

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 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

Minute Approval:

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on August 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Workshop Meeting held on August 18, 2015 at 9:30 a.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	

Ordinance 15-14: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Annexing 3.420 Acres of Land Adjacent to the City Limits- 100 Industrial Drive.

Second Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

Ordinance 15-17: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the Budget for the Community Development Block Grant (Liberty Place)

First Reading

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

Ordinance 15-18: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Levying an Ad Valorem Tax for the 2015 Year upon all Property Situated in the City that is Subject to Taxation.

First Reading

Read by Finance Director and City Manager
Motion: Commissioner Baird
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Ms. Cain explained that the city will be taking the 4% compensated rate this year to generate approximately \$79,000.00 extra in the general fund. She informed the commission since the city was requesting this rate the city will have to hold a public hearing. The public hearing will be advertised and held on September 11th, 2015.

Order 15-109: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to Kentucky Recovery Community Development Block Grant Program.

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 15-110: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Fire Department.

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

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

Order 15-111: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by a Member of the Human Rights Commission.

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 15-112: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Seasonal Workers for the Recycle Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Order 15-113: An Order of the City of Richmond Promoting an Employee in the Fire Department from Captain to Battalion Chief.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

Order 15-114: An Order of the City of Richmond Employing a Seasonal Golf Maintenance Worker.

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 15-115: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting the Resignation by an Employee in the Vehicle Maintenance Department.

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	

Public Comments

1. Bill Mulhern- Richwood Subdivision Homeowners Association

Mr. Mulhern requested that the construction ordinance should be amended to hold developers responsible of maintaining empty lots.

2. Virgil Gardner- citizen

Mr. Gardner questioned if the city had looked into any grants for a men's recovery place, just like the Liberty Recovery Place for women.

Departmental Reports

None

City Manager's Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

1. Street Paving List- Mr. Thomas informed the Commission on which streets were proposed to be paved this year. He asked the Commission if they had any additional streets to be reviewed for final list to please let him know.

2. Landfill Closure- Mr. Thomas notified the Commission that the old landfill operated by the city which was closed in the 1990's has continued to be monitored for leakage, etc. The property is located off Four Mile Road and is approximately 200 acres. The only use for the property since there has been the police going out there to practice shooting. However, estimated each year the city has spent \$5,600 to monitor yearly and is in the process of officially closing the monitoring and will not have to pay that anymore.

3. Branding/Logo- Mr. Thomas questioned the Commission where the city was going with this project. He added that he questioned the Commission last meeting and was not given any recommendation, and wanted to know what the city was going to do with the Bullhorn Company's proposal for professional services.

Commissioner Blythe questioned if the city had requested any quotes from other companies or reached out to any local companies.

Commissioner Morgan questioned if it was just for a logo or asked the company to explain exactly what the city would get for \$23,000.00 in the contract.

Commissioner Baird questioned if there was anyone in the City that could do this project.

Mr. Thomas concluded that he would ask the Bullhorn Company to attend the next workshop to answer some of these questions.

4. Citizen Letter in regards to the Police Camp- Mr. Thomas read a letter that a citizen commended the police department for their kids' police camp in the community.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Newby

No report

Commissioner Baird

No report

Commissioner Blythe

1. Lights on Main Street- Questioned if the lights need to be syncretized again or is there any better way to control traffic at the corner of Lancaster/Main Street. It seems that the intersection is always backed up.
2. Summit/Baker Court- Questioned if the yellow curb can be painted back since it was repaved last year. Citizens have contacted him with complaints that residents are parking at the corner and the school bus can't get through. Police Chief noted that the residence in question has changed to rental with multiple cars.
3. Hill Street- Questioned where the city was going with the property as it was planned to be auctioned but then the commission repealed that.
4. Invited the public to the Faith Task Force Appreciation dinner and program on August 27th 6-8pm at Central Bank, Main Street branch.
5. Pedestrian traffic on Main Street has increased now that ECU students are back in town.

Commissioner Morgan

1. Downtown Revitalization- He has spoken with 2 potential businesses for downtown.
2. Community Pride- He sent an e-mail to Mr. Thomas requesting to come up with a certain area of town and implementing a Community Pride initiative to clean up and take pride in their property.
3. School Resource Officers were at the Madison Central football game and Commissioner Morgan commended the officers for being there on their own time and watched these employees be such good role models for the youth.

Mayor Barnes

1. ECU students are back in town and everyone has noticed that traffic has increased.
2. Water Street Update- Announced that the landscape would be completed by next week and currently working in front of Pally's Liquor Store with an estimated 3-4 weeks completion.
3. Mayor jokingly stated which pharmacy would open first, CVS downtown or Walgreens.

Adjournment: 6:54 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan
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