

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2016
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

Mayor Barnes called the meeting order 6:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations:

- 1) Christmas Parade Winners- Richmond Parks Dept
- 2) Downtown Painting Fire Hydrants Project- Lauren Schwenk, Project Manager
- 3) Downtown Main Street Annual Update- Rose Rex (ATTACHED)

Minute Approval:

- 1) Special Called Commission Meeting held of January 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Regular Commission Meeting held on January 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- 3) Workshop Meeting held on January 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Ordinance 16-01: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Amending Ordinance 03-14
Which Created a Board to Oversee the Operations of Gibson Bay Golf Course.

Second Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	absent	
Commissioner Baird	x	

Commissioner Blythe x
Mayor Barnes x

Ordinance 16-02: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zone for Property at 2207 Lexington Road in the City Limits.

Second Reading

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Ordinance 16-03: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a First Supplemental Trust Indenture and a Continuing Covenant Agreement in Connection with heretofore Issued Kentucky League of Cities Funding Trust Lease Program Revenue Bonds, Variable Rate 2006 Series A.

Second Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Ordinance 16-04: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinance No. 04-11 Relating to the Ordinance Enforcement Board.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioner Morgan questioned what the process for dilapidated structures is.

Philip Hurt explained the process.

Garrett Fowles explained that this new process will provide more due process for the property owners.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	

Commissioner Newby	absent
Commissioner Baird	x
Mayor Barnes	x

Ordinance 16-05: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the Code of Ordinances to Repeal Certain Provisions Relating to a Nuisance, to Enact New Provisions relating to a Nuisance, and to Provide that Fines Relating to Codes Violations and Nuisances, Together with Costs Incurred by the City in Abatement, be place on the Tax Bill for the Property in Question and be Subject to Penalty and Interest as City Taxes.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioner Blythe questioned definition #7 regarding having trash cans out of view. Garrett Fowles responded that all these 12 definitions are already on the books but all located now in 1 ordinance.

Commissioner Morgan stated that the commission has heard the people and now made fines a civil not a criminal violation.

Garrett Fowles responded that this board’s involvement will not be able to hear appeals on violations and have the ability to collect the fines by placing on tax bills. The board has always existed but was not organized.

Mr. Thomas added that this board will function just like the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments. By reestablishing the board now it protects the property owners with more due processes.

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

AMEND AGENDA TO INCLUDE: Order 16-11 and Order 16-12

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Order 16-11: 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

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

Order 16-12: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing Hours of Closing for Licensees under Ordinance No. 90-44.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Public Comments

1. Bill Mulhern- Richwood Subdivision Homeowners

Mr. Mulhern questioned where the city was on drafting an ordinance regarding boarding houses. He described a home in his subdivision as a college boarding house with loud parties, trash cans left all week by the street, multiple cars parking on the streets or blocking the sidewalks.

Mayor Barnes questioned Mr. Fowles where the city was on this ordinance.

Mr. Fowles explained that he had completed multiple drafts, however is open to more suggestions from the commission if they wished him to take another look at the ordinance.

Commissioner Blythe questioned what other cities have adopted to effectively address these issues.

Mr. Fowles responded that he reviewed the Lexington party ordinance but have found it be unsuccessful. He added that the only ways to correct the issues are with the property owners, not the tenants.

Mayor asked that the Clerk provide copies to all the commission of the current draft and then review from that version.

Commissioner Morgan added that in Mr. Mulhern's situation it's zoned R1 which is single family.

Departmental Reports

None

City Manager's Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following topics:

1. Commended the Street and Grounds Departments for snow removal. City used 600 tons of salt and has ordered 200 ton this week. Proud of all the First Responders on duty and commented that with that much snow he felt the city responded well.
2. State Little League Tournament will be held in Richmond this year. The city is currently making repairs and getting prepared for the event in July.
3. Remodeling upstairs City Hall. Mr. Thomas provided copies to the Commission of cost estimates and the exact demolition and remodeling that will be completed on the middle part of the upstairs. He added that he's not asking for approval tonight, but if the commission had any questions or concerns to call him. He added that he would be bringing this back soon for approval which the cost was already in the budget.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Baird

1. Commend all the staff that worked during the snow.

Commissioner Morgan

1. Commend all Stacy Curtis and Joe Bentley's departments for snow removal. Commissioner Morgan suggested that the city provide lunch for these departments and celebrate all their hard work on snow removal.
2. He added that he would like to compliment Ms. Cook and Lori Tatum for providing social media.
3. Beautification Downtown- Requested an inventory of flower pots, hanging baskets and a budget.
4. Questioned where the city was on the sidewalk grant that was recently awarded to the city. Mr. Thomas responded that the city currently is in the engineering phase 1.
5. Questioned if the city could look at online payments for city taxes and tickets.
6. Questioned where the city was with advertising fire fighter positions.

Commissioner Newby

Absent

Commissioner Blythe

1. Commented that the Martin Luther King Jr day march was cancelled but had a good turnout for the program. He thanked Bill Robinson for the inspiring photo in the newspaper coverage.
2. Wished Commissioner Newby a quick recovery from surgery.
3. Commended staff for snow removal; however that he did get several calls with concerns.

Mayor Barnes

1. Commented that he did receive several calls and comments about the snow removal process. He said he explained the priority roads and process and most citizens were ok with the response. He asked citizens to keep their sidewalks clear, because citizens have to walk in the streets. He also mentioned that sidewalk removal is the property owners responsibility not the city.

Adjournment: 7:37 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk