

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 09, 2020
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
CITY OF RICHMOND, KY COMMUNITY INFORMATION FACEBOOK
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6:00 PM**

TAKE NOTICE that for the present, the Board of Commissioners for the City of Richmond will continue to meet in accordance with the schedule for its regular monthly meetings and remain in compliance with all applicable statues and regulations. In view of the COVID -19 pandemic, however, and in an effort to prevent the spread of that virus, the public can view the meetings as they occur on the City's Community Information Facebook page. Anyone wishing to address the City Commission may submit comments on any topic or agenda item electronically to the City Clerk at lcassity@richmond.ky.us. The Agenda for the meetings can also be found on the city website. Citizens may also phone City Hall at (859) 623-1000 ext 1103 to provide a comment about an agenda items or concern if a computer is unavailable.

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

**PRESENT: Commissioner Brewer, Grant, McDaniel, Morgan and Mayor Blythe
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Minerich: City Manager, Lisa Cassity: City Clerk and Tyler Johnson: Community Development and Media Coordinator, Garrett Fowles: City Attorney, Sharon Cain: Finance Director, Susan Lillis: Section 8 Housing Director, David Stipes: Richmond Industrial Development Director, Scott Althaus: Richmond Utilities**

Minute Approval:

- 1) Workshop Meeting held on May 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.
- 2) Special Called Meeting held on May 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
- 3) Regular Commission Meeting held on May 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Ordinance 20-12: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Richmond for the Fiscal Year 2021 Estimating Revenues and Appropriating Funds for the Operations of City Government.

First Reading
Read by Finance Director

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel
Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

City Manager listed the items that had reductions in line items in order to ensure that employees received a 2% raise which totaled \$315,000.00.
Commission thanked Finance Director and City Manager for their efforts to present the budget and feels the employees will greatly appreciate the raise this year.

No Vote Taken

Ordinance 20-13: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinance No. 76-26 with Certain Provisions of Chapter 90 of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Code of Ordinances.

First Reading
Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan
Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

Commissioner Morgan noted that this Ordinance hadn't been updated since 1976.

City Manager saw a need for the Richmond City Board of Commissioners to have the ability for appropriations to both of these organizations, not as a lawful requirement.

No Vote Taken

Ordinance 20-11: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Adopting an Annual Budget for the Section 8 Housing Department for the Fiscal Year 2021 by Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government.

Second Reading
Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer
Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 20-60: An Order of the City of Richmond Acknowledging an Increase in the Retirement Benefits of the Police and Firefighters not Covered by the County Employees Retirement Systems (CERS).

Read by City Clerk
Motion: Commissioner McDaniel
Seconded: Commissioner Grant

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 20-61: An Order of the City of Richmond Board of Commissioners Approving a RIDC Grant Agreement and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Same on Behalf of the City.

Read by City Clerk
Motion: Commissioner Brewer
Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 20-62: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the City Manager to Disburse City Mitigation Funds Related to Water Street Repairs.

Read by City Manager
Motion: Commissioner McDaniel
Seconded: Commissioner Grant

City Manager explained that the businesses have endured this construction for the 2nd time on this project. He ensured that there was more signage to direct traffic as the businesses did stay open during that time.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 20-63: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond Hiring a City Attorney.

Read by City Clerk
Motion: Commissioner McDaniel
Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

Commissioner Brewer wished Mr. Fowles the best and sad to see him retire.

The transition is expected to start on July 6th when Mr. Frazier will start and shadow Mr. Fowles through July 15th. The city plans to have a retirement luncheon for Mr. Fowles on Friday July 17th.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 20-64: An Order Authorizing Signature of an Interlocal Agreement for Public Safety Communication Services.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Grant

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

Chief Ebert explained that this is just an Administration change for Berea to take the lead and allow members to send a proxy to meetings if needed. No other changes have been made to the agreement.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Public Comments- None Submitted to City Clerk, however Mayor noted that a citizen came to city hall this evening and submitted his in writing. Mayor announced that the citizen requested traffic control on Langford Court with vehicle motorists not obeying the stop signs. He told the Mayor that people are using that street as a cut through and in a hurry. City Manager responded that he would discuss this with the Police Department.

Departmental Reports- None submitted

City Manager's Report

1. Completed open enrollment completed 100% and noted that HR Department did a great job assisting employees complete online this year.
2. Commented that the peaceful protest was a safe event and made him proud of the community. He noticed that the city departments all worked well with other agencies and participants in the march.

Board of Commissioner’s Discussion

McDaniel- Thanked community for a great event on Saturday and thanked city departments for such a positive attitude.

Grant- Commented that it was a great event on Saturday with a big turnout.

Brewer- Thanked community for a freedom of speech event and asked people to remember why it was held. He saw the community come together and leaders for helping with the event.

Morgan-

- 1. Thanked community for a successful protest event on Saturday and noticed that Richmond made national news.
- 2. Questioned when the Declaration of Emergency will expire for the city. City Manager responded to be determined when ready by local agencies.

Mayor Blythe-

- 1. Asked the City Commissioners to join him during his speech on Saturday. Thanked the city departments that assisted with the event. He noted the attendance was much more than expected and thanked all other agencies that assisted as it was a safe event.
- 2. Noticed that citizens are visiting restraints and we may see some increase back in payroll taxes.
- 3. Requested the City Commission allow an Eagle Scout complete a project at the new Veteran’s Center. The student wants to build a fire pit and update the flower beds. The Commission agreed to let the City Manager review and approve the project.
- 4. Encouraged the community to continue to be safe and advised that Covid19 isn’t over yet as things are reopening.

Adjournment at 7:09 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Grant

VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	



 MAYOR

ATTEST:



 City Clerk