

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 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: Rob Minerich; City Manager, Garrett Fowles; City Attorney,
Lisa Cassity; City Clerk**

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation

- 1) Youth in Action- Officer of the Year Awards- Jennifer Webb
- 2) Alpha Delta Kappa Proclamation- Margaret King
- 3) WEKU Radio Week Proclamation- Wendy Barnett

Minute Approval:

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on October 09, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Special Called Meeting held on October 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

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

YMCA Bond/ Public Hearing- Christian Juckett

Bond Resolution 18-02: A Resolution of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Economic Development Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds (Telford YMCA Project), Series 2018.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Christian Juckett- Rubin & Hays Law Firm, Louisville KY

Mr. Juckett spoke on behalf of the City of Richmond bonding counsel.

He also introduced who else was present on behalf of the resolution tonight:

Ken Wedel- YMCA Director, Jerry Gilbert- YMCA Board Chairman, David Benge (Cumberland Valley Bank) and Pat Ballinger (Peoples Bank).

If the bonds are issued tax exempt the bond will get a better interest rating. Local banks are willing to issue the money so they get community development ratings.

Paragraph 8- states that the city is not liable for the debt, just the issuance of the bond.
Paragraph 10- states that other city officials are not personally liable for the bond.

Commissioner Morgan questioned the hearing process for tonight and is the YMCA going to proceed with project regardless if the resolution is approved tonight.

Jerry Gilbert addressed the Commission on behalf of the YMCA Board and added that he'd been a board member for 28 years. He provided the history of the property and stated that the board has come before the city commission 3 times for a request of this bonding issue.

Commissioner Blythe expressed the historical value of the building however understood the current structural status on how it could not function anymore. He stated that he was hoping that the building could be preserved, but understood that it would be extremely costly to fix up. Since the building can not be saved, he asked that the history of building be preserved for not just the African American community, but for the entire community. He advised the Commission that he was planning to protest the resolution. He also applauded the board for looking at other avenues to get the project on progress.

Commissioner Eaves agreed with Commissioner Blythe that YMCA should preserve the history of the property and trusts that Jerry Gilbert will be able to complete that for the community. She also encouraged the YMCA to work with the community on the preservation and how that will be handled.

Commissioner Morgan agreed with the Commission on the preservation value of the property, however the community has changed over the 120 years which the building has withstood. He understood that by losing this building will hurt people, however asks the preservation to be completed.

Commissioner Newby stated that he concurs with the Commission.

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

Order 18-131: An Order of the City of Richmond Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Providing for the Disposition of Surplus Property.

Read by Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Eaves x

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Blythe x

Mayor Barnes x

Order 18-132: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Police Department.

Read by Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner Eaves x

Mayor Barnes x

Order 18-133: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Police Department.

Read by Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner Eaves x

Commissioner Morgan x

Mayor Barnes x

Order 18-134: An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting Description for the City Parks and Recreation Administration Department.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner Eaves x

Commissioner Morgan x

Commissioner Newby x

Mayor Barnes x

Order 18-135: An Order of the City of Richmond Transferring an Employee from Planning & Zoning to Codes Department.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

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

Public Comments

1. Paula Ferrell: Previous student at the Richmond High school

Ms. Ferrell expressed concerns about the preservation and discussed her personal history with the building.

2. Virgil Gardner: Previous student at the Richmond High school

Mr. Gardner expressed concerns about the preservation and discussed his personal history with the building.

3. Anthony Brooks: Citizen

Mr. Brooks expressed the value of the community's history in the property.

4. Judy Green-Baker: Citizen

Ms. Baker expressed the value of the community's history in the property.

5. Larry Brock: Citizen

Mr. Brock pointed out that the building did not appear in this condition over night and that the YMCA did not have foresight into the preservation. He also questioned if the city or tax payers are at all liable for the debt on the bond.

6. Bill Vincen- Citizen

Mr. Vincent resides next to the proposed Menard's store. He is questioning the status of the property since there is no progress has been made since the tragic accident at the work site. He's requesting that the property be mowed and maintained in some way.

Departmental Reports

None

City Manager's Report

Mr. Minerich discussed the following items:

1. Sinkhole on Moberly is continuing to be repaired.
2. Halloween Hoe Down will be Thursday with road closures downtown for the event.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Eaves

1. Thanked Mr. Minerich for quick action on the sinkhole repair.
2. Responded to citizen comments with the expressed concerns on the preservation.

Commissioner Morgan

No report

Commissioner Newby

No report

Commissioner Blythe

No report

Mayor Barnes

No report

Adjournment: 7:28 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

ATTEST.

City Clerk

MAYOR


