

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 22, 2023
CITY HALL
SECOND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM
3:00 PM**

Mayor Blythe called the meeting to order at 3:00 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**

Glyndon Hotel- Rodney Davis and Justin Dixon

City Manager, Rob Minerich opened the conversation by inviting the hotel's owners to see if the city can assist the project moving forward. He noted that this property is the cornerstone of the downtown area and in order to truly revitalize downtown, this property has to be included.

Property owners explained to the city commission as to why their revitalization of the building has been at a standstill for years.

Downtown TIF District- Attorney Jim Parsons

Mr. Parsons listed his experience in revitalizing downtown areas such as Newport on the Leve, Hotel Covington and worked with funding options. He encouraged Mr. Davis to look into (3) three funding options.

1. Industrial Revenue Bonds
2. Historic Tax Credits
3. Tourism Development Act

He noted that there's not just one answer, but these options can stack. With these options the developer would need to be in agreement with three taxing districts ; city, county and school.

City Manager, asked the commission to consider paying for a feasibility study on the property of approximately \$25,000.00 which is a document that will market the property for both the owners and the city. Our main goal is to get the property revitalized in the 3-5 years.

Mr. Davis responded that it doesn't necessary have to be his project, however he would open to options with moderate financial risks.

City Manager displayed ways that the City of Henderson and Padauch are able to get the boutique hotels in their downtown.

Departmental Reports- 3:51 p.m.

- 1. Tourism- Lori Tatum and David Jones presented the Celebrate Richmond KY 225 Years logo and monthly events.

City Manager's Report-

- 1. Would like to move forward with offering affordable housing options to citizens through a Section 8 voucher program. He's sending out Request for Proposals for your review and asks the commission to further discuss this option at the next meeting.
- 2. Historical Marker Event will be at the library tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. with the Governor.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Brewer- No report

Cole- No report

Goble- No report

Newby- Commented that he has a great experience at the Teen Center yesterday. He requested the city look at options of transportation from the downtown area to our parks.

Mayor Blythe- Informed the commission that Chester Rose passed away and will be attending his service.

Adjournment at 4:12 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

ATTEST 

 City Clerk



 MAYOR