

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 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, Garrett Fowles; City Attorney**

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations

- 1) Domestic Violence Prevention Month- Hope's Wings Jennifer Lainhart
- 2) ECU Outreach Agent- Vickie Moberly
- 3) Power of Pink- Richmond Athletic Club -Onita Stewart
- 4) Madison County Heart Chase Event

Minute Approval:

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on September 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Workshop Meeting held on September 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.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	

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.

Second Reading

Read by Finance Director and City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Baird
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioner Blythe stated that he would second the motion for the purpose of discussion but has several concerns about the tax rate. He mentioned that he was absent at the last meeting because he was out of town. He added that the citizens are concerned that with it being significant is it really needed. He questioned if there was a particular project in mind for the additional revenue, what is in the general fund and what is in the reserve funds. He questioned if the commission had already passed an ordinance for the reserve fund balance percentage.

Sharon Cain responded to various financial status questions.

Mayor Barnes responded with the statement what if a factory closes or what happens when the Army Depot moves. He added that the city had no increased taxes the past 3 years and based on the economy its good today, but questioned the future. He noted that in many joint government meetings the discussion has been 911 funding.

Commissioner Morgan questioned how much the city had in CD accounts, and where any merit raises awarded that was budgeted last year. He questioned if elderly citizens on a fixed income with only social security could afford the \$4.00 increase.

Mayor Barnes responded that the city can only grow one way and that is to increase revenue. He mentioned again that Richmond revenue is one of the lowest tiers for our size city.

Sharon Cain mentioned that the City did fall back to using the reserve last year.

Commissioner Morgan questioned how many loans were paid off this year.

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

Amend the Agenda to include Ordinance 15-22

Motion: Commissioner Blythe
Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Commissioner Newby	x
Mayor Barnes	x

Ordinance 15-22: 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 Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

Sharon Cain asked the Commission to hold a Special Called Meeting Thursday for 2nd and final reading to ensure tax bills can be printed before October 1st.

Commissioner Morgan responded that he can't attend due to attending a conference in Louisville but does support this tax rate ordinance.

Ordinance 15-19: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the Zoning Ordinance Relative to Breweries, Micro-Breweries, Wineries, Micro-Wineries, Distilleries, Micro-Distilleries, and Brewpubs

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Commissioner Morgan questioned the difference in zones and full size brewery vs small distilleries.

Amend the Agenda to include Order 15-126

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 15-21: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the zone for Property at 1000 Oldham Ave in the City Limits.

First Reading

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Morgan
 Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Order 15-123: An Order of the City of Richmond Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Providing for the Disposition of Surplus Property.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby
 Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Order 15-124: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Seasonal Workers for the Parks Department. Read by City Clerk

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 15-125: An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting a Safety and Risk Management Assistant Job Description for the City. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird
 Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	

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

Commissioner Morgan questioned the justification for this position.

Order 15-126: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the Filing of an Application for a Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). 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	

Commissioner Morgan questioned if the utility lines can be buried during the construction phase of this project. David Mauck, Community Development Coordinator responded that it's not currently in the application for funding but would reach out to Kentucky Utilities to get a quote.

Executive Session- KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Personnel at 7:00 p.m.
(Conference Room)

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 at 7:44 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Back into Regular Session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

Ordinance 15-20: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinance No. 06-30 to Correct Clericals Errors and Omissions Relating to a Zone Change.

First Reading

Mayor asked for a Motion to Table Ordinance 15-20

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

Public Comments

1. Erik Liddell- Fieldstone Subdivision

Mr. Liddell requested update on Fieldstone and was anxious to hear the report later in the meeting by the City Manager.

2. Scott Mandl- Hertiage Place Subdivision

Mr. Mandel thanked the Elected Officials for their service and was present on behalf of the HOA for Hertiage Place, Deacon Hills and Idlywild Subdivisions with concerns of safety and citizen welfare for those areas if the apartment complex planned for the back area of Hertiage Place were to be completed. He said he would be brief and looks forward to an update.

Departmental Reports

None

City Manager’s Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

1. Fieldstone Subdivision Update:

Mr. Fowles summaries his interactions with 3 bonding companies for Phase 1 and 2.

Mr. Thomas presented the Commission with a rough estimate of what it would take to complete the infrastructure and notified the city was going out for bids for the work. He

noted that the city will pay for the work up front and will be reimbursed by the bonding companies.

Commissioner Baird questioned if he thought the bonding companies would reimburse. Mr. Thomas responded that he felt confident that the city would be reimbursed with hopes that the project would be completed when the other streets are being paved in the city.

Citizen Erik Liddell questioned when that would be. Mr. Thomas responded he hoped before November 2015.

Mr. Fowles added there are some other repairs that are needed and will be included in that estimate/bid packet.

Citizens Erik and Kelly Liddell thanked the Commission for their persistence on completing this project and mentioned that they would report back to the HOA on their behalf.

Mr. Thomas questioned if the Commission had his blessing to proceed. Mr. Fowles responded that the city would act when the bids are accepted.

2. Halloween Trick or Treat will be observed in the City, October 31st 6-8pm

3. Halloween Hoe Down Thursday October 29th 6-8pm

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Blythe

No report

Commissioner Morgan

1. Questioned if anyone from the Commission was aware of a pipeline running through the city that is planning to be repurposed from natural gas to a liquid gas.

Commissioner Newby

1. Made a brief statement that he makes his decisions and votes based on behalf of his constituents and not to showboat as described in a recent newspaper article.

Commissioner Baird

1. Announced that Epic Sammich Company was opening across the street from City Hall.

Mayor Barnes

1. Announced that he attending a meeting on fracking which is a different process but similar and will find out for information on the gas line. He thought discussion is premature but would find out more information for the commission.

Adjournment: 8:04 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	

Commissioner Morgan x
Commissioner Newby x
Mayor Barnes x

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk