

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 14, 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) Empty Bowls Proclamation- Empty Bowls Committee
- 2) Children's Champion Proclamation- Phillis Adams

**Minute Approval:**

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on February 28, 2017 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 17-04:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to the Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Budget and Amendment thereof. (Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women Project)

**Second Reading**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

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	

**Ordinance 17-05:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zone for Richmond Place LLC Property at Amberly Way in the City Limits.

**First Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

**Ordinance 17-06:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zone for Gilbert Miller's Property at 420, 422, 424 and 426 Charles Claiborne Court in the City Limits.

**First Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

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 17-30:** An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring a Candidate for the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<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 17-31:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Administration Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	

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

**Order 17-32:** An Order of the City of Richmond, KY Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract and Authorizing all Signatures on Behalf of the City of Professional Services from Solarity.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Three representatives from The Solarity Group were present to answer questions from the commission.

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

**Public Comments**

1. Frank Newby- Citizen

Mr. Newby asked the community to sign up for Volunteer Training with Madison County Schools to be a Chess Coach. Mr. Newby is planning a chess tournament in conjunction with Kids Fest in September.

2. David Silver- Citizen

Mr. Silver requested the stripping on Amberly Way be reconfigured as there is confusion on a left turn lane vs. double line lane towards Starbucks.

**Departmental Reports**

1. Parks Department- Erin Moore, Director

Ms. Moore requested the Commission on consideration for alcohol sales at July 4<sup>th</sup> event. After discussion, majority of commission did not agree with this proposal.

**City Manager’s Report**

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

1. Rose Barn Theater has asked to have a play in Camp Catalpa park this summer as it’s a quieter setting verse Irvine McDowell Park.
2. Softball Fields at Irvine McDowell Park are being prepared for the upcoming season. Commissioner Eaves commented that during her campaign a young girl asked her to keep the girls fields just as good as the boys.

**Board of Commissioner's Discussion**

**Commissioner Morgan**

- 1. Commended the Parks Board and staff for being proactive on discussions for festivals and ways to enhance programming.
- 2. Commended the Parks Dept for hosting the Rose Barn Theater play at Camp Catalpa but would still like consideration for a place in downtown.
- 3. Thanked the media coverage on the Needle Exchange Program that has been passed by us, Berea and now Madison County Fiscal Court. Educating the community, he feels truly helped all 3 governments pass this program.

**Commissioner Blythe**

No report

**Commissioner Eaves**

No report

**Commissioner Newby**

No report

**Mayor Barnes**

- 1. Commended Berea and Madison County Fiscal Court pass the needle exchange program.

**Adjournment: 6:46 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

  
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 MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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 City Clerk