

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 09, 2017  
CITY HALL  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
6:00 PM**

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentations**

- 1) Advanced Disposal Introduction of General Manager, Peter Kirk

**Minute Approval:**

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on April 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Ordinance 17-11: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zoning for the Heritage Place Subdivision in Richmond, Kentucky.**

**Second Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Ordinance 17-13:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Placing a Three-Way Stop Sign at the Intersection of S. Collins Street and Summit Street in the City.

**First Reading**

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner Blythe questioned if the residents made this request.

Mayor Barnes stated that he hasn't received any complaints about this intersection and questioned if it's needed.

Chief Ebert spoke in the subject and noted that they evaluated the area today. He's evaluation resulted that it may be more of a speed issue not so much the need for a stop sign.

Board suggested that the item be Tabled to hear from Commissioner Eaves since this was requested by her.

**TABLED Ordinance 17-13**

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Ordinance 17-14:** An Ordinance of the Richmond City Board of Commissioners Amending Ordinance No A-75 and 92-01 Which Creates and Establishes a Park, Playground and Recreation Board for the City of Richmond, Kentucky.

**First Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Mayor Barnes

Commissioner Morgan questioned the purpose of allowing county people to serve on the board. Mayor Barnes responded that it helps the city find a broader base to serve. He also mentioned that changing the terms to a four year has previously been brought up, however not formally amended in the ordinance.

Commissioner Newby questioned if it's a county issue since the last member had to resign because he moved to the county.

Commissioner Morgan stated that he feels that the city citizens should control the city parks.

Commissioner Blythe questioned if the county will donate annual funds to the city parks. Mayor Barnes said the county eliminated that donation last year. He added that there are over 700 Little League participants which I would say 450 are residents in the county which they spend money when they come to town for those programs.

Mr. Thomas stated that when this amendment was brought to the Park Board there were no comments or concerns voiced at the meeting.

No vote taken

**Ordinance 17-15:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinance No. 86-22 Relating to the Richmond Tourism Commission.

**First Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 17-49:** An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting an Agreement with the Richmond Tourism Commission and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign on behalf of the City.

Mayor Barnes asked for a motion to Withdraw Order 17-49 from Agenda.

Commissioner Blythe questioned why the item is needed to be withdrawn. Mayor Barnes responded that this agreement is not needed.

~~Read by City Manager~~

**WITHDRAWN from Agenda**

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Mayor Barnes x

**Order 17-50: An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing a Member to the Code Enforcement Board.**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

**VOTING: YES NO**

Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 17-51: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Public Works Department.**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

**VOTING: YES NO**

Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 17-52: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting Resignations by Employees in the Police Department.**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioner Blythe added that he hates to see these employees leave, however wished them the best in their career advancements.

**VOTING: YES NO**

Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 17-53: An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing Members to the Tourism Commission.**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 17-54:** An Order of the City of Richmond Authorizing the Filing of a 2017-2018 Kentucky Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Application. - Liberty Place

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 17-55:** An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for the Camp Catalpa Playground Project.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 17-56:** An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring a Police Officer.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 17-57:** An Order of the City of Richmond Adjusting an Employee Status and Transferring to the Public Works Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 17-58:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Recycle Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Departmental Reports**

#### **Parks Buildings and Grounds- Joe Bentley**

Mr. Bentley addressed the citizens' concerns with managing the Little League and Girls Softball field maintenance.

Girls Softball Update- Field grading threw off schedule

Little League Update- Fields closed at Lake Reba for drainage, 1 city employee does maintenance for the fields, and is it cost effective for overtime vs comp time and supplies.

Mr. Bentley reflected on the past 12 years of the city providing this service and explained that overtime pay along with supply costs of the quick-dry weren't beneficial to the city. He said back years ago his department had 22 employees and now has half the staff with some just as seasonal help. He understands the organizations frustrations with not being able to play on the fields, however the quick-dry material is not a fix for all. The spring weather conditions are variable and overuse of material on fields overtime came often make more damages to field conditions. He explained that the leagues build in 20 games over a season and are often made up more during the summer months where the fields can dry out faster since it's warmer weather.

Commissioner Morgan stated beside the fields conditions there is a communication breakdown because parents need to be notified in a timely manner on the cancellation of practices/games.

Dog Park Condition Update- Mr. Bentley updated the commission on the conditions of the dog park at Lake Reba. He explained that due to erosion and bare spots of grass the parks will close off a section at time and replace top soil and plant grass seed.

**Police- Chief Ebert**

Chief announced the next Coffee with a Cop event on next Saturday 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-a.

**City Manager's Report**

**Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:**

1. City vs County Annual Blood Drive  
May 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm at First Christian Church downtown Richmond.

**Board of Commissioner's Discussion**

**Commissioner Morgan**

1. Wishes citizen Bobby Coates a Happy Birthday.
2. Congratulations to Chief Ebert for his Navy/Marine Cor service retirement.

**Commissioner Blythe**

1. Requested update from Codes Department Director since the position was combined with Safety Director.
2. Happy the City of Georgetown and their local business came to a resolution over an issue with an American Flag. He commented that the city addressed an outdated Ordinance and amended to see fit.

**Commissioner Eaves**

Absent

**Commissioner Newby**

No report

**Mayor Barnes**

1. Commented that as Codes issues continue to rise there may be a greater need for staff in that department.

**Adjournment: 7:07 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

**VOTING:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	

Commissioner Morgan           x  
Commissioner Newby           x  
Mayor Barnes                   x

ATTEST:   
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City Clerk

  
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MAYOR