

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
JUNE 21, 2016  
CITY HALL  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
9:30 AM**

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

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

**Departmental Reports**

None

**16-18 Ordinance:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Adopting an Annual Budget for the Section 8 Housing Department for the Fiscal Year 2017 by Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government.

**First Reading**

Presented by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

**Tourism/ Parks Office Relocation**

Tourism: Mr. Thomas announced that the Tourism Department is signing a lease on the Colonel Golf Learning Center off Foxhaven Drive which is closer to the interstate. It's not the ideal location but will work temporary if land is purchased for a future Tourism Center. The center is approximately 1600 sq ft.

Parks: Mr. Thomas announced that the Parks Department offices will be relocated to the Irvinton House on a temporary basis. Commission discussed the future of Parks offices and having a multifunction community center which would include winter programs. He explained that Parks does have concerns about the relocation in relation to the summer camp indoor facilities which would require open space.

**City Manager's Report**

1. MAP Funds: The City has been informed of how much Municipal Aid Funds will get for the next fiscal year of \$617,413.88. With the funds, projecting to use at least \$175,000.00 for salt, and \$400,000.00 for street paving.
2. Bond has been pulled on the subdivision off Hwy 52. With the use of those funds the streets will be paved which is approximately \$129,000.00 which is separated from the MAP funds.
3. Some of the MAP funds will include 2 parking lots in the Lake Reba Park.
4. Police Chief Search Subcommittee will meet this Friday to review 10 applications.

**Board of Commissioner’s Discussion**

**Commissioner Blythe**

1. Requested that the city make an immediate commitment to openly discuss the police pay scale. He asked that all the facts be presented for review so the city can respond as to if the expense can or can’t be granted. He added that he didn’t want to neglect other departments but felt that Longevity Pay across the board could also be reviewed.

**Commissioner Newby**

1. Announced that the Taste of Richmond event was a success last week.

**Commissioner Morgan**

1. Announced he was glad to see the city supporting the Brew Hop event in Apollo Pizzas parking lot this summer.
2. Questioned if the city can improve Sizemore Drive.

**Commissioner Baird**

1. Lancaster Ave/ Eastern By-pass traffic signal is not operating correctly. She stated that she’s had several citizens call her with complaints that the light is holding too long.
2. Requested a traffic signal be installed on the Robert Martin By-pass and Merchant Drive.
3. Asked that the bushes by the railroad overpass on the Eastern By-pass be trimmed which are hanging over into the traffic lanes.

**Mayor Barnes**

1. Employee Salaries- Mayor asked the commission to focus on where the cities at and where we want to be in the future. He added once the commission looks at the facts and decides the city can afford reoccurring expenses. However he reflected that since he’s been in office the city employees have received a 12% raise. He asked the commission to first hire a Police Chief then discuss the police pay scale first of August.

**Adjournment: 10:38 a.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	

Commissioner Baird	x
Commissioner Blythe	x
Mayor Barnes	x

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk