

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2020
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
CITY OF RICHMOND, KY COMMUNITY INFORMATION FACEBOOK
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6:00 PM**

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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, Preston Worley: Attorney, Allen Grant: Potential Buyer for Concord Property**

Minutes

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Workshop Meeting held on August 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Grant

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

Ordinance 20-17: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Declaring the City’s Intent to Annex a Tract of Property into City Limits and Referring the Annexation to the Richmond Planning and Zoning Commission for a Zoning Recommendation.

Second Reading
Read by City Clerk

Commissioner Grant recused himself from this discussion.

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

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

Executive Session: KRS 61.810 (1) (g) Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussion would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion or upgrading of the business.

at 6:07 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

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

Out of Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Grant

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

Order 20-104: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the City to Grant Tax Incentives to Project Eagle Benjamin.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Grant

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

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

Public Comments- No comment submitted to the City Clerk

Departmental Reports- No comments submitted to the City Clerk

City Manager's Report

1. Recycle Department- several complaints were submitted over the weekend at the drop off center due to overflow of the bins. Mr. Minerich noted that a belt was broken which slowed down the process the week prior, however there's been an increase in drop offs since the county stopped recycle pick up.
2. Metronet- underground installation is 90% completed and only left aerial infrastructure on poles. Company has announced that they will be up and online in October.
3. Public Comments- several meetings ago there was a public comment regarding homeless people living at a closed funeral home on Second Street. He would like to follow up on that comment that it's been turned over to Codes Department which has now boarded up the building and keeping a close eye on property.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Grant- No report

Morgan-

1. Requested update on progress made for completion of Personnel Policy Manual. He noted that it was last mentioned July 14th. City Manager responded since Covid they had a meeting on the manual last Thursday and expect to present to Commission either the first or second meeting in October.
2. Requested update on the city working towards electronic time keeping system. City Manager responded that it would be a task for the IT consultant and would need to transfer funding in September to cover the costs.
3. Recycle Department- noted that the department gets no revenue and questioned if the city had a contract with the county for utilizing our facility. Mr. Minerich responded that he had reviewed the contract with does not obligate the county to reimburse the city any funding for utilizing the facility and/or services. He further agreed that the department has no revenue and no market anymore for product buyers. He would recommend that the commission look into contracting out that to a vendor which may end up being more user friendly and helpful to the public.

McDaniel- He announced that he and the Mayor attended the EKV Veteran's dedication program today and thanked EKV employee Barbara Kent for her service.

Brewer-

1. Announced that Richmond was mentioned in a recent study of being in the top 10 cities to live in.
2. Cares Act Funding for renters in apartments and questioned if there were any assistance programs from KY River Foothills.

3. EKV Veteran's Department- he noted that Barbara Kent is the hardest working employee at EKV and thanked Commissioner McDaniel and Mayor for attending the event today on behalf of the city.

Mayor Blythe-

1. EKV Veteran's Program- he added that the program today was excellent and got to see Congressman Andy Barr and State Representative Deanna Frazier. He asked that the community continue to think about these two public officials as they have recently lost their spouses.

2. During the county Covid19 call last week he announced that Madison County Public School Superintendent announced that none of their employees went without a paycheck throughout this pandemic. Mayor also noted during meeting that no city employees went without a paycheck. He encouraged these employees from the schools and local governments to patronize local businesses during this tough time.

Adjournment at 6:37 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:

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


MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk