

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2017
CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR TRAINING ROOM
9:30 AM**

Mayor Barnes called meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

Downtown City Parking Lots

Dave Mauck- Community Development Coordinator

Rose Rex- Downtown Coordinator

Presentation Attached

Mr. Mauck and Mrs. Rex presented a proposal to the commission on what to do with the 2 city lots located downtown. Discussion centered around rental fee and public parking.

Commissioner Blythe and Garrett Fowles entered meeting at 9:45 a.m.

10:15 a.m. Market Square/ Fountain Square Project

Design Works- Mark Arnold

Presentation Attached

Mr. Arnold presented concept design with 2 possible parking structures with cost estimates of the project phases.

11:00 a.m. Richmond Industrial Development Corporation- Update

David Stipes- RIDC Executive Director

Mr. Stipes announced that RIDC has sold a track of land in South park 3 and plan to present check to city at next commission meeting. Ground Breaking is planned for 2018 with production to start in 2019. He's also had ECU students assisting him with marketing the land by using a drone for website aerial views.

Commissioner Eaves exited meeting at 11:15 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Residential Garbage Collection- Update

Mr. Thomas and Mayor Barnes addressed the Commission about the Advanced Disposal residential contract expiring in December with possible extension. They have been

negotiating with company on a price and present something to commission to vote on by the end of the year.

Commissioner Morgan expressed concerns about the current service and questioned why the city was not going out for bids.

If the commission chooses not to accept the extension terms, then the city will need to go out for bids first of the year.

11:50 a.m. Sidewalk Ordinance 17-30: Discussion only

Mayor understood that the commission had a first reading at the meeting he recently missed and that Commissioner Blythe requested additional discussion on the ordinance. Commissioner Blythe commented that Richmond is becoming more of a walking city and could the city just treat the sidewalk repairs just like the paving streets with MAP funds. Mayor asked if the City Manager can just access the sidewalk conditions at the same time the streets are accessed and make repairs as needed. He didn't feel that an ordinance needs to be adopted since the process is already on the books.

Adjournment: 12:05 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:

Commissioner Newby

YES

NO

x

Commissioner Blythe

x

Commissioner Eaves

absent

Commissioner Morgan

x

Mayor Barnes

x

ATTEST:



City Clerk



MAYOR