

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 26, 2019
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

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
ABSENT: Garrett Fowles: City Attorney**

Pledge of Allegiance- Veteran Richard Thomas

Presentation

- 1) Fight Hunger Awareness Proclamation- Empty Bowls Committee

Minute Approval:

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Workshop Meeting held on March 19, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

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

Order 19-29: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Approving the Overhead Lines and Pole Relocation Agreement between the City and Kentucky Utilities Relating to the Design and Construction of the West Main/ US 25 Streetscape Project.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Grant

Mayor Blythe asked the Commission to consider Tabling Order 19-29 at the request of the Transportation Commission in Frankfort. Mayor explained that Frankfort called today with the request that they are trying to work out something with Kentucky Utilities legal counsel as to this project being a road project, not a beautification project. He further explained that Richmond is stuck in the middle of the 2 organizations with the outcome of this decision could set precedents for future projects statewide.

TABLE ORDER 19-29

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Order 19-30: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Amendment Agreement and Authorizing all Signatures on Behalf of the City for Professional Services from Strand Associates, Inc.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Grant

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

Order 19-31: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Two Candidates for the Police Department.

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 19-32: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond Kentucky Relating to the Contemplated Construction of a City Playground for the Benefit of Persons with Special Needs, Dedication of a Site for such a Playground, and Provisions for Public Fundraising for that Construction.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	

Commissioner Morgan x
Mayor Blythe x

Executive Session- Per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Personnel in at 6:29 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 6:51 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Grant

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner McDaniel x
Commissioner Morgan x
Commissioner Brewer x
Commissioner Grant x
Mayor Blythe x

Action Taken with Order 19-33

Mayor Blythe asked Clerk to assign number for drafted order and proceed.

Order 19-33: An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing a Fire Chief

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Morgan x
Commissioner Brewer x
Commissioner Grant x
Commissioner McDaniel x
Mayor Blythe x

Public Comments

1. Elizabeth Doll- 1137 Southern Hills Drive

Ms. Doll expressed concerns in regards to a storm drain by her property that continues to be clogged and causing flooding on her property. She also requested speed bumps for her neighborhood as the street is being used as a cut through.

2. Virgil Gardner- Citizen

Mr. Gardner requested the city call upon the Kentucky Fish & Wildlife because there is turkey vulture nesting at the old rock quarry.

Departmental Reports

None

City Manager's Report

Mr. Minerich discussed the following items:

1. Thanked the Taylor Six for her nice article in the Richmond Register on Public Parking signs that were recently installed downtown. He noted that after 5:00 p.m. the city has offered 150 open spaces for downtown.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Morgan

1. Noted that the Transportation Cabinet has asked us to hold up a project at their request and Richmond has been asking for years for a traffic signal with no progress from them.
2. Requested that the weeds be trimmed back to see the signs, or suggested businesses take down the signs since they're not visible.
3. Responded to citizen Ms. Doll's issues on storm water drainage and encouraged the city to look into getting a phone app where citizens can take pictures and submit with a request.
4. Requested that the clerk ask Mr. Fowles if he's separated the hotel ordinance as suggested.
5. Suggested that the Board of Commissioners attend community events and meetings to hear more of what the community's needs are. He feels that people are more willing to share ideas with solutions by this type of engagement.

Commissioner Brewer

1. Questioned if the city does any restoration to the Irvington House.

Commissioner Grant

No report

Commissioner McDaniel

1. Congratulations to Sam Kirby on his Fire Chief appointment.
2. Requested updates on the Lap pool project, shade structures and flooring at Paradise Cove.

Mayor Blythe

1. Thanked the Public Works Department for working hard on cleaning up come lots that citizens which will make neighborhoods feel more comfortable. He added that on one of the lots the city found tents in the woods where it was clear that homeless people had been living there. He encouraged all property owners to help clean the city and spread beautification.
2. Thanked House Representative Deanna Frazier for attending the meeting tonight.


- 3. Noted that he was behind on citizen board appointments, however will be focusing more on that with the upcoming meetings.
- 4. Thanked Rodney Tudor's for his 21 ½ years of service to the city since he attended the meeting tonight on behalf of the police department.

Adjournment: 7:15 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

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

ATTEST: 

City Clerk



MAYOR