

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 09, 2018
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations:

- 1) All A Classic Tournament- Lori Tatum

Minute Approval:

- 1) Special Called Commission Meeting held on December 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Regular Commission Meeting held on December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
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.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Mr. Fowles explained that this ordinance is in response to a recent supreme court ruling. Commissioner Morgan questioned who would be doing the enforcement. Mayor Barnes suggested that if Codes Department would be performing the enforcement that the department should consider weekend hours.

Order 18-01: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee within the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 18-02: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring a Laborer for the Parks Administration Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 18-03: An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing a Member to the Richmond Housing Authority Board.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 18-04: An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing Two Members to the Madison County Airport Board.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 18-05: An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing a Member to the Park Board.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 18-06: An Order of the City of Richmond Transferring an Employee from the Parks Building & Grounds to Administration Department.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Morgan
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 18-07: An Order of the City of Richmond Declaring a Certain Vehicle Surplus in the City and Providing for its Disposal.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 18-08: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Approving a Charitable Grant.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner Blythe questioned the process and is it known to organizations that the city has available charitable donations. Mr. Thomas noted that he presented an Order 6 months ago for adoption on the process, however it was tabled.

Commissioner Blythe expressed that the community is concerned with the growing homeless population and questioned if other shelters are eligible for the grant. Mayor responded that the process needs to be advertised before the budget is created, so the city can manage the funds.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 18-09: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Adopting a New Policy for the Richmond Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 18-10: An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting a Job Description for the City Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 18-11: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring a Police Officer.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 18-12: An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing Two Members to the Codes Enforcement Board.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Public Comments

1. Devon Rosenblatt- Local Business Owner

Mr. Rosenblatt requested update on the Armory building project and the projected timeline for the Market/Fountain Square.

Departmental Reports

1. Police Department- Chief Ebert

Chief publicly thanked his staff, HR Department, City Manager and Commission for getting the Master Patrol Position process approved. He announced that his department has multiple officers whom are eligible for the promotion and will start the process.

2. Police Appreciation Day.

Commissioner Morgan questioned Chief Ebert about the possible progress made on the Angel Program. Chief Ebert responded that he’s reviewed other city procedures and making site visits.

City Manager’s Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

1. Gibson Bay Maintenance Project- Presented Commission with copy of Bid AD from newspaper to clean out the 2 ponds at the golf course. Project estimated to cost \$400,000.00.

2. Sidewalk repairs have been made along Third Street and will start back up with weather breaks.
3. Residential Garbage Collection contract will be discussed at the 1-16-18 Workshop. Handout provided to Commission for review.
4. Unity Breakfast will be next Monday from 9-11 am.
5. City Hall will be closed for the holiday.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Morgan

1. Advanced Disposal discrepancies in bills that were recently mailed to citizens already reflected an increase in price. Mr. Fowles responded that due to the contract renewal the bills already had to be sent out. Their corporate office sends the bills which they're assuming the contract will be renewed. If not, those citizens will be refunded or they can contact the corporate office to discuss payment options until then.
2. Sidewalks- Thanked the City for the Third Street pairs.
3. Brought the Commissions attention to a 2016 contract with American Red Cross for use of the Armory Building as a shelter.
4. Sign Ordinance- Would like to see the enforcement of the new sign ordinance on businesses that continue to have multiple signs up which doesn't reflect who Richmond. He agreed that maybe the Codes Department should consider modifying hours.

Commissioner Newby

1. Questioned if the city could set up a shelter at the armory building for the homeless due to the freezing temperatures. Mr. Thomas responded that current conditions of the building is not suitable for a shelter.

Commissioner Blythe

1. Questioned how many years of services Officer Ottis had since he's resigned. He also expressed that's why the Master Patrol position is so important.
2. Thanked the first responders for attending to a motorist that stuck the light poles downtown the other night in the bad weather conditions.

Commissioner Eaves

Absent

Mayor Barnes

1. Armory Building- Mayor added that the Armory building is deemed unsafe due to it not having any heat or lights currently. He asked that churches in the community consider having a temporary shelter. He added that these problems are just local but also on a national level and the need is greater than the sources. He asked the commission to consider during the next Fiscal Year Budget process to create a line item for emergency circumstances if needed.
2. Signs- He agrees that there are too many signs that make a reflection of the community which is not attractive.

3. Armory Building- Mayor provided update from engineer with estimates that it would cost to repair exterior and replace HVAC. Those figures did not include the interior with gym floor replacement.

4. All A Classic Tournament- Encouraged community and businesses to support the tournament that EKV and the City has worked really hard to return to Richmond for the next 3 years. He asked the citizens attend the tournament or volunteer where needed to make this a success for our community.

Adjournment: 7:05 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	absent	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

ATTEST:

City Clerk



MAYOR