

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JULY 28, 2022
CITY HALL
SECOND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM
4:00 PM**

Mayor Blythe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT: Commissioner Arnold, Brewer, Newby and Mayor Blythe
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Minerich: City Manager, Lisa Cassity: City Clerk, Tyler
Frazier: City Attorney, Susan Lillis: Section 8 Executive Director, Rodney
Richardson: Police Chief**

PURPOSE:

1. Executive Session- Per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Personnel at 4:02 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	absent	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Out of Executive Session at 4:15 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Action Taken

Order 22-78: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Suspending a City Employee Without Pay.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner McDaniel	absent	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

2. Section 8 Housing Board Structure-

a) Review Ordinance 21-20

Mayor questioned if the City Commission should also be serving as the Section 8 Board members. Questions and discussion has often left the commission, employees and Kentucky Housing Authority confused about the function of the Section 8 board members verses City Commission business.

City Attorney, Tyler Frazier has consulted with Kentucky League of Cities as to if citizens should serve on the Section 8 Board instead of the current elected officials. KLC's guidance was to amend Ordinance 21-20 to just 4 citizens serving and Mayor as the chair.

City Manager, Rob Minerich noted that there's 33 housing authorities in Kentucky and 6 are not combined but serve separate Section 8 and Housing Authority. Mr. Minerich suggested that the Section 8 Board and Housing Authority Board serve in the same capacity and offer board members a stipend. He referenced to all the other authority boards in the city such as Planning & Zoning, Board of Adjustments and Codes Enforcement are paid boards. These citizens serving have to make tough decisions which lead the city to progress and should be compensated for their service.

Mr. Frazier suggested that there's still research to complete in order to make this department separate from the city such as the Housing Authority, Richmond Utilities and Tourism. However, the Housing Authority is the only branch that doesn't participate in the CERS retirement system, so he's not sure exactly how the separation would occur, but ensure that the Section 8 employees would be affected by their retirement.

Mayor responded that he'll speak with the Housing Authority Board at their next meeting about a possible merge of these two quasi-governmental departments.

Mr. Frazier responded that once it's determined if that can occur, then we'll bring an Amended Ordinance for the commission to consider.

b) Review Section 8 By-Laws

Mayor addressed that the By-Laws will be amended after the Ordinance is completed.

Section 8 Executive Director, Susan Lillis ended with a question to the Board of Commissioners, as to whom she should report to. She explained that she's confused as to if the Chair of the Board is her supervisor or the City Manager. City Manager, Rob Minerich responded that it's been the same process as always, that she reports directly to the City Manager. The Section 8 employees reports to her, however they are all city employees, and the board is to oversee program aspect of the department.

Adjournment at 4:39 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	absent	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

ATTEST:



City Clerk



MAYOR