

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2021
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
CITY OF RICHMOND, KY COMMUNITY INFORMATION FACEBOOK
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9:30 AM**

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Mayor Pro-Tem Brewer called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**PRESENT: Commissioner Arnold, McDaniel, Newby and Mayor Pro-Tem Brewer
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Minerich: City Manager, Lisa Cassity: City Clerk and Tyler Johnson: Community Development and Media Coordinator, Tyler Frazier: City Attorney, Scott Althaus: Richmond Utilities, Taylor Six: Richmond Register, John Roberts: Roberts Insurance, Philip Williams: Director of Codes, Safety and Risk Management, Rodney Richardson: Assistant Police Chief, Dustin Heiser: Director of Madison County Emergency Management Agency
ABSENT: Mayor Blythe**

Presentation

A) Worker Comp Claims- John Roberts and Philip Williams

Order 21-06: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement Regarding the Blue Grass Chemical Pilot Plant Declarations.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Brewer	x	

Mayor Blythe absent

Order 21-07: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Adopting a Local Emergency Operation Plan.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	absent	

Public Comments- None Submitted

Departmental Reports

A) Police Department- Assistant Chief Rodney Richardson described preparations the department is taking for the Presidential Inauguration day. He noted that there have not been any local threats, however has scheduled extra officers for patrol that day.

City Manager's Report

1. He participated in a RIDC board meeting this morning and is happy to report that that engineers have almost completed the design in Park III. This project comes from an economic site ready where lots are leveled and ready for industry to purchase the property. He explained that companies are look more favorable to site ready cities than having to level out land themselves. We hope to start construction in late April and finish by end of summer.
2. Room in the Inn Homeless Program has served 41 people to date.
3. Covid19 Small Business Grant applications opened Friday, and has already received 49 applications. Close date to accept applications will be January 29th which the review process will begin. He added that there are more federal funding options for small business coming in the future.
4. West Main Street Project- Phase 1 construction bids will be opened Thursday and will have Strand attend our next meeting with an update.
5. Comprehensive Plan Update- Bell Engineering has completed a stakeholder participant list that will assist in the process of the update. This document needs to be updated every 5 years and is a vital living document that plans out our city. We expect the completion of this documents will be about 8 months.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Newby- Requested update on the Second Street Armory location. City Manager responded that the city has applied for a Brown Field grant, completed phase 1 environmental study, has engineering cost estimates for renovation and continuing to wait

on a CDBG grant to open up which will allow to the city to apply for a million-dollar grant. If the city is awarded the CDBG grant it will consist of a match and above costs. Currently the estimated costs of repairs are near 2 million dollars to renovate. We hope to utilize the property as a community resource center which will operate meals in the basement, and other levels will be for services by Human Rights Commission, a social worker and other non-profit organizations which will collaborate into an operating board for the program.

Arnold- Requested clarification on the additional federal funding that maybe available in the future. City Manager responded that the program will be operated on the state and federal level which will not be filtered by any local governments.

McDaniel- Requested an update on the ROC Committee. City Manager responded that there was a great first meeting and plan to meet again in February.

Brewer- Requested clarification on where the funding was coming from the City of Richmond Small Business Covid19 grant program. City Manger clarified that this funding of one hundred thousand dollars is coming completely from the city of Richmond, not CARES funding by the state and federal.

Mayor Blythe-
Absent

Adjournment at 10:17 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	absent	

ATTEST:



City Clerk



MAYOR