

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 17, 2018
CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM
9:30 AM**

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

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

Commissioner Morgan entered meeting at 9:32a.m.

**Homelessness Prevention and Intervention- Polly Ruddick
(Attached Presentation)**

Commissioner discussed options that could work for the Richmond Community and how the City of Lexington created a separate department which coordinates citizens with long term services.

10:20 a.m. 220 Duncannon Lane- Future of Property

Commission discussed options for building as lease to a daycare provider or sell the property. Commission has agreed to lease the building to a daycare provider. Mr. Thomas informed the Commission that several daycare businesses have already contracted him with interest of the building space. Mr. Thomas stated that he will contact and try to arrange a lease.

10:30 a.m. Shipping Container Ordinance 18-04

Garrett Fowles, City Attorney summarized the proposed ordinance and why the Commission tabled it March 13, 2018. Mr. Fowles requested guidance from the Commission as to what they wanted to be revised since previous draft. Commissioner Eaves stated there is a need for the ordinance because their popping up all over town, but there needs to be a definition added to the Development Ordinance as an Accessory Structure to be a permanent structure. Mayor Barnes allowed Mark York from Bechtel Parsons company in town which has majority shipping containers on their Four Mile Ave. property. Mr. York stressed to the Commission that they will comply with any restrictions, however these containers are needed the closer the Bluegrass Army Depot gets to destruction start date and throughout the finish of the project. Discussion continued that maybe this can be a conditional use in front of the Board of Adjustments with a permit required for inventory purposes. Mayor suggested a fee be added for staff and administration time to process the permit and if any inspections on the properties needed.

Mr. Fowles concluded that he and Commissioners Eaves would work on a new revision for Commission consideration.

10:50 a.m. Two Downtown City Parking Lots

Mayor Barnes asked the Commission to review the Parking Study that presented in October 2017 and how they want to proceed with improving downtown parking. Commission agreed to make Main Street parking from Third Street to Madison Ave. 1-hour parking.

Mr. Thomas asked the Commission for guidance as to the two city owned parking lots if they wanted to have it rent parking with gates or free. Commission agreed to have the two lots rent parking with gates.

Mayor requested the Commission consider Smith Ballard West side be no parking. Fire Chief Carmichael commented that this particular street was a recommendation from the Fire Department as being too congested for the fire trucks to respond.

City Manager's Report

None

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Morgan requested that a Horse Camp in Richmond be considered for the Charitable Donation Application process.

Public Comments

Ronald Gosses- Citizen

Mr. Gosses requested that the city consider the empty lots in town which the city has placed liens on to create a community garden. Commissioner Eaves stated that she has someone from Berea coming to the next Workshop to discuss how the City of Berea has their community gardens set up. Mayor Barnes responded that the properties are still owned by private citizens and the city just has a lien placed on the property.

Rita Smart- Citizen

Mrs. Smart expressed concerns for the homeless population in the community and how they loiter at the Richmond Library everyday once released from the Salvation Army Shelter. She voiced that her property has been vandalized due to the growing population. Mrs. Smart encouraged the city Community Development Department to seek out grants if possible to assist with the population.

Adjournment: 11:10 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe


VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk




MAYOR