

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 08, 2020
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
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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, 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 Althausser: Richmond Utilities, Preston Worley: Attorney, Taylor Six: Richmond Register, Sam Kirby: Fire Chief and Ben Elsesser: Fire Truck Committee Member
ABSENT: Commissioner Grant**

Minutes

1) Regular Commission Meeting held on November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Order 20-132: An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing a Member to the Park Board.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

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

Order 20-133: An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing Members to the Tourism Commission.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

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

Order 20-134: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Order 20-135: An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing Two Zoning Board of Adjustments Members.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

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

Order 20-136: An Order of the City of Richmond Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Letter of Intent for the Purchase of a New Tower Fire Truck and Allocating Funding.

Read by City Clerk

City Manager introduced the Fire Chief and Truck Committee that helped with the search for the best Fire Truck the city plans to purchase.

Fire Chief Sam Kirby explained the process which he took to research and look at potential trucks with all the features he feels that Richmond would need. He explained the ISO ratings and how they came about the particular brand and features to request.

Ben Elsesser spoke on behalf of the Truck Committee that researched the different types of trucks, ladder mounts, turn radius and ladder reach. After he explained the many options, he presented the commission for consideration the specs that were provided in the meeting packets. Several questions from the commission were raised including what to do with the old truck and where the new truck would be housed.

Finance Director Sharon Cain explained the many options for purchasing the truck such as bond and investments. She recommended that the cheaper option in the long run to use our own investments and pay ourselves back.

The Commission decided to move forward with allowing the City Manager to write a letter of intent to purchase with the funding be allocated in the upcoming budget amendment.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Order 20-137: An Order of the City of Richmond Re-Appointing a Member to the Human Rights Commission.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Public Comments- City Clerk announced there were none submitted.

Departmental Reports- No reports

City Manager's Report

1. Thanked various departments for still working outside in the cold weather and continuing to get everything completed. Departments are currently working alternating shifts and still providing citizens the same services.
2. Announced that the city has received the remaining Cares Act funding.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Grant- Absent

Morgan- Stressed to citizens to stay strong with social distances and wearing masks in order to save our neighbors. He recited some Covid19 data and how many patients utilizing ICU hospital rooms.

McDaniel- Announced there is an upcoming equipment sale at the Fairground and questioned if the city had any surplus property that be sold at this event. City Manager responded that the city has their own surplus auction, however did not host one this year.

Brewer- Noted that he's excited about the new fire truck purchase and feels the citizens deserve the best protection and rating on their insurance.

Mayor Blythe-

1. Thanked employees for adjusting work responsibilities and still providing services.
2. Battle of Richmond is hosting a Warm Feet program and accepting socks for the homeless population this winter.

Adjournment at 6:40 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk

MAYOR