

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2022
CITY HALL
SECOND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM
9:30 AM**

Mayor Blythe called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Arnold, Brewer, and Mayor Blythe

ALSO PRESENT: Rob Minerich: City Manager, Lisa Cassity: City Clerk, Tyler Frazier: City Attorney, Rodney Richardson: Police Chief, Sam Kirby: Fire Chief, Taylor Six: Richmond Register, Scott Althaus: Richmond Utilities, Tyler Johnson: Community Development, Susan Lillis and Jennifer Fielder: Section 8
ABSENT: Commissioner McDaniel and Newby

Downtown Strategies- Jenn Gregory and Jeremy Murdock presented via Zoom the results of their consulting project for Richmond. Recommendations and a 1–2-year plan and 5-year plan. (Attached)

Madison Home- Reid Singleton and Jamie Jordan presented the success from the Room in the Inn Program to 3 years later to Madison Home volunteer groups efforts to combat homelessness. He explained further that it's more case management to assist these people on getting back into society.

Departmental Reports- None

City Manager's Report-

1. Sidewalk Repairs will resume soon and continue finishing up Second Street and Zone 1 area (downtown corridor).

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

McDaniel- Absent

Arnold- None

Brewer-

1. Suggested that the city review recruit and retention by increasing the cost of living for lower paygrade positions.
2. Suggested that departments have cross training options for employees.

Newby- Absent

Mayor Blythe-

1. Requested the city analyze the lighting at nighttime for areas of town that need additional light poles. He had concerns of certain areas of town that are too dark.

City Clerk requested that 2 citizens be able to speak for public comments. Mayor agreed for them to speak for 5 minutes each.

Public Comments

1. John Leeds- downtown business owner
Mr. Leeds requested that the city post the “No Parking” signs for the Christmas Parade for a shorter duration. He elaborated that he lost customer business because they didn’t know where to park because the signs weren’t taken down in a timely manner.
2. Tony Brooks- Farm to Table Business
Mr. Brooks requested the TIF district be expanded to cover his property on Hill Street.

Adjournment at 11:00 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:

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


MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk