

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 25, 2017
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

Mayor Barnes called the meeting order 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Blythe, Eaves, Newby and Mayor Barnes

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Thomas; City Manager, Garrett Fowles; City Attorney, Lisa Cassity; City Clerk

ABSENT: Commissioner Morgan

Pledge of Allegiance

Minute Approval:

- 1) Special Called Commission Meeting held on April 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Regular Commission Meeting held on April 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- 3) Workshop Meeting held on April 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Commissioner Eaves entered meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Ordinance 17-12: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Closing a Remnant of a Former Street in the City (Old Duncannon Lane).

Second Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Ordinance 17-11: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zoning for the Heritage Place Subdivision in Richmond, Kentucky.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioner Blythe questioned if this Ordinance would impact our current situation.
Mr. Fowles responded no.

No vote taken

Order 17-46: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Administration Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

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

Order 17-47 Order: An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing a Member on the Human Rights Commission.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

AMENDED AGENDA to include Order 17-48

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

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

Order 17-48: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond Hiring a Fire Chief for the City.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Mr. Rob Carmichael thanked the commission for allowing him to serve Richmond as their new Fire Chief. He also introduced himself to the public and told a little about himself and his family.

Public Comments

1. Diana Gosses- Citizen

Mrs. Gosses expressed concerns about the old armory building possibility of demolition and suggested possible solutions for the property.

Departmental Reports

1. Rose Rex- Downtown Coordinator

Mrs. Rex updated the commission on her Main Street Clean Sweep program that was held last week.

City Manager's Report

No report

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Morgan

Absent

Commissioner Blythe

1. Welcomed the New Fire Chief and assured internal employees that wish to advance in the future that they will be better prepared for leadership.

Commissioner Eaves

1. Questioned the ground conditions at the Dog Park as there is a large area which is just a mud pit. Suggested the Dog Park be relocated or also requested another dog park in the city be considered.

2. Requested an updated on the H-1 boundary map from Mr. Fowles. Mr. Fowles updated the commission that since they last met, Lori Tatum the Tourism Director has shed more light on the situation. He explained that he feels confident that a new ordinance is not needed because things did occur in 2004 which created the Architectural Review Board. The in 2007 the board hired a firm, conducted property surveys and sent notices to property of the established boundary lines. A public hearing was advertised and conducted with at the conclusion the Architectural Review Board recommended the map be adopted.

3. Welcomed the new Fire Chief and explained in his interview how his vision is to develop leadership skills with in the department to in the future internal candidates will more qualified for advancements. He expressed to the public and fire employees that her decision was not easy and assured them their concerns were not ignored. She also suggested for in the future that elected officials not be in the search committee process.

Commissioner Newby

1. Questioned why he was getting multiple phone calls from Little League organizations on why the game was cancelled.

Mayor Barnes

- 1. Responded that he doesn't see a need for the search committee process to be changed. He explained that the process now in place is so much more efficient to how it was completed previously.
- 2. Lancaster Ave/Barnes Mill intersection the state is installing new traffic signals which should be completed within the week.
- 3. Congratulated Commissioner Blythe for being the pastor at First Baptist Church for 35 years.

Adjournment: 6:33 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

ATTEST.


 City Clerk



 MAYOR