

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 22, 2018
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations

- 1) Caudill Golf Scramble Event
- 2) Chemical Weapons Disposal Program Update- Craig Williams
- 3) All A Classic Economic Impact Results- ECU Dr. Tom Martin, Dr. James Maples, and Dr. Michael Bradley

Minute Approval:

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on May 08, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Special Called Commission Meeting held on May 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Ordinance 18-09: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to on Street Parking on Smith Ballard Street in the City.

Second Reading

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Mayor announced that one citizen requested to speak before the commission voted on Ordinance 18-09.

1. Landry Luxon- resident from Smith Ballard

Ms. Luxon read a formal statement urging the Commission to vote down the Ordinance. She explained that she is a renter on the street and currently is enrolled at ECU, however did not see the need to restrict the parking to only one side of the street.

2. Bill Gray- resident of Smith Ballard Street

Mr. Gray approached the podium with efforts to speak to the commission. Mr. Gray was allowed to speak and also urged the commission that this restriction is not needed.

3. Another citizen approached the podium with efforts to speak to the commission, however Mayor informed the citizen that no further comments were allowed so the meeting could proceed.

Mayor asked the Commission if they would like to speak on Ordinance 18-09 before proceeding to vote.

Commissioner Blythe requested that several other streets be assessed for public access not just Smith Ballard Street.

Mayor Barnes responded that he's already mentioned doing a more general ordinance for other like streets, however sees Smith Ballard Street having more immediate concerns from a public safety issue. Mayor expressed that the issue on Smith Ballard is much more than just parking, it's because there are multiple single-family homes that have been converted into rental to multiple unrelated people.

TABLE Indefinitely Motion: Commissioner Blythe
Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

Ordinance 18-08: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Creating and Establishing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Local Development Area within the Jurisdictional Boundaries of the City of Richmond, Kentucky, to be Known as the "EKU Strategic Growth Development Area" for the Establishment of a Senior Assisted Living Facility in Collaboration with the ECU College of Health Sciences and Other Related Projects with Benefit the City of Richmond and Eastern Kentucky University; Making Development Area: Approving a Local Development Area Agreement Between the City and ECU as the Agency as Defined in KRS 65.680 to Act for and on Behalf of the City in Administering the EKU Strategic Growth Development Area; Establishing an Incremental Tax Special Fund in to Which all Incremental Revenues as Defined in KRS 65.680 Shall be Deposited; Authorizing and Directing the Mayor and City Clerk to

Execute a Local Development Area Agreement Between the City, ECU and ECU Strategic Growth Investment Fund, LLC (the “Developer”) and to Take all Other Necessary and Appropriate Actions to Achieve the Public Purposes Found Herein to Create and Implement the ECU Strategic Growth Development Area.

First Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Ordinance 18-10: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the City’s Development Ordinance Relating to Dimensional Restrictions in the City’s Residential, Business and Public/Semi-Public Zoning Districts and the Building Site Size and Setbacks in the City’s Industrial Zones.

First Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

David Stipes- Executive Director of the Richmond Industrial Development Corporation spoke on behalf of the Ordinance which he requested the Planning & Zoning Commission access. Based on Mr. Stipes recommendation to make the Industrial Park more competitive with building heights and setback requirements, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the change. Mr. Stipes urged the City Commission to approve the First Reading for consideration. Commission had no further questions.

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

Order 18-62: An Order of the City of Richmond Approving the Execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract between the City of Richmond, Kentucky and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018 as Provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and Accepting all Streets Referred to Therein and being Streets, which are a Part of the City.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Order 18-63: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Four (4) Firefighters.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 18-64: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring a Full Time Worker for the Public Works Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

Order 18-65: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by a Part-Time Employee in the Human Resources Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 18-66: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Codes Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Order 18-67: 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 Blythe

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

Order 18-68: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Two (2) Candidates for the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 18-69: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Approving a Charitable Grant for Kentucky Changers.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Blythe
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner Morgan questioned if the money spent would be used within the Richmond city limit boundaries. Mayor Barnes responded that as far as we're aware it was being used in Madison County but unclear if all was used within the city limits.

Commissioner Blythe questioned if Madison County Fiscal Court contributed anything to this organization. Mr. Thomas responded that he was not aware if they did or didn't.

Commissioner Morgan questioned if the City has also contributed this much to Habitat for Humanity. City Manager was unaware if that organization has requested any funds at this time.

Mayor Barnes noted that this donation will be made out of the Fiscal Year 18-19 budget if approved.

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

Order 18-70: An Order of the City of Richmond Directing that the Finance Director Open Certain City Bank Accounts.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 18-71: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for Irvine McDowell Park Restroom Project.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Public Comments

None

Departmental Reports

1. Fire Department- Chief Carmichael

Chief announced that he will be hosting a State of the Fire Department Address on June 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Fire Station #1. Public is invited to attend.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Thomas discussed the following items:

1. Memorial Day- City offices will be closed
2. Please submit street pavement list for consideration as the city will be paving earlier this year in August while schools are still out.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Eaves

Absent

Commissioner Morgan

1. Requested that the City reach out to the State Transportation Department again for a traffic signal at Greathouse and Robert Martin By-pass since there was another accident there again this past week.
2. Requested that potholes on Lancaster Ave be addressed as the condition of the road has worsened.
3. Suggested that the Codes and Planning & Zoning Departments be merged again. He commented that there are 2 Department Heads with 2 different responses to issues. He feels by combining the departments the city would run more effective.

Commissioner Newby

No report

Commissioner Blythe

1. Complimented the hanging baskets on Main Street.

Mayor Barnes

1. Mayor asked the commission to keep in mind that he is the presiding officer of the meetings and to see that the meetings are run effectively. He apologized for not letting each citizen speak on behalf of Ordinance 18-09 however that only Ms. Luxon had requested to speak. He reminded that commission and citizens that they have a right to observe the commission meetings, but not have a right to disrupt the meetings by demanding to be heard.
2. Ordinance 18-09 Smith Ballard Street: Mayor stated that he only had this drafted as it was a recommendation from First Responders, however would like other streets to be assessed for public accessibility. He appreciated the citizens coming out tonight with concerns on Smith Ballard Street, however encouraged the commission to continue to make tough decisions based on the safety of the community, not by being persuaded.

Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING: YES NO

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk



MAYOR

