

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2018  
CITY HALL  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
6:00 PM**

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Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT: Commissioner Blythe, Eaves, Morgan, Newby and Mayor Barnes  
ALSO PRESENT: Richard Thomas; City Manager, Garrett Fowles; City Attorney,  
Lisa Cassity; City Clerk**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentations:**

- 1) Proclamation for Recognition of Deborah Frazier
- 2) Charity Tracker Year End Report- Amanda Agee
- 3) Richmond Broadband Project- Solarity Consulting, Terry Barnes
- 4) Market/ Fountain Square Project- Designworks, Mark Arnold

**Minute Approval:**

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on January 09, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	abstain	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Ordinance 18-01:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the Development Ordinance Relating to Parking Space Requirements Applicable to Residential Properties in the City.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	

Mayor Barnes x

**Ordinance 18-02:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the Development Ordinance Relating to Signs.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner Eaves x

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Mayor Barnes x

**Ordinance 18-03:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Accepting the Dedication of Pavilion Way and Golden Leaf Boulevard as Public Ways and City Streets for all Purposes.

**First Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Eaves x

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Blythe x

Mayor Barnes x

**Order 18-13:** An Order of the City of Richmond Renewing a Contract for the Professional Services to Manage the Charity Tracker Program.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner Blythe commented that at this Richmond Ministerial Association meeting this program was brought up with encouragement of the churches joining. However, he feels that the churches are still hesitate on joining due to the monthly \$15.00 membership fee.

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner Eaves x

Mayor Barnes x

**Order 18-14:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Police Department- Nolan.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 18-15:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Police Department- McQuire.

Read by City Manger

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 18-16:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the IT Department-

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner Blythe questioned if this posed a hardship on the IT Department. City Manager Mr. Thomas responded yes and that the city will be advertising to replace this position.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 18-17:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Fire Department-

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 18-18:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Public Works Department-

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 18-19:** An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring 3 Candidates for the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 18-20:** An Order of the City of Richmond Renewing its Existing Residential Solid Waste Collection Franchise Agreement.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Mayor Barnes

Commissioner Morgan expressed concerns with section B with Bulk Waste Collection if the company waited 5 days to pick up those items and the process. City Attorney Mr. Fowles responded that yes, the company has up to 5 days to pick up those items but feels that process will be completed earlier than the requirement.

Commissioner Morgan questioned what the Ordinance requirement are for leaving bulk items on the curbs. Mr. Thomas responded that if the company sees bulk items they will notify the route trucks on a daily basis.

Commissioner Morgan stated that in section D it states that they won't pick up items heavier than 50 pounds.

Commissioner Blythe questioned the companies billing services as his account was changed to electronic billing without his consent. He expressed concerns for elderly citizens that don't pay online and prefer a paper copy bill in the mail.

Mayor Barnes stated that this company proposal is the best pricing that Richmond will get since the landfill is so close. He elaborated that it's a complicated business and that they city has worked hard to get this pricing for the citizens.

Mr. Fowles noted that the bulk items are limited to 50 pounds for construction materials, however that the company will pick up refrigerators, couches, etc. The added \$1.13 on the bill will now include bulk items which will eliminate the city manpower and resources from picking up those items.

Mr. Thomas expressed frustration because the proposal was provided to the commission over 2 weeks ago with an open invitation for dialogue prior to the vote tonight. He added that none of the commission had contacted him or asked any of these questions. With that if they had notified him prior to the meeting, he would have had time to present concrete answers.

Mayor Barnes called for Question.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Morgan		x
Commissioner Newby		x
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 18-21:** An Order of the City of Richmond Promoting an Employee in the Parks Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 18-22:** An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring an Employee in the Recycle Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner Eaves x

Commissioner Morgan x

Mayor Barnes x

**Order 18-23:** An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the Filing of an Application for an Assistance Firefighters Grant (AFG) Through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner Eaves x

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Mayor Barnes x

**AMEND AGENDA to include Order 18-24**

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Eaves x

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Blythe x

Mayor Barnes x

**Order 18-24:** An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for Repairs to Gibson Bay Lake Reba Maintenance Project.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioner Morgan questioned if the bid selected was based on the lowest bid. Mr. Thomas responded yes that it was several hundred thousand dollars cheaper.

**VOTING:** YES NO

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Blythe x



if the Park Board had made any recommendation or held a public meeting like they did with the North Street Park.

2. Community Shelters article which was featured in the Richmond Register discussed the Salvation Army and also the Pine Street shelter for families. He questioned if the city still applied for ESG (Emergency Shelter Grant) like in the past.

**Commissioner Eaves**

1. Armory Building- requested that Erin Moore- Parks Director provide input on what to do with the property.

2. Market Square/ Phase 1 Project- Questioned how long the process would take and asked if the city would seek out a P3 Partnership.

**Mayor Barnes**

1. Armory Building- Suggested the city get a firm price on tear down on the property.

2. P3 Partnership for the Market Square could be looked into; however, the county currently owns some of the property in the proposed project. He has spoken with Judge Taylor and is currently waiting to hear back from the Magistrates as to if they want to be included in the proposed parking garage. He explained that the other proposed parking garage behind City Hall would be better functional for downtown.

3. Upcoming Workshop Meeting- He'd like to discuss the city 2 owned parking lots which were recently upgraded. He's proposing either a gate system with a 6 month or 1-year lease option.

**Adjournment: 8:06 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

**VOTING:**

Commissioner Newby

**YES**

**NO**

x

Commissioner Blythe

x

Commissioner Eaves

x

Commissioner Morgan

x

Mayor Barnes

x

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

  
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MAYOR