

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 09, 2021
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
CITY OF RICHMOND, KY COMMUNITY INFORMATION FACEBOOK
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6:00 PM**

TAKE NOTICE that for the present, the Board of Commissioners for the City of Richmond will continue to meet in accordance with the schedule for its regular monthly meetings and remain in compliance with all applicable statues and regulations. In view of the COVID -19 pandemic, however, and in an effort to prevent the spread of that virus, the public can view the meetings as they occur on the City's Community Information Facebook page. Anyone wishing to address the City Commission may submit comments on any topic or agenda item electronically to the City Clerk at lcassity@richmond.ky.us. The Agenda for the meetings can also be found on the city website. Citizens may also phone City Hall at (859) 623-1000 ext 1103 to provide a comment about an agenda items or concern if a computer is unavailable.

Mayor Blythe 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 Althausen: Richmond Utilities, Taylor Six: Richmond Register**

Minutes

1) Regular Commission Meeting held on February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Ordinance 21-06: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Amending the Annual Budget for the City of Richmond for the Fiscal Year 2021 Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operations of City Government.

First Reading

Read by City Manager and Finance Director

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

No Vote Taken

Ordinance 21-04: An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting Supplements to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Richmond, Kentucky.

First Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

No Vote Taken

Ordinance 21-05: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Accepting the Dedication of Certain Streets in the City as Public Ways and City Streets for all Purposes- Sycamore Park.

First Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

No Vote Taken

Ordinance 21-02: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to the 2020-2021 Annual Budget and Amendment thereof. - Liberty Place

Second Reading

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

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

Order 21-22: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Order 21-23: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring a Sports Field Specialist for the Parks Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer
Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

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

Order 21-24: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring an Employee for the Recycle Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel
Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

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

Order 21-25: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Awarding a Soft-Drink Bid for the City of Richmond and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign all Documents Relating to Said Agreement.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer
Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

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

Order 21-26: An Order of the City of Richmond Entering into an Updated Mutual Aid Agreement with the Department of the Army.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Order 21-27: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for Fleet Fuel Services.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner McDaniel x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Arnold x

Commissioner Brewer x

Mayor Blythe x

Order 21-28: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring an Administrative Support Specialist for the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Arnold x

Commissioner Brewer x

Commissioner McDaniel x

Mayor Blythe x

Order 21-29: An Order of the City of Richmond Promoting Employees in the Fire Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Arnold x

Commissioner Brewer x

Commissioner McDaniel x

Commissioner Newby x

Mayor Blythe x

Order 21-30: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the City Manager to Disburse Local Small Business Covid19 Funds.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

VOTING: YES NO

Commissioner Brewer x

Commissioner McDaniel x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Arnold x

Public Comments- City Clerk read one public comment submitted.

1. Bethany McGuffin- resident on Broadway Ave.

Ms. McGuffin expressed concerns in an email submitted to the clerk in regards to the potential lease agreement for the Armory building. She requested that the city seek community input and conduct a community impact study of the area.

City Manager, Rob Minerich responded to the public comment and noted that there's some misinformation going around as to what the potential use may be for the facility. He added that he would be more than happy to conduct a community impact study and informing the neighborhood.

Commissioner Brewer questioned how much it will cost to renovate the building. Mr. Minerich responded that it's estimated at 1.75 million to renovate the building. He also offered to have Madison Homes organization come to an upcoming meeting to discuss the details for the public.

Departmental Reports- none

City Manager's Report-

1. All A Classic was held last weekend which had 8 years on Friday and finals on Saturday. He summarized that it was still a successful event and thanked the city departments that made it happen.
2. Tasty Tuesday at Irvine McDowell Park starts tonight from 6-8pm.
3. Park restrooms are not open yet due to frost weather but will be opening in the next 2 weeks.
4. Follow up report from recent storm damage includes 84 dump trucks of brush, tree limbs and chipper operations. He asked that citizens continue to be patient and ensures them that all clean up will be completed soon.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

McDaniel- No report

Arnold- No report

Brewer-

1. Asked citizens to be patient and ensured that all tree limbs will be picked up soon.

Newby-

1. Codes Enforcement Board- questioned why the board wasn't currently meeting and why a member received a letter that they were no longer needed. City Manager responded the board hasn't met because of the pandemic, which this board requires property owner participation.

2. Woodland Ave Clean Up Event- questioned if the residents from Woodland Ave can have their street blocked up for a litter clean up event on April 17th.

Mayor Blythe-

1. Recycle Update- questioned if the recycle department was back on schedule. City Manager responded yes with normal routes.
2. Tourism Report- requested a tourism economic impact report from the All A Classic event.
3. Thanked everyone for their concerns regarding his health and happy to announce that he received his 2nd vaccine shot today.
4. Thanked all elected, appointed and employees for their cooperation during this pandemic.

Adjournment at 6:56 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:

| | YES | NO |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|
| Commissioner McDaniel | x | |
| Commissioner Newby | x | |
| Commissioner Arnold | x | |
| Commissioner Brewer | x | |
| Mayor Blythe | x | |

ATTEST:



 City Clerk



 MAYOR