

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2018
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

Mayor called the meeting to order at 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) Children's Champion Month- Phillis Adams

Minute Approval:

- 1) Special Called Commission Meeting held on February 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Regular Commission Meeting held on February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- 3) Workshop Meeting held on February 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Ordinance 18-04: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to the Placement of Shipping Containers, Moving Pods and Storage Pods on Residential and Commercial Property within the City.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Mr. Fowles updated the Commission on the additions that have been added since last meeting. He noted that there is a fee for inspections on staff time and time limitations for permit.

Commissioner Blythe questioned how many extensions can be granted per each permit. Mr. Fowles responded that there's no limitation for how many extensions, however will

be accessed on a case to case basis. He also noted that the penalty section which wasn't listed in the ordinance will be covered under the development ordinance penalties which will be listed for next meeting.

Commissioner Morgan questioned if this applied to residential properties. Mr. Fowles responded in paragraph 6A which includes residential also into the Ordinance.

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

Ordinance 18-05: An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinance for the City of Richmond Kentucky.

First Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

No vote was taken

Order 18-35: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Fire Department. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

Order 18-36: An Order of the City of Richmond Committing Funds Toward the Phase I Richmond Broadband Project. Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

Terry Barnes- Solarity Consulting Project Manager for Richmond Broadband explained in detail the expenditures expected for Phase I.

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

Public Comments

1. Corey Lewis- Richmond Local Firefighters 3621 (Labor Union)

Mr. Lewis expressed concerns on fire department employees' retirement trend on after 20 years of service along with the pension crisis currently debated in Frankfort.

Departmental Reports

Police Department- Chief Ebert

1. Annual Departmental Report was distributed to the Commission.
2. New HIDTA tip line: 833-594-4382

City Manager's Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

1. Announced the public works department has been repairing more sidewalks the last 2 days. He noted that the recent purchase of a track hoe has greatly helped the process.
2. He also announced that the city has been busy picking up loose trash along the roads.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Morgan

1. Thanked Mr. Thomas for efforts on sidewalk repairs and picking up roadside trash.
2. Questioned Fire Chief Carmichael his departmental process of promotions.
3. Questioned City Attorney Mr. Fowles when a hotel ordinance will be on the agenda.

Commissioner Newby

1. Questioned Fire Chief Carmichael on open positions in his department and when expected to be filled.

Commissioner Eaves

1. Questioned if the city can access the conditions on Water Street brick deuteriation.

Commissioner Blythe

1. Neighborhood concerns- were quickly resolved by help with Codes Department.
2. Commended the cooperative effort by first responder departments on the recent fire last night on Elm Street.
3. Announced a Fundraiser event for the Pine Street Shelter program on March 10th from 11am-3pm. He noted that this shelter does not receive any grants for its operation.

Mayor Barnes

1. Questioned the Commissioners rushing efforts to fill the City Manager position.
2. Questioned the Commissioners decision at the last Workshop Meeting for starting City Manager salary at \$125,000.00 and does that include the benefits.

3. Noted that the PayScale Ordinance will need to be amended for the City Manager position salary before it can be advertised and offered to any candidate. Commissioner Eaves questioned why the commission was not told this in that meeting and requested that the city move forward with the amendment of Ordinance.

4. Mayor handed out packets to Commissioners to review on the PayScale Ordinance along with other information that he has gathered from KLC. Commissioner Newby questioned why the ordinance had to be amended before the city could advertise. Commissioner Newby also questioned why one particular employee was granted a \$10,000 raise because the reasoning is they are a valued employee to the community. He noted that the City Manager position is the most important and should be compensated.

Mayor concluded meeting with asking the commission to review the documents that he provided and look at how the city will be affected by the decision for that position in 20 years.

Commissioner Blythe quickly offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Morgan followed by roll call with no further discussion.

Adjournment: 7:14 p.m.


Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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



MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk