

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2017  
CITY HALL  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
6:00 PM**

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**Mayor Barnes called the meeting order 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) State Tourism 2017 Vision- Lori Tatum, Richmond Tourism Director  
(ATTACHED)

**Minute Approval:**

- 1) Special Called City Commission Meeting held of December 13, 2016 at  
4:30 p.m.
- 2) Regular Commission Meeting held on December 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan  
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

**Ordinance 17-01:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Adopting an Amended Annual Budget for the City of Richmond for Fiscal Year 2017, Estimating Revenues and Resources, and Appropriating Funds for the Operations of City Government.

**First Reading**

Read by City Manager and Finance Director

Motion: Commissioner Newby  
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 17-02:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zone for Property at 105 E Street and 504 Hillsdale Avenue in the City Limits.

**First Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Commissioner Eaves announced that she has a conflict of interest in this item due to her employing law firm is representing this legislation. Commissioner Eaves left the podium and remained in audience.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan  
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Stuart Olds spoke on behalf of the zone change request. Mr. Olds provided pictures on the property currently and explained is will be a candle shop in the building with the empty lot being converting to a parking lot.

Commission expressed concerns of spot zoning but concurred that the property has always been utilized as business.

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

Commissioner Eaves returned to podium.

**Order 17-01:** An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

<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 17-02:** An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to Kentucky Recovery Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

<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 17-03:** An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Utilizing Cooperative Education Students for the Richmond Fire Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

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	

**Mayor asked for a motion to Table Order 17-04**

~~**Order 17-04:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Codes Department.~~

~~Read by City Clerk~~

~~Motion: Commissioner Morgan~~

~~Seconded: Commissioner Eaves~~

<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 17-05:** An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing a Non-Voting Member to the 911 Advisory Board.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<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 17-06:** An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Accepting a Bid Relating to the Hidden Hills Subdivision Phase 2B.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner Eaves questioned the what the bid specs included such as sidewalks, blacktop and water detention basins. Commissioner also questioned if GT Construction was a local company.

Commissioner Morgan questioned the differences between developer's letter of credit vs bonds, are they set high enough.

Mr. Fowles added that the Ordinance was amended about 3 years ago so the bonds were revised on a yearly basis.

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

### **Public Comments**

1. Virgil Gardner- Richmond Human Rights Commission Member  
Mr. Garner announced the Unity Breakfast event.
2. Emerson McAfee- Vietnam Veterans Committee  
Mr. McAfee brought the commission up to date on his road sign project for Madison, Berea and Richmond.
3. Ray Arnold- Citizen  
Mr. Arnold thanked all the elected officials for serving the city and said this city has great potential. He made one suggestion that the city needs a Public Relations person to announce all the great things the city is doing.
4. Devon Rosenblack- Owner of the Kitchen Business  
Business Owner announced that he will be opening a restaurant directly across from city hall and is excited to be serving the City of Richmond. He added that he hopes to open by February 1, 2017.

### **Departmental Reports**

No reports

### **City Manager's Report**

**Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:**

- 1. US HWY 25, West Main Street Project Public Meeting  
Thursday 5:30 p.m.-7:30p.m.
- 2. Monday City Offices will be closed for holiday.

**Board of Commissioner’s Discussion**

**Commissioner Newby**

- 1. Commissioner commented that he’s honored to serve these next 2 years as Commissioner and Mayor Pro-Tem.

**Commissioner Blythe**

- 1. Happy New Year

**Commissioner Morgan**

No report

**Commissioner Eaves**

- 1. Commissioner commented that she was proud to be here.

**Mayor Barnes**

- 1. Mayor commented that he appreciated everyone who attended meeting and looking forward to serving with new commission.

**Adjournment: 7:05 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Newby

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	

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk