

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 14, 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](mailto: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, Tyler Frazier: City Attorney, Scott Althauer: Richmond Utilities, Taylor Six: Richmond Register Newspaper, Althea Causey: Human Resources Department, Mike Eaves: Attorney, Sam Kirby: Fire Chief**

Mayor welcomed new City Attorney Tyler Frazier to the City Commission Meetings.

**Minute Approval:**

1) Regular Commission Meeting held on June 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Ordinance 20-14: An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting Supplements to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Richmond, Kentucky.**

**First Reading**





Commissioner Morgan questioned what Little League is memorializing. City Manager responded the Little League sport in general. Commissioner Brewer questioned the location placement and measurements.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 20-80:** An Order of the City of Richmond Adjusting Two Employees Status within the Fire Department Regarding the Fire Prevention Inspector Position.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Order 20-81:** An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing a Member to the Richmond Human Rights Commission.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Public Comments-** One Comment was submitted to the City Clerk

City Manager explained the public comment that a citizen is repeatedly filing codes violations on property owners in the Oxford Circle and Spencer Drive for not mowing grass. Codes has addressed the violations with owners and have agreed on where to mow the marshland and empty lots in the neighborhood.

**Departmental Reports-** None submitted to City Clerk

### **City Manager's Report**

1. Thanked all city departments that assisted with the July 4<sup>th</sup> Lake Reba event in its modified format this year. No incidents reported at the event and seemed to go well.

## **Board of Commissioner's Discussion**

**Grant-** thanked all city departments that assisted with the July 4<sup>th</sup> Lake Reba event.

### **Brewer-**

1. Commented that the fireworks were more obvious this year in the neighborhoods since people weren't attending large venues.
2. Requested to meet with the historical society due to the continued historical homes being demolished. He would like to see Richmond save some of his heritage and wanted to know if the city can assist with helping some of these blighted homes.

### **Morgan-**

1. Requested update on when the Personnel Policy Manual would be completed. City Manager responded that they are 1/3 through the update and expect to be completed in the next 60 days.
2. Citizens Advisory Board- requested update on if the city is moving forward with reactivating the board. Mayor responded that he asked the commission to review the ordinance that is already on ten books if any amendments were needed. If not then if the commission wishes to move forward, he then needs nomination of citizens to serve and be appointed to board.
3. He did receive several complaints from citizens regarding fireworks in neighborhoods. He questioned if the fireworks ordinance was enforceable and suggested that the vendors selling in Richmond be provided a copy of the ordinance.
4. He has been receiving multiple complaints from citizens on Advance Disposal not providing bulk pickup service. He noted that the truck was broken down for a while and questioned if citizens can start brining items themselves to the transfer station. He also commented that citizens establishing service have a long wait on receiving cans.
5. Historical Homes- commented that by the historical homes being demolished in town is changing the character of the community. He noted that ECU is a state-run institution and is out of our enforcement, but how can we save these homes along Lancaster and Oak Street.

**McDaniel-** Requested additional information on what the Citizen Advisory Boards purpose is because he was absent at the last meeting which was previously discussed. Mayor provided brief explanation.

### **Mayor Blythe-**

1. Thanked Wanda Bailey for organizing several Food Trucks at City Hall last Friday for a fun day. Employees and citizens both stopped by for lunch and dessert. He asked if the city can continue doing this fun event and help the local food trucks.
2. State of Kentucky Public Mask Wearing Mandate: The city did make a public statement on mask wearing and will help guide local businesses as best as possible. He encouraged all citizens to wear a mask in the spirit of loving thy neighbor.

### **Adjournment at 6:52 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

**VOTING:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk