

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 09, 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) Kids to Park Proclamation- Richmond Parks Department
- 2) Stamp out Hunger on May 13th –Mandy Agee, God’s Outreach
- 3) Childcare Provider Appreciation Day on May 12th- Jamee Carper, YMCA
- 4) Enersys Richmond Awarded “Better Plants” Honor in Washington D.C.

Minutes

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on April 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Special Called Workshop Meeting held on April 27, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Noon

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Ordinance 23-15: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zoning Classification for Property at 416 N. 2nd Street Located within City Limits.

Second Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Brewer
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Ordinance 23-16: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the City's Development Ordinance Relating to Solar Energy Systems (SES)

Second Reading

City Attorney notified the commission that Todd Osterloch, who represents Acciona Energy USA Global LLC is requesting the city commission to postpone until the May 23rd meeting so they can make a formal presentation.
(Letter Attached)

Commissioner Brewer referenced the letter that was submitted and questioned their intentions of the presentation due to trying to change the ordinance language.

Commissioner Cole stated that the ordinance as written, has already been approved by Planning & Zoning and already had a first reading.

Citizen Rebecca Price who represents a civil engineering firm requested that the city wait for presentation at next meeting as they wanted to provide additional information.

City Manager recommended the city move forward as this ordinance has been before the Planning Commission for a year already and all the information has already been discussed.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Ordinance 23-17: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Amending the ARPA Budget for the City of Richmond for the Fiscal Year 2023 Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operations of City Government.

Second Reading

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Ordinance 23-18: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Relating to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Budget and Amendment thereof- Liberty Place.
Second Reading

Commissioner Cole announced that she had a conflict of interest due to sitting on the Kentucky Reiver Foothills Board, and excused herself from the Chambers

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Ordinance 23-19: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Kentucky Declaring the City's Intent to Annex 204 Concord Road into City Limits and Referring the Annexation to the Richmond Planning & Zoning for a Zoning Recommendation.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Kory Issacs, attorney representing buyer of the property addressed the commission in regards to several concerns. Commission questioned potential use of property as well as stormwater. Mr. Issacs noted that property is actually only 57 acres with 30 acres for development space. This will be Phase II off Reserve Drive and will not have access off Concord due to flood zone. Access roads will connect to Ash Park and Hidden Hills subdivisions.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

NO Vote Taken

Order 23-70: An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting the 2022 Madison County/ City of Richmond/ City of Berea Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 23-71: An Order of the City of Richmond Promoting an Employee to Master Police Officer.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Order 23-72: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting the Retirement by an Employee in the Police Department. - Hale

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Order 23-73: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Three (3) Employees in the Public Works Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Order 23-74: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for a New Playground at 220 Duncannon Lane Property.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Mayor Blythe x

Order 23-75: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for the Lake Reba Softball Lighting Project.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Brewer x

Commissioner Cole x

Commissioner Goble x

Commissioner Newby x

Mayor Blythe x

Order 23-76: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond Kentucky Extending the Bidding Period for the New City Park Project.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Cole x

Commissioner Goble x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Brewer x

Mayor Blythe x

Order 23-77: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting the Retirement by an Employee in the Police Department. - Covington

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Cole

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Goble x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Brewer x

Commissioner Cole x

Mayor Blythe x

Order 23-78: An Order of the City of Richmond Transferring and Changing Status of an Employee from the Public Works Department to Recycle Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Goble

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Brewer x

Commissioner Cole	x
Commissioner Goble	x
Mayor Blythe	x

Order 23-79: An Order of the City of Richmond Establishing a Procurement Policy for the City of Richmond Community Development Block Grant Funds.
 Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer
 Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

AMEND AGENDA to include Order 23-80

Motion: Commissioner Newby
 Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Order 23-80: An Order of the City of Richmond Promoting Employees in the Fire Department.
 Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer
 Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Public Comments – None

Departmental Reports-

Parks- Elizabeth Foster, Program Coordinator updated the commission on upcoming Parks programming and opening of the summer facilities.

City Manager’s Report- None

Board of Commissioner’s Discussion

Brewer-

- 1. Questioned if the new Social Worker in the Police Department can have help citizens to connect to services such as Enrich and Madison Home.
- 2. Excited about EKV football as he recently attended the Spring game.

Cole- Explained how citizens can reach the commission to discuss new projects and issues that need to be addressed.

Goble- Excited to see all these positive projects for Richmond.

Newby- Commended all City Employees for all their hard work and dedication. However, explained that he met with an employee in the Meijer parking lot at 4:00 a.m. to discuss personnel issues and wanted the employees to know that all the commission is here to assist.

Mayor Blythe-

- 1. Announced that he received a nice citizen letter commended our police department.
- 2. Commended all city departments.
- 3. Wal-Mart reopening ceremony last week was well attended.

Executive Session- Per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Personnel

At 7:19 p.m. in the Conference Room

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Out of Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

No Action Taken

Adjournment at 7:39 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

ATTEST:

City Clerk



MAYOR