

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2022  
CITY HALL  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
6:00 PM**

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

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

**Minutes**

1) Regular Commission Meeting held on April 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	absent	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Ordinance 22-12:** An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting Supplements to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Richmond, Kentucky.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	absent	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Ordinance 22-13:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinances No. 14-18-, 18-07 and 21-07 to Modify the City's Existing Grades and Salary Ranges Chart.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	absent	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Ordinance 22-14:** An Ordinance Establishing an Entertainment Destination Center in the Downtown of the City of Richmond; and Directing the City of Richmond to Apply for an Entertaining Destination Center License from the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and Further Establishing the Requirements for a Licensee to Sell Alcoholic Beverages within the Common Areas of the Entertainment Center.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	absent	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Ordinance 22-15:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending and Creating Citizens Board for Public Safety Community Relations.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

Commissioner McDaniel, Brewer and Arnold expressed that this board is not needed as these departments are excellent and the commission is always available to address public safety concerns of the citizen.

Police and Fire Chief addressed the commission that they will comply with the boards decision to reactivate the board and mentioned that they have already addressed some of the concerned organizations and citizens that made this request.

Commissioner Arnold questioned who's the concerned organization. Mayor Blythe responded that the NAACP requested that this be reviewed for open dialogue. He noted that he filed the letter with the city clerk and that's how the Ordinance was reviewed to include other public safety responders.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Arnold		x
Commissioner Brewer		x

Commissioner McDaniel X  
 Commissioner Newby absent  
 Mayor Blythe x

**Motion not passed**

**Ordinance 22-16:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky amending the City’s Development Ordinance Relating to Subdivision of Shopping Center Structures in B-4 Zones.

**First Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

City Attorney noted that this was at the request of a business that is trying to separate a shopping center business to accommodate a business that is seeking a location at the Peddler’s Mall.

No Vote Taken

**Ordinance 22-17:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the City Purchasing Policy to Bring into Conformity with Awarded Federal Funds.

**First Reading**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

City Manager mentioned that there will be more amendments in the upcoming months as we’re preparing for the use of ARPA funding.

No Vote Taken

**Order 22-39:** An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting New Job Descriptions.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

**VOTING:**

**YES NO**

Commissioner Newby	absent	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Resolution 22-02:** A Resolution Authorizing the City of Richmond Kentucky to Use the Standard Allowance for the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as Authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act.

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

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	absent	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 22-40:** An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing a Member to the Richmond Tourism Commission.

Read by City Clerk  
Motion: Commissioner McDaniel  
Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

Commissioner Arnold questioned if this was any conflict of interest in him maintaining on the board while running for city commissioner. City Clerk responded that it presented no conflict and if he successful won the elected official slot, he would need to resign from the tourism board.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Brewer		x
Commissioner McDaniel		x
Commissioner Newby		absent
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Motion does not carry**

**Order 22-41:** An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Accepting a Proposal for Equipment and Installation of a New Playground at 321 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Property.

Read by City Manager  
Motion: Commissioner Arnold  
Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

City Manager mentioned that it's a 6 months lead time to order the equipment, so they wanted to order in order to make the Fall opening of this park.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	absent	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

### **Public Comments**

- 1. Wilson Xu- Shen Yun Event at ECU Center for Arts**

Mr. Xu made a presentation to the commission on the event and asked the commission to create a Proclamation in efforts for the show. Commission agreed to sign a Proclamation in the coming days.

**2. Abbie Jones- Land Surveyor and Civil Engineer**

Ms. Jones spoke in support of her client in relation to Ordinance 22-16 for the Text Amendment in the Development Ordinance.

**Departmental Reports-**

**1. Richmond Industrial Development Corporation- David Stipes**

Mr. Stipes announced 2 job fairs that were held at the Madison County Library for Industry and Retail.

He also announced that the third Asahi plant will have a ribbon cutting in June of this year.

**City Manager's Report-**

1. My Richmond phone app for reporting issues and contacting city offices or information.
2. Trash for Cash Program.
3. Thank You note from Dawson Springs Mayor for our donation of a police cruiser.
4. Richmond Register Newspaper, Taylor Six's last meeting as she's accepted her dream job at the Lexington Herald Leader. The city commended her for all her hard work and presented her a Key to the City.

**Board of Commissioner's Discussion**

**Newby-** Absent

**Arnold-** No report

**Brewer-**

1. Citizen Advisory Board on Public Safety wasn't passed but rather suggested the NAACP group and citizens that requested the board be renewed have an open discussion on public safety concerns.
2. Questioned if the citizen that owns a pig in the backyard has been addressed yet.

**McDaniel-**

1. Commented on a disturbance that occurred at the Lake Reba Playground and requested for security cameras be installed to improve citizen safety.
2. Reflected that Metronet brought in competition to the internet sector and requested for consideration that dumpster options for citizen be discussed for the upcoming trash franchise.

**Mayor Blythe-**

1. Noted that the Trash for Cash Program has greatly benefited non-profits and the Housing Authority by having their neighborhoods cleaned up.

2. Announced that Buc-ee's is now open.

**Adjournment at 7:49 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	absent	
Mayor Blythe	x	

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

  
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MAYOR