

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
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; City Manager, Garrett Fowles; City Attorney,
Lisa Cassity; City Clerk**

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations

- 1) Richmond Little League State Tournament Follow up- Philis Adams

Minute Approval:

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on August 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Special Called Meeting held on August 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- 3) Special Called Meeting held on September 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

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 16-27: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Levying an Ad Valorem Tax for the 2016 Year upon All Property Situated in the City that is Subject to Taxation.

Second Reading

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

MOTION to take Tabled Order 16-92 off the table back up for consideration

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

TABLED Order 16-92: An Order of the City of Richmond Adjusting Employee Job Title within the IT Department.

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 16-94: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation from an Employee in the Golf Maintenance Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 16-95: An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing a Member on the Richmond Human Rights Commission.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Order 16-96: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Accepting a Bid for Accounting Software and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Purchase Contract on behalf of the City.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioner Morgan questioned if the purchase of the software was also in last year's budget. Sharon Cain, Finance Director responded yes it was in last year's budget and now recommending the purchase.

Commissioner Morgan questioned which all departments will have the capabilities of utilizing the software. Ms. Cain explained that the program will be up and running in approximately 6-8 months maybe up to 1 year. There is a lot of data that needs to be entered into the program, so it will be a lengthy process. However, the departments that will benefit from the program are Finance, Human Resource/ Payroll, and Codes. She explained that this program is designed on an internet cloud where departments can access, as well as citizens reporting issues to Codes.

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

Order 16-97: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Order 16-98: 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 Morgan	x	

Mark Franklin and Pat Olds spoke on behalf of the Baptist Health bond and explained to the commission that the city has no liability for the bond issuance.

Commissioner Morgan questioned if all the contractors on the project had business licenses. Ms. Cain responded yes that the Finance Department ensured that all the contractors had a business license. Ms. Olds responded that Baptist Health utilized mostly local contractors for all the work and did have business licenses.

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

Public Comments

Amara Bonham- Ellis Coalition
Ms. Bonham quoted the Mayor from several interviews in regards to the proposed police pay scale.

Garrett Fowles, City Attorney responded Ms. Bonham statement that was made several meetings ago about the commission pushing a raise through quickly for their own salaries. Mr. Fowles clarified the circumstances and how the commissioners did not receive a raise.

Departmental Reports

Finance Department- Sharon Cain

Ms. Cain discussed the following items:

1. Software Project
2. Audit process has began

Codes Department- Philip Hurt

Mr. Hurt discussed the following items:

1. Excited about software purchase and feels this will help his department and citizens on reporting.
2. Updated commission on codes enforcement issues such as structures being taken down and now moving toward addressing come commercial properties.
3. Dumpster issues in target areas of town are being addressed on a daily basis.

Police Department- Rodney Richardson

Mr. Richardson updated the commission on the ECU Pedway Construction to be approximately 3 weeks. Which he noted that the Richmond Police is only assisting when notified but all construction, security and traffic control has been completed through ECU.

Richmond Utilities- Scott Althaus

Mr. Althaus updated the commission on the new sewer pipe construction for Big Hill Ave./ East Main Street. He noted that that the project is near completion and the entire section of project will be milled and paved when the city does paving soon. All expenses of the paving will be covered by Richmond Utilities for the project.

City Manager’s Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

- 1. The city pavement will be completed by the Allen Company through a state contract. The list of streets for mill and pavement was provided to the commission with estimated costs. Mr. Thomas noted that he will bring an order for the next meeting to be voted on moving the additional funds. Approximately \$400,000.00 for paving through MAP monies, total received this year is \$617,000.00 with utilizing the remaining for salt this winter. Additional streets will be paved with bonds which are being pulled for Hidden Hills and High Meadows.
- 2. Butterfly garden at Lake Reba- picture provided of successful progress

Board of Commissioner’s Discussion

Commissioner Blythe

- 1. Thanked Mr. Thomas for paving additional streets this year.
- 2. Provided update on his progress for counter police pay scale proposal.

Commissioner Morgan

- 1. Trash issues- Commissioner reported that contractors can’t get roll off carts and have decided not to do business in Richmond as a result. He requests that the city review the contract for Advance Disposal.

Commissioner Baird

- 1. Paint the Town Pink

Commissioner Newby

- 1. Thanked Commissioner Morgan and Blythe for drafting new police pay scale proposal.

Mayor Barnes

- 1. Mayor announced that the 9-20-16 workshop meeting already has a full agenda. However he stated that if Commissioner Blythe wanted to submit handouts for the commission to review on the counter pay scale, he could do that.

Adjournment: 7:20 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Commissioner Morgan x
Mayor Barnes x

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk