

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2023  
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 Brewer, Cole, Goble, Newby and Mayor Blythe  
ALSO PRESENT: Lisa Cassity: City Clerk, Tyler Frazier: City Attorney  
ABSENT: Rob Minerich: City Manager**

**Minutes**

1) Regular Commission Meeting held on January 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby  
Seconded: Commissioner Goble

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Ordinance 23-04:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Annexing Property into the City Boundaries and Assigning Zone Classification for 118.65 Acres of Land at Tates Creek Road and Goggins Lane.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer  
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner Newby addressed developer Bill Short and thanked him for addressing the commission first about his property by keeping his word to no apartments.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Ordinance 23-05:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zoning Classification for Property on Berea Road Located with City Limits.  
**Second Reading**

Read by City Attorney  
Motion: Commissioner Brewer  
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner Newby stated that although he's not in favor of more apartments, at least the road widening can accommodate the additional traffic.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Ordinance 23-06:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zoning Classification for Property Located at 291 Tates Creek Ave within the City Limits.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer  
Seconded: Commissioner Goble

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby		x
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Ordinance 23-07:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinance 13-14 and 15-02 for the Purpose of Establishing a Place and Time for the Regular Meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Cole  
Seconded: Commissioner Goble

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Ordinance 23-08:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Amending the ARPA Budget for the City of Richmond the Fiscal Year 2023 Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operations of City Government.

**Second Reading**

Read by Finance Director  
Motion: Commissioner Brewer  
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Ordinance 23-09:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Adding a New Section to the City Development Ordinance to Require the Installation of Cluster Mailboxes within New Developments in the City.

**First Reading**

Read by City Attorney  
Motion: Commissioner Goble  
Seconded: Commissioner Newby  
NO Vote Taken

**Order 23-16:** An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing Members to the Richmond Industrial Development Corporation.

Read by City Clerk  
Motion: Commissioner Cole  
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 23-17:** An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Approving a Interlocal Agreement with the Madison County Fiscal Court and the City, and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Same on Behalf of the City.

Read by City Attorney  
Motion: Commissioner Goble  
Seconded: Commissioner Cole

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 23-18:** 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 Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

Mayor Blythe stated for full disclosure that he is a minor shareholder at Stockyard Bank.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 23-19:** The Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the City's Purchase of Fire Alarm System for Madison Hall of Justice Building.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Goble

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 23-20:** An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting a New Job Description for the Tourism Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 23-21:** An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for the Fireworks Display Show at Lake Reba.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 23-22:** An Order of the City of Richmond Authorizing a Phase One Environmental Study.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 23-23:** An Order of the City of Richmond Promoting an Employee in the Fire Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 23-24:** An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing Members to the Parks Board.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Cole

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Public Comments –**

1. Ron Gosses- Lancaster Ave resident and member of the Architectural Review Board.  
Mr. Gosses expressed frustration on how the city has handled the zone change requests by residents in his neighborhood.
2. Kellie Chatfield- Hill Crest Resident  
Ms. Chatfield spoke on behalf of the neighborhood residents that were present for the meeting. She asked multiple questions about the recent sale of Gilbert Miller property, 116 Miller Drive to Cox Properties LLC. Due to the recent nature of the property transfer, Mayor responded that the commission did not have answers to the questions but was willing to listen to their concerns.
3. George Childs- Grey Oak Resident  
Mr. Childs expressed traffic, safety and utility concerns about Ordinance 23-06 being adopted at meeting.
4. Michelle Hawkins- Tates Creek Resident  
Ms. Hawkins expressed concerns about adopted Ordinance 23-06 and questioned if the apartments would end up looking like Keeneland Drive rundown apartments.
5. Emerson McAfee- Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame  
Mr. McAfee thanked the City of Richmond for their Veterans Memorial at the new Armory Park.

**Departmental Reports- None**

**City Manager's Report- Absent**

**Board of Commissioner's Discussion**

**Brewer-** Mentioned Eddie Goode passed away and thanked him for his dedicated city and county public servant.

**Cole-** Thanked citizens that attended the meeting tonight and appreciates how much everyone cares about their community.

**Goble-** No report

**Newby-** Reported that the Dwight Drive stop sign is missing.

**Mayor Blythe-** Announced that Rumpke visited City Hall today and taped a commercial to spread the word about the service change overs coming. He's very eager about the change and hope all businesses and citizens get the level of customer of service they deserve.

**Executive Session-** - Per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Personnel  
-Per KRS 61.810 (1) (b) Acquisition/ Sale of Property

**At 7:06 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Out of Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Amend the Agenda to include Order 23-25**

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 23-25:** An Order of the City of Richmond Between the Madison County Fiscal Court for the Transfer of Ownership and Operation of Battlefield Park.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Adjournment at 7:27 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Cole

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Goble	x	

Commissioner Newby           x  
Commissioner Brewer        x  
Commissioner Cole           x  
Mayor Blythe                 x

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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City Clerk