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Adopting an Annual Budget for the Section 8 Housing Department for the Fiscal Year 2016 by Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government.

First Reading

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

- Executive Session- KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Personnel

Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of the following: KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Personnel

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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 11:21 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Budget Discussion continued from the Commission meeting on June 9, 2015.

Commissioner Morgan stated that he requested the Budget to be on the agenda however it wasn't, but would like to discuss several items.

Several items that were discussed:

1. Demolition of homes
2. Downtown Comprehensive Plan
3. Bypass Clean up and street scapes
4. Economic Development
5. Employee Health Insurance Single Plan

Public Comments

John Leeds- citizen

Mr. Leeds questioned why parking was going to be lost on Water Street and mentioned maybe putting in parking meters again.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

1. City is looking at purchasing property but will provide more details at a later meeting.
2. Hall of Justice repairs
3. Codes Director has resigned and returned to his previous employment as they offered him more money.

Board of Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Blythe

1. Charities that we donated to last year.
2. Colonel Path- Madison Ave
3. Questioned what the cities legal relationship is the following departments:
Section 8 Housing
Housing Authority
Richmond Utilities
4. Employee Health Insurance

5. Notified the Commission he will not be present for the Commission meeting on June 23rd.

Commissioner Morgan

1. Stated that with Governor Beshear’s Executive Order to raise state minimum wage, we might be forced to raise salaries for our employees making less than \$10.10 per hour to match that with the commonwealth’s pay rate. He also asked if the commission would revisit the pay scale for the city.
2. Employee Healthcare single plan
3. Planning for the future of our employees
4. Questioned new vehicles for departments in the budget

Mayor Barnes

Mayor announced that ECU President Benson is hosting a Town & Gown forum on June 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the Center for Arts, Black Box Room and has invited everyone to attend.

Adjournment: 12:28 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk