

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2018
CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM
9:30 AM**

Mayor Barnes called meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

TIF Project between ECU and The City of Richmond

Mayor Barnes announced that representatives from ECU are here to present the TIF project to the City Commission for consideration.

ECU: David McFaddin and Louis Diaz presented the possible TIF Project as a partnership with ECU and the City of Richmond. (ATTACHED)

Mayor Barnes exited meeting at 9:54 a.m.

July 4th Music- Parks Department

Erin Moore and Elizabeth Eversole with Richmond Parks Department approached the Commission about seeking out a live band entertainment for the July 4th event this year instead of a DJ. (ATTACHED)

City Manager Position- Human Resource Department 10:13 a.m.

Commission discussed the job description of City Manager and saw no changes needed. Commission also by agreement to advertise the starting salary as \$125,000.00 with cap of \$150,000.00. Ms. Masters informed the Commission that she would start advertising the position this weekend with a 4-6-week acceptance of applications. Ms. Masters stated that she will continue to conduct research on other cities compared to Richmond for healthcare benefits, budget and number of employees. Commission asked not to engage a committee again that they would prefer to review applications and set interviews.

City Manager's Report

No report

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Morgan

1. Requested update on sidewalk improvements. Mr. Thomas responded that as soon as weather improves the city will continue sidewalk repair work. Mr. Thomas added that

currently the city is working on pothole repair and picking up trash along the roadways. Commissioner Morgan thanked Mr. Thomas for picking up trash also Eastern Bypass and other state road areas.

Commissioner Blythe

1. Thanked Commissioner Eaves for attending a Black History Month event on Sunday night.
2. Voiced concerns that employees are not returning citizens phone calls. In particular to a concern on Irvine Street for a possible Code violation. Mr. Thomas responded that he would take care of citizens complaint on the mentioned address.
3. Excited to see the Police Department and the new Master Patrol officers so proud of new positions.

Commissioner Eaves

1. Voiced concerns about the homeless population in Richmond. Commission mentioned a Polly Ruddick whom manages a program in Lexington for the homeless maybe able to speak with the Commission at an upcoming Workshop about possible solutions for Richmond.

Commission took a recess to travel to Armory building for Tour at 10:40 a.m.

Tour of Armory Building ~~10:00am—10:30am~~

Present: Commissioner Blythe, Eaves, Morgan and Newby, Richard Thomas, Lisa Cassity, Erin Moore, Elizabeth Eversole.

Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Gosses

Adjournment: 11:05 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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



 MAYOR

ATTEST:


 City Clerk