

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
JULY 18, 2017  
CITY HALL  
SECOND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM  
9:30 AM**

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

**PRESENT: Commissioner Eaves, Morgan and Mayor Barnes**

**ALSO PRESENT: Richard Thomas; City Manager, Lisa Cassity; City Clerk, and  
Garrett Fowles; City Attorney**

**ABSENT: Commissioner Blythe and Newby**

**Second Street Armory Building**

Commission discussed if the building is salvageable and if so what would the city like to use in that building. If the structure is not work saving, how would the city like to utilize that space.

Mayor suggested that when Ed Worley was city manager years ago that he already renovated the building. Mayor further explained that Mr. Worley told him that the building held moisture because it's just made out of concrete blocks. However, Mr. Worley offered the city a structural engineer to assess the building and make a report on if the building was able to be salvaged at no cost to the city. Commission agreed that it would be nice to have a structural engineer look at the building first before a decision is made to demolish.

Commission had varied ideas of what the property and structure could be in the future such as a senior citizen center, mixed generational use building, basketball, playground, archery area, indoor soccer. Commissioner Eaves asked if the Parks Department could attend the next workshop meeting to enlighten the commission as to their vision for the property.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the city could acquire the adjacent properties to have more room for parking if the property were to be an indoor recreation facility.

Mr. Thomas added that currently the VFW organization and Clogger's still utilize the basement. He noted that there will need to be a decision made by winter as the building currently has no heat. If no decision on the future of the building by winter, then the commission will need to decide to put money into the building to fix the hvac unit. He already has notified these organizations of a possible move in the near future.

**Presentation of Fountain Square and Market Square conceptual designs for  
downtown- Design Works**

Design Works presented a power point presentation to the Commission, downtown businesses and citizens of a possible redesign of downtown.

**Retention/Detention Ponds**

City Attorney described the current process in place for retention and detention ponds in neighborhoods. He also explained that there have been 2 similar incidents lately relating to these ponds being clogged up by beavers. He asked the commission to consider the implementation of a storm water fee to assist paying for maintenance such as fixing these ponds.

Commissioner Morgan exited meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**Adjournment 11:33 a.m.**

Mayor announced meeting was adjourned due to loss of quorum.

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City Clerk

  
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MAYOR