

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2021
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
CITY OF RICHMOND, KY COMMUNITY INFORMATION FACEBOOK
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6:00 PM**

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Mayor Pro-Tem Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT: Commissioner Arnold, Brewer, McDaniel, Newby 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 Althaus: Richmond Utilities, Taylor Six: Richmond Register, Mason Chamblee: Parks Department; David McFaddin: ECU President, Ethan Witt: ECU Governmental Affairs Officer, Mike Woolum and Matt McMackin: Strand, Jennifer Lainhart: Hope's Wings Executive Director**

Presentations

- 1) ECU Spring Semester Update- President McFaddin
(Attached)
- 2) West Main Street Phase I Update- Strand, Mike Woolum and Matt McMackin
(Attached)

Strand provided presentation which included the history of the project and summarized construction bid process. Now that the city has received bids, Strand is requesting the Mayor to sign the Final Check List Section II to move the project forward.

City Manager recommended the Commission reconsider moving forward with the project due to length of project already and projected costs for the future through all four phases. He reviewed current expenses to date on the project which would need to be paid back to the Transportation Cabinet to cover TAP grant. He felt the expenses could be used on other pending issues within the city such as parks since there's already a deficit in that area.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Minutes

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Workshop Meeting held on January 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

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	

Mayor Blythe entered meeting via Zoom at 7:03 p.m. and took over presiding the meeting.

Ordinance 21-01: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Closing a Street in the City (S. Robinson Road).

Second Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 21-08: An Order of the City of Richmond to Adopt and Allocate Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court as Part of the 2021 National Fitness Campaign Project.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

Mason Chamblee from the Parks Department explained that the City was awarded the grant and requesting to move forward with the project by allocation of matching funds.

VOTING:	YES	NO
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Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer		x
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 21-09: An Order of the City of Richmond Approving the CDBG Administration Services Contract with FAHE Consulting for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the 2020-2021 Richmond Recovery Project.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 21-10: An Order of the City of Richmond Authorizing the City to File a Grant Application on Behalf of Hope’s Wings Domestic Violent Program, and Partners for the 2021 U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grant.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

Jennifer Lainhart summarized the program and grant application process.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 21-11: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Recycle Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

City Manager thanked Mr. Daughtery for his service and will be greatly missed.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Arnold	x	

Commissioner Brewer	x
Commissioner McDaniel	x
Commissioner Newby	x
Mayor Blythe	x

Order 21-12: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for System Controls Services.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Arnold	x
Commissioner Brewer	x
Commissioner McDaniel	x
Commissioner Newby	x
Mayor Blythe	x

Amend Agenda to include Order 21-13

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner McDaniel	x
Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Arnold	x
Commissioner Brewer	x
Mayor Blythe	x

Order 21-13: An Order of the City of Richmond Authorizing the City to File a Grant Application on Behalf of Hope’s Wings Domestic Violent Program, and Partners for the 2021 U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Increasing Criminal Justice Response Arrest Grant.

Summarized by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

Jennifer Lainhart summarized the grant and application process.

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Arnold	x
Commissioner Brewer	x
Commissioner McDaniel	x
Mayor Blythe	x

Public Comments-None Submitted

Departmental Reports- No Reports

City Manager's Report- No Report

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

McDaniel- Thanked the Night Shade band at the Paddy Wagon for conducting a fundraiser for the Spurlock children.

Arnold- No report

Brewer- No report

Newby- No report

Mayor Blythe- No report

Adjournment at 7:40 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	



 MAYOR

ATTEST:



 City Clerk