

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2017
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

**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

Minute Approval:

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on August 08, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Special Called Commission Meeting held on August 10, 2017 at 1:30p.m.
- 3) Workshop Meeting held on August 15, 2017 at 9:30a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Mayor Barnes requested that more details be added to the noted discussion on Ordinance 17-24 for the Workshop Meeting held of August 15, 2017.

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

Ordinance 17-24: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Section 117.18 (B) (3) (f) of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Code of Ordinances Relating to Liquor Licenses.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner Morgan stated that previously the commission has voted sales on Sunday which was merely setting the times. He agreed with the Mayor that the commission should do their homework before voting on items. He stated that he's striving to be fair and consistent with all the other days of the week with the set of same operating hours. He noted that he wants what's best for the community. He added that he's spoken with

Buffalo Wild Wings and the servers felt it would increase their tips, and would bring more tourism to the community.

Commissioner Blythe responded that this Ordinance was intended for amending KRS statues from the state which was drafted by our ABC Administrator for reclassifications of licenses. Then the commission incorporated those new terms into our ordinance and questioned where the commission was on the new hours issue.

Commissioner Eaves responded that by increasing the hours to reflect the same as every other day of the week, will increase money here in Madison County.

Mayor responded that he's not against the hours but questioned the commission on being consistent with the laws and the process of decisions.

Commissioner Eaves disclosed that she eats at Madison Garden all the time and this issue continues to be requested by the businesses. She noted that she had spoken with Wes Browne and Jason Vaugh which are in favor of the extension. She added that by closing at 9:00 p.m. in Richmond is much like a Mayberry town.

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

Ordinance 17-25: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the City's Development Ordinance Relating to Required Parking Spaces for Residential Developments.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner Morgan questioned what about duplexes for parking requirements.

Mayor Barnes voiced concerns that there's already not enough parking now on the streets and questioned the intentions of this amendment.

Commissioner Eaves responded that this was done by looking at other cities parking requirements and Richmond requires too many parking spaces for new developments. Which in return just means more concrete and less green space. She expressed that these new requirements are more feasible to developers and will in return make new developments look nicer with greenery. She suggested that maybe the commission invite Dr. Miller the Planning & Zoning Chair to the next meeting for open discussion.

Commissioner Blythe questioned the changes because often residents not only have a personal vehicle, then work vehicle and also guests to the property.

Commissioner Eaves felt that by having too many spaces creates an eyesore to developments.

No vote taken

Ordinance 17-26: An Ordinance of the City Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zone for Property at 109 East Irvine Street in the City Limits.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Commissioner Eaves announced she has to abstain due to a conflict of interest and exited stage area.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Mayor Barnes questioned if there were any other R-3 properties around or was this spot zoning. Mr. Fowles responded that this location has been used for business for many years. Commissioner Blythe questioned why the owner didn't request a conditional use. Commissioner Morgan questioned if this was pre-zoning laws.

Robert Jennings representing property owners stated that the zone was established pre-zoning laws in 1966 however properties around are R-3, and B-2 and the property behind is a R-3. The state government building has sat vacant for 2 years and now has a new property owner which has requested a B-2.

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

Order 17-95: 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 Newby

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

Order 17-96: An Order of the City of Richmond Adjusting an Employee Status in the Public Works Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 17-97: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Public Works Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Order 17-98: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Police Department. - Steve Gregg

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

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

Order 17-99: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Police Department. – Tim Craft

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	

Commissioner Blythe x
Mayor Barnes x

Order 17-100: An Order of the City of Richmond Declaring Certain LED Lights, One Radar and Siren Box Surplus in the City and Providing for its Disposal.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING: **YES** **NO**

Commissioner Morgan x
Commissioner Newby x
Commissioner Blythe x
Commissioner Eaves x
Mayor Barnes x

Order 17-101: An Order of Discipline from the City of Richmond Board of Commissioners.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING: **YES** **NO**

Commissioner Newby x
Commissioner Blythe x
Commissioner Eaves abstain – noted she was absent during the hearing
Commissioner Morgan x
Mayor Barnes x

Order 17-102: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to Kentucky Recovery Community Development Block Grant Program- Liberty Place.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING: **YES** **NO**

Commissioner Blythe x
Commissioner Eaves x
Commissioner Morgan x
Commissioner Newby x
Mayor Barnes x

Order 17-103: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Fire Department. – Colby Arnold

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

VOTING: **YES** **NO**

Commissioner Eaves x

Commissioner Morgan	x
Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Blythe	x
Mayor Barnes	x

Order 17-104: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Fire Department. – Mark Murphy

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Morgan	x
Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Blythe	x
Commissioner Eaves	x
Mayor Barnes	x

Order 17-105: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Adopting an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Same on Behalf of the City.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Blythe	x
Commissioner Eaves	x
Commissioner Morgan	x
Mayor Barnes	x

Order 17-106: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Adopting a New Policy for the Richmond Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Blythe	x
Commissioner Eaves	x
Commissioner Morgan	x
Commissioner Newby	x
Mayor Barnes	x

AMEND AGENDA to include Order 17-107 and 17-108

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Eaves	x
Commissioner Morgan	x
Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Blythe	x
Mayor Barnes	x

Order 17-107: An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting a Job Description for the City Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

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

Order 17-108: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for Street Paving.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Public Comments

1. Rob Harris- citizen

Mr. Harris requested the girls' softball field conditions improve.

2. Bobby Harris- citizen

Mr. Harris requested the girls' softball field conditions improve.

3. Karen and Terry Bickett- citizens

Family requested the girls' softball field conditions improve.

4. Female Citizen- Little League parent

Citizen expressed concerns with little league field conditions and encouraged the city to host travel ball tournaments.

5. Jason Vaughn- Madison Gardens Manager

Mr. Vaughn spoke in support of Ordinance 17-24 for extended Sunday sales.

Departmental Reports

1. Rose Rex- Downtown Coordinator

Ms. Rex updated the commission on downtown programs.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

1. Public Hearing for Ad Valorem tax rates will be held at City Hall September 6th at 9:00 a.m.
2. Public Hearing for Municipal Aid Funding will be held at City Hall September 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
3. Followed up in regards to citizens comments and ensured the public that their concerns are taken into consideration.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Morgan

1. Pension concerns for city and state employees.
2. Requested that a Corrective Action Plan be on the next agenda so these citizens' concerns tonight can be resolved.

Commissioner Blythe

1. Commented that he's glad to see the city hold a public hearing on use of MAP funding.
2. Requested that citizens cultivate a respectful environment when wanting to be heard.

Commissioner Eaves

1. Responded to citizens' concerns on the field conditions and suggested that the city may need more manpower to keep up with the demand.

Commissioner Newby

1. Requested that the street department assess Second Street stop sign by Madison Middle School for additional striping.

Mayor Barnes

1. Asked citizens when speaking during public comments to read the agenda with the outline on procedures. He wanted to remind the public that comments are limited to 5 minutes so the meeting can proceed more quickly. If citizens have more details concerns we ask those be submitted in writing.
2. He stated that the parks have no more room to grow and at full capacity.
3. Pension concerns for city and state employees.
4. Questioned if the city can for new hire officers make the employment contract further than 3 years.

Adjournment: 7:54 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:

Commissioner Blythe
Commissioner Eaves
Commissioner Morgan
Commissioner Newby
Mayor Barnes

YES

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x
x
x
x

NO

ATTEST:

City Clerk

MAYOR

