

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 18, 2021
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9:30 AM**

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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**

Unsolicited Market Materials Ordinance- review draft

Commission reviewed draft and agreed it would be placed on an upcoming agenda as a first reading.

Public Comments-

1. Charlotte Whitaker- citizen

Ms. Whitaker submitted documents in regards to her concerns for fireworks within the city neighborhoods. Several items included the Ordinance which states fireworks cannot be ignited within 200 feet of a structure, property damages and debris, how it effects animals, commercial grade fireworks being sold. She also included Lexington Fireworks rules and animal ethics.
(Attached)

Departmental Reports- none submitted

City Manager's Report

1. Veteran's Center Open House this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The ribbon cutting will be conducted at 11:30 a.m.

2. City Hall and city offices will be open to the public on Tuesday June 1st, and City Commission meetings will be held in-person starting July 27th.

Board of Commissioner’s Discussion

McDaniel- Requested update on the Stocker Drive emergency culvert repairs. City Manager responded that he’s awaiting the engineers report as to if the city can complete the work ourselves to save about \$80,000.00 or if a 3rd culvert is needed which will result in the city selecting one of the two bids originally submitted.

Arnold- No report

Brewer-

1. Requested the City Manager provide how much money the city has spent the last 2 years on road repairs and how much the city is receiving this year in Municipal Aid Funding. He noted that he’s received multiple calls in regards to state and county road conditions as well as privately owned parking lots. City Manager suggested that citizens utilize the city app to report all pot holes and the city will in return will notify the correct agency.

Newby- No report

Mayor Blythe-

1. Requested that the Noise Ordinance be reviewed and recommended that some amendments maybe needed in regards to vehicle noise within the city. He also expressed concerns about certain streets being utilizes as a drag strip, citizens running red lights and ignoring stop signs. He’s concerned about public safety and feels these issues need to be readdressed with basic traffic violations.
2. Excited to swear in 6 police officers on Monday.

Executive Session- Per KRS 61.810 (1) (c) Pending Litigation at 9:57 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Out of Executive Session at 10:14 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	


Commissioner Newby x
Mayor Blythe x

No Action Taken

Adjournment at 10:15 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

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

ATTEST: 

City Clerk



MAYOR