

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2021  
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE  
CITY OF RICHMOND, KY COMMUNITY INFORMATION FACEBOOK  
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9:30 AM**

**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](mailto: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 9:30 a.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, Tracy Blevins: Blevins Law**

**Ordinance 21-08:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Declaring the City’s Intent to Annex a Tract of Property into City Limits and Referring the Annexation to the Richmond Planning & Zoning Commission for a Zoning Classification.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**EKU Center for the Arts Agreement Renewal**

Commission had open discussion about 2 proposed documents for future consideration on facility operations and board appointments.

2006 Community Operations Board was formed, 2013 renewed agreement, then in 2016 the state funding was pulled from the operation with ECU needing assistances to keep the facility in operation. Now these 2 options are being proposed since the state funding has been eliminated and would let ECU be able to maintain and operate the facility.

**Option 1: Memorandum of Understanding-** No cost obligation and each government would get 3 board seats, with ECU appointing 3 members.

**Option 2: Interlocal Agreement-** a minimum of \$125,000.00 annual operation cost donated by each government and ECU, with each partner having 3 board seats.

City Manger encouraged the MOU option and would canvas Berea Mayor and County Judge to see which option they're considering.

Commissioner Arnold stated that she would like to see the center succeed, however feels that the MOU option would best suit Richmond citizens.

Mayor asked each commissioner which option they would like to see Richmond move forward. Unanimously commission stated they would select the MOU option.

**Madison Home Presentation**-cancelled

**Public Comments-** none submitted

**Departmental Reports-** none submitted

**City Manager's Report-**

1. Madison Central Dance Team- National Champions
2. In budget meetings the next week with departments and plan to present budget late May or early June to the Commission.

**Board of Commissioner's Discussion**

**McDaniel-** Invited the public to the Tasty Tuesday events this evening from 5-8pm. He asked for consideration to include live music at the events going forward.

**Arnold-** No report

**Brewer-**

1. Fayette Drive- requested that Codes Enforcement inspect the property in question for previous violations that have not been remedied.
2. Robbins Drive- requested an update if a letter was sent to the property owner in question.
- 3 Stocker Drive-requested update on when construction would start. City Manager responded that he's waiting on engineer for run off calculations to see if the replacement can be completed cheaper than the two submitted bids

**Newby-**

1. Requested update on Baker Court speeding. City Manager explained the police departments new device that has been placed on Baker Court and will provide the results to the commission when completed.
2. Requested that the stop sign on Baker Court be replaced since it was stolen some time ago.

**Mayor Blythe-**

1. Encouraged everyone to get a vaccination.
2. Questioned on when street paving requests can start being submitted for consideration.

**Executive Session- Per KRS 61.810 (1) (c) Potential Litigation at 10:10 a.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**Out of Executive Session at 10:16 a.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

**No Action Taken**

**Adjournment at 10:17 a.m.**

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

ATTEST:

City Clerk



MAYOR

