

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM
09:00 AM**

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, Tyler Frazier: City Attorney, Lisa
Cassity: City Clerk**

1. **Ordinance 23-32:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Establishing a Section 8 Housing Authority with Place and Time for the Regular Meetings.
Second Reading

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

Commissioner Brewer stated that he doesn't want to continue under this board or any board that the commission appoints. He further questioned if the citizen makes up the board would they be making the decisions on a RFP or hiring/firing of those employees.

Mayor questioned the commission as he thought this was direction that the board was taking on appointing citizens. He stated that he just saw the State Director at the Housing Authority State conference and suggested it should be a citizen board.

City Manager referred back to the RFP and suggested that the it can be amended to have a citizen board if that's what the board wishes.

Mayor responded that his impressions that there's two different conversations today. One, the citizen board to govern and then second the RFP for operations. He questioned why would we want to do that. No responses.

Commissioner Cole stated that she's still confused on the why the city would create another Housing Authority Board.

Mayor briefed the commission on the current Housing Authority Board oversees properties and Section 8 only manages vouchers that can rent from an authorized Section 8 Landlord. He reminded the commission that only one agency responded the RFP which was just withdrawn from the last commission agenda. Mayor conferred with the legal counsel that it's the mayor position that creates the members and is submitted to the Commission only for approval.

Mayor offered to bring the State HUD director to Richmond to answer any questions the commission has going forward.

Mayor asked if there were anymore questions, if not he called for question and asked the Clerk for roll call.

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

City Clerk announced that motion failed.

2. ~~Section 8 By-Laws (Review)~~

3. **Executive Session- Per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Personnel at 9:35 a.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Present: City Attorney: Tyler Frazier, City Clerk: Lisa Cassity, HR Coordinator: Althea Causey and City Manager: Rob Minerich

Out of Executive Session- at 9:42 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

No Action Taken

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Goble-

1. Commissioner Goble stated that she envisions doing more affordable housing projects in our community like the Eastern Scholar House and Kit Carson Commons that encourages and works with people to better themselves back into the community.

Mayor asked the commission to not beat around the bush today as there's too much at stake. Commissioner Brewer responded that it took two Orders adopted by the commission for our Section 8 Department to actual give vouchers to the Kit Carson Commons project.

Mayor rebuttal that it should have never happened in the first place as Susan was the one that go that project done.

Commissioner Brewer stated that Rob has took the blunt for this issue, but I'm the one that did it. He also questioned how she fixed it.

City Manager explained what all transpired with how the city was asked to help the Kentucky River Foothills project from a Workforce pathway to a scholar house site. He added that yes, it took the commission two Orders to direct Section 8 office to release those vouchers for an Affordable Housing Project.

Adjournment at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:

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



 MAYOR

ATTEST:



 City Clerk