

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
JUNE 09, 2021  
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE  
CITY OF RICHMOND, KY COMMUNITY INFORMATION FACEBOOK  
PAGE  
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](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 6:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT: Commissioner Arnold, Brewer, McDaniel, Newby and Mayor Blythe  
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Minerich: City Manager, Lisa Cassity: City Clerk, Tyler Frazier: City Attorney, Tyler Johnson: Community Development and Media Coordinator, Sharon Cain: Finance Director, Susan Lillis: Section 8 Housing Director, Jennifer Fielder: Section 8 Housing Finance Director Scott Althausen: Richmond Utilities, Mike Eaves: Attorney**

**Minutes**

1) Regular Commission Meeting held on May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

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

**Ordinance 21-09: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Richmond for the Fiscal Year 2022 Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operations of City Government.**

**Second Reading**

Read by City Manager and Finance Director

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	

**Ordinance 21-10:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Relating to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Budget and Amendment Thereof- Liberty Place Covid19 Program

**Second Reading**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

**Ordinance 21-11:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zoning Classification for Property on Goggins Lane/ Lexington Road, 4.3 Acres Located within City Limits.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

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

**Ordinance 21-12:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Changing the Zoning Classification for Property on Duckhorn Drive Located within City Limits.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	

Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Arnold	x
Mayor Blythe	x

**Ordinance 21-13:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Adopting the Annual Budget for the Section 8 Housing Department for the Fiscal Year 2022 Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operations of City Government.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

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

**Ordinance 21-14:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Entering into an Interlocal Agreement Relating to a Local Air Board Formed Pursuant to KRS183.132 Made by and Between Eastern Kentucky University, The Madison Fiscal Court, The City Commission of the City of Richmond, and The City Council of the City of Berea.

**First Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

Commissioner Brewer questioned our financial obligation. City Manager responded that each government could still budget for the annual \$25,000.

City Manager thanked State Representative Deanna Frazier for getting this legislation passed which adds two additional board members from Eastern Kentucky University with the aviation program.

**No Vote Taken**

**Ordinance 21-15:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to Solicitation Property Nuisance.

**First Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

**No Vote Taken**

**Order 21:69:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by the Police Chief.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

City Manager thanked Chief Ebert for his service including the designation of Accreditation and increasing the Public Relations program.

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

**Order 21-70:** An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing an Interim Police Chief.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

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

**Order 21-71:** An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing an Interim Assistant Police Chief.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

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	

**Order 21-72:** An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Recycle Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Arnold	x	

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

**Order 21-73:** An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring an Employee for the Parks Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

**VOTING:** YES NO

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

**Order 21-74:** An Order of the City of Richmond Declaring a Certain Vehicle Surplus in the City and Providing for its Disposal.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

**VOTING:** YES NO

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

**Order 21-75:** An Order of the City of Richmond Acknowledging an Increase in the Retirement Benefits of the Police and Firefighters Not Covered by the County Employee Retirement System (CERS).

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

**VOTING:** YES NO

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

**Order 21-76:** An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for Two Trucks.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

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	

**Order 21-77:** An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Accepting Construction Bids for Brookline Subdivision Drainage Improvements.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

City Manager mentioned that this is the second drainage improvement that has been implemented in Brookline Subdivision since he's been City Manager. He feels the city is moving forward in the right direction with stormwater management.

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

**Public Comments-** None Submitted

**Departmental Reports-** None

**City Manager's Report-** No report

**Board of Commissioner's Discussion**

**Newby-** No report

**Brewer-**

1. Thanked the Tourism Department for hosting a Japanese Delegation.
2. Questioned when the new fire truck would be added to service. City Manager responded that no date has been set, however training is needed prior to use.

**McDaniel-** Congratulations to Rodney Richardson and William O'Donnell for their appointments in the Police Department.

**Arnold-** No report

**Mayor Blythe-**

1. Attended the Special Olympics event over the weekend on ECU Campus. He added that this program is very rewarding and an exciting event for the participants, families and coaches.
2. Attended the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony and very impressed by the Richmond Police Department Honor Guard presentation.
3. Extended condolences to Irish Rollins for the passing of his mother.
4. Questioned when the Stocker Drive construction will be completed. City Manager responded that it would be completed soon. Mayor thanked all the residents, workers and visitors at St. Andrews facility for their patience during this entire project.
5. Requested a report on housing option ratios in the city limits to be discussed for open discussion at an upcoming meeting.
6. Thanked the Planning & Zoning staff and citizens that attended the recent public hearing on the annexation for Barnes Mill Road. He added that the conversations were civil and conducted in such a way that it didn't get out of hand.

**Adjournment at 7:08 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

**VOTING:**

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

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR