

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 15, 2023
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
12:00 PM**

Mayor Blythe called the meeting to order at 12:00 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; Sharon Cain: City Finance Director; Susan Lillis: Section 8
Director; Jennifer Fielder: Section 8 Finance Director**

Glyndon Hotel/ Collins Building Presentation- Barry Alberts- City Vision
(Attached)

Order 23-90: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for the Downtown
Revitalization Project.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Ordinance 23-21: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Adopting an Annual Budget
for the Section 8 Department for the Fiscal Year 2024 by Estimating Revenues
and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government.

Second Reading

Read by Section 8 Executive Director and Section 8 Finance Director

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Order 23-91: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Laying Off an Employee in the Section 8 Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Section 8 RFP Presentation- Kentucky River Foothills Council Inc.
David Esteepp, Executive Director

(Provided handouts to only the City Commission)

Commissioner Brewer questioned if Foothills will be hiring new staff or will our transfer. Mr. Esteepp advised that the current city employees can apply just like any other job posting.

City Attorney, Tyler Frazier publicly disclosed that City Commissioner Tammy Cole resigned from the Kentucky River Foothills Board.

Commissioner Newby questioned if the city employees will be provided a job interview. Mr. Esteepp responded again that Foothills is EOE operations if they wish to apply.

Commissioner Brewer questioned about the possible transition period and expectations of take over. Mr. Esteepp responded that if awarded the program, they'd like to take over the first of January 2024 with the transition seamless in services provided.

Mayor questioned that the differences in operations, efficiency, effectiveness and vouchers on new projects going forward. HUD has set out the guidelines for boards and members to serve which are currently appointed by the city.

Discussion continued to compare services and the essential functions of the office.

Order 23-92: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Entering a Contract Drafting and Negotiation Period for Management of Section 8.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Mayor stated that he's often reminded by the State Director that "Mayor, it's on you. Question and always be sure."

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

Order 23-93: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Retracting its Letter of Intent to Participate in a Joint Economic Development Project.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

City Manager read from notes which strongly advised the Commission against moving forward with the project for reasons listed. He explained that there's no guarantee on our investment with the potential properties being in northern Madison County jurisdiction or further to Scott County. He reminded the commission that the working group approached the Richmond at the April 27th Workshop to request a letter of intent due that week. Now the group is requesting that Richmond go into the application by June 28th deadline. Their last hour requests are making it impossible to make sound decisions on our taxpayer dollars that may never see any return on investments.

Commissioner Cole stated that she would like to city to pursue any grant possibilities in Kentucky, specifically regionally and for Richmond. She said, "I don't want us to go back on our word." and feels that we should be at least a equal partner or a small piece of that to be a good partner.

Commissioner Brewer questioned that they were originally asking 600 matches, now it's up to almost 800.

Commissioner Cole just wanted us to still have the option to be a partner, however Commissioner Brewer responded "Why would we negotiate at all with no details."

Commissioner Goble asked if any of the City of Richmond representatives be on these weekly Zoom calls on project updates so we can hear status. Mayor suggested that Commissioner Cole join the meeting tomorrow with all her questions.

Table Indefinitely for a pending Special Called meeting next week.

Motion: Commissioner Goble

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Order 23-94: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Directing that the Director of Finance to Open a Certain City Bank Account.

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 | |

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

Second Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Departmental Reports- None

City Manager's Report- None

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Brewer- None

Cole- None

Goble- None

Newby- None

Mayor Blythe- None

Adjournment at 02:06 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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


MAYOR

ATTEST: 

City Clerk