

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2023
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

Mayor Blythe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT: Commissioner Brewer, Cole, Goble, Newby and Mayor Blythe
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Minerich: City Manager, Lisa Cassity: City Clerk, Tyler
Frazier: City Attorney**

Presentations

- 1) Redeeming Hope (Human Trafficking Awareness): Lisa Foster

Minutes

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Workshop Meeting held on January 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Ordinance 23-01: An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the Boundaries of the Downtown Mill District.

Second Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Ordinance 23-02: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the Funds Collected from the Water Meter Surcharges to be Allocated for Storm Water Projects.

Second Reading

Read by City Manager
Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Ordinance 23-03: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Declaring the City’s Intent to Annex a Tract of Property into City Limits and Referring the Annexation to the Richmond Planning and Zoning Commission for a Zoning Recommendation.

Second Reading

Read by City Attorney
Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

Commissioner Newby announced that everyone knows where he stands on bringing more development to this area. He commented that he sold his house from this area because of the traffic.

Stuart Olds, representing attorney for property owners addressed the commission about the concerns such as traffic, stormwater and services.

Stuart Spencer, land surveyor for the property owners addressed the commission also about the design and flood plain area.

Commissioner Brewer questioned the size lots and stated he’s not in favor over development in this area of town. He asked that the city get it’s projects first before moving on the other side of Goggins.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby		x
Commissioner Brewer		x
Commissioner Cole		x
Commissioner Goble		x
Mayor Blythe		x

Ordinance 23-04: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Annexing Property into the City Boundaries and Assigning Zone Classification for 118.65 Acres of Land at Tates Creek Road and Goggins Lane.

First Reading

Read by City Clerk
Motion: Commissioner Brewer
Seconded: Commissioner Cole

No Vote Taken

Ordinance 23-05: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zoning Classification for Property on Berea Road Located with City Limits.

First Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

No Vote Taken

Ordinance 23-06: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zoning Classification for Property Located at 291 Tates Creek Ave within the City Limits.

First Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Goble

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

No Vote Taken

Ordinance 23-07: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinance 13-14 and 15-02 for the Purpose of Establishing a Place and Time for the Regular Meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

First Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Mayor announced that the proposed Thursday will not work for his schedule as he also serves on the New Vista Board which meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday afternoon. Commission agreed on Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

No Vote Taken

Ordinance 23-08: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Amending the ARPA Budget for the City of Richmond the Fiscal Year 2023 Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operations of City Government.

First Reading

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Goble

Seconded: Commissioner Cole

No Vote Taken

TABLED Order 23-10: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing Option to Purchase Contract.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

City Manager announced that this property is located behind Bucee's and would be able to market to the state and negotiate.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 23-14: An Order of the Board of Commissioners Approving a Task Order for the Armory Park Project and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Same on Behalf for the City.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Cole

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 23-15: An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing a New Member to the Richmond Human Rights Commission.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Cole

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Public Comments –

1. Debbie Vescio- Citizen

Ms. Vescio thanked the commission for denying Ordinance 23-03. She also noted that the commission has already made compromises with the Bill Short annexation, however wanted to make everyone aware that 291 Tates Creek zone change did not submit any development plan or concept plan.

Departmental Reports-

1. **Fire Department- Chief Sam Kirby**

Chief briefed that commission on what an ISO rating is and how the city just received a better ISO rating which will in return lower citizen insurance premiums. (Attached)

City Manager's Report-

1. Thanked Road, Police and County for cleaning up exit 90 with Codes Enforcement. It was necessary because the All A Classic event would be bringing in transient tax dollars and it faced a road safety hazard.
2. Madison Hall of Justice- court will be back in session tomorrow, but not the clerk's area. He thanked Tim Gross and the Judges for their help in clean up.
3. All A Classic begins tomorrow with partnerships by ECU and 32 teams to attend.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Brewer-

1. All A Classic- Showcase for our city.
2. Spring sports sign ups have begun with our Parks Department.
3. Coffee with a Cop on Saturday was a great event and enjoyed seeing our department networking with citizens.
4. Small Business Committee- asked that the city create a working board or group to assist with letters of intent to relocate to downtown or Richmond area. Commissioner Brewer asked Commissioner Newby to serve on the board with him.

Cole-

1. All A Classic- tickets can be purchase online.
2. Thanked the Fire Department on ISO improvements which results in cost savings to our citizens.

Goble-

1. Thanked all the Board of Commissioners for attending the KLC City Official training last week and found it to be very benefited.

Newby- No report

Mayor Blythe-

1. Thanked all Board of Commissioners for attending the KLC City Official Training as it's always refreshing to the opportunity to learn.
2. Encouraged the community to attend the All A Classic.

Executive Session- Per KRS 61.810 (1) (b) Acquisition/ Sale of Property

At 7:43 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Cole

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

No Action Taken

Adjournment at 8:01 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

ATTEST:

City Clerk

MAYOR