

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 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) Heroin Awareness Month- Madison County Coroner Office
- 2) Domestic Violence Awareness Month- Hope's Wings Jennifer Lainhart
- 3) Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1066- Mac McAfee

Minute Approval:

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on September 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Special Called Meeting held on September 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.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 16-28: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinance 96-69 and Regulating Open Burning Within the Corporate Limits of Richmond.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

No vote taken

Order 16-102: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Police 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 16-103: An Order of the City of Richmond Promoting Employees in the Fire 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 16-104: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond Hiring a Chief of Police for the City.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Blythe
Seconded: Commissioner Baird

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby		x- explained vote
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan		x – explained vote
Mayor Barnes	x	

Public Comments

None

Departmental Reports

None

City Manager's Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

1. Announced that the Police Chief swearing in ceremony would take place on October 17th, 2016 Monday at 9:00 a.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Board of Commissioner’s Discussion

Commissioner Baird

- 1. Welcomed new Police Chief Ebert

Commissioner Morgan

- 1. Requested update on residential parking ordinance amendments. Mr. Fowles responded that the topic has been discussed with no simple solution at this point. He suggested that the topic be placed on a workshop meeting for open discussion to get more input from commission.
- 2. Stated that he hoped Mr. Ebert had no hard feelings on his vote, however he felt the hiring process was rushed.

Commissioner Newby

- 1. Noted to Mr. Ebert that he was a fireman.
- 2. October 15th 12-4pm Richmond Athletic Club Breast Cancer Awareness Month event

Commissioner Blythe

- 1. KLC Conference next week. He suggested that as we attend the conference we can network ideas for the residential parking issues.
- 2. Ben Smith letter of resignation was attached to packets
- 3. Welcomed new Police Chief Ebert
- 4. Requested next meeting agenda to include a drafted ordinance on police pay scale for appropriate education levels. He added that he’s learned a lot these past few weeks while conducting his research. He explained that the only reason he supported the levy tax rate was in some effort to support a police pay scale.

Mayor Barnes

- 1. Responded to Commissioner Blythe’s request for placing a drafted ordinance on the police pay scale for next meeting. Mayor requested clarification on what Commissioner wants to include in the text of the draft. However, the Mayor added that there needs to be discussion first by the commission as to what to include in the draft. Mayor explained that he feels the commission needs to be supportive for all staff and use the pay scale proposal that the commission is working on for all departments.
- 2. Mayor clarified that the police chief search was a 4 month extensive process with a search committee that made recommendations, interviews, background searches completed and all the commissions were in those meetings.
- 3. Eastern By-Pass railroad overpass needs address pedestrian safety issues.
- 4. Welcomed new Police Chief Ebert.

Adjournment: 7:04 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	

Commissioner Morgan x
Commissioner Newby x
Mayor Barnes x

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk