

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
JULY 20, 2021
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
CITY OF RICHMOND, KY COMMUNITY INFORMATION FACEBOOK
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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**

Mayor announced that this is the last Zoom meeting and will be returning to regular locations for meetings in-person on July 27th, 2021. He ensured that the city will take precautions to keep everyone safe and spread out.

Announce Community Survey Results- City Manager
1861 Responses
Golf Carts: 53% NO, 47% YES, 12 pages of comments
Sunday Package Sales: 11% NO, 89% YES

Golf Cart Usage on Public Roadways- Open Discussion
City Manager announced that the golf carts would have multiple requirements, inspection process by Sheriff office, annual permits by the city and would not be able to cross any street with 35 MPH. The 12 pages of comments all included safety concerns and that people were unlikely going to purchase a golf cart just for this use.

Commissioner Newby reflected that it was presented as a comparison to Naples Florida which is nothing like Richmond Kentucky. He's main concern was kids getting

on the carts and driving the streets and doesn't see traffic now obeying the 235 MPH just on Boggs Lane. He expressed concerns about the carts being able to cross over the By-pass. Commissioner McDaniel, City Manager and Mayor all agreed with his concerns.

Commission concluded that this legislation will not be moving forward at this time.

Sunday Alcohol Package Sales- Open Discussion

City Manager announced that this legislation is supported by the citizens and is requesting the commission consider move forward with an ordinance draft for August 10th as a First Reading. He added that there's also state legislation that needs updated within the Ordinance and this would allow the Attorney to draft all those changes.

Commission clarified that it would be for package sales during the same current Sunday hours from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. midnight. That other communities already allow package sales on Sunday and that Richmond is losing out on that additional business.

Commission agreed to move forward with legislation.

Establishment of Section 8 Housing Quarterly Meetings- Open Discussion

Mayor announced that several years the city met with representatives from Section 8 Housing to discuss in detail the operations of the federally funded department and how it's an operational branch of the municipal government. Section 8 is responsible to a board which by default it's the Board of Commissioners. The mayor is requesting a separate Section 8 Housing Board conduct meetings to discuss the operational structure of the department such as concerns from tenants, landlords, annual reports, budget, etc. It would function similar to the other city boards like Richmond Utilities, Housing Authority and Tourism. By establishing a new board, it would be on record that the required meetings are being held.

City Manager added that Section 8 is a City Department and suggested quarterly or bi-annual meetings.

City Clerk added that if the Board of Commissioners establish these meetings, an ordinance would need to be adopted, or it would be considered a Special Called meeting.

Commission considered the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of the quarterly months.

Commission agreed to move forward with first meeting held in September.

Public Comments- none submitted

Departmental Reports- none submitted

City Manager’s Report-

1. Reflected that he went on his first vacation in 2 years and had a great time.
2. July 4th was a successful event. He felt that since the entrance charge was eliminated that the event is more successful and helps with traffic flow.
3. Notified the commission that there’s 5 light poles from Main Street that are needing replaced and ordered at \$7,000 per pole. Should be completed in the next 2 months.
4. Finance has started with electronic purchase order software and staff are currently be trained on new program. This is a transitioning period, however will phase out the paper copies.
5. Human Resources Department will start a new electronic time sheet in January.
6. Armory Building- Madison Home organization was hoping to utilize this building for community services, however the estimated cost of 2 million dollars to renovate with ADA compliance, abatement and lead pipes is not feasible. However, the program is gearing up for the winter month services to help the homeless and drug problems. The City Manager envisions the 2nd Street property as more of a green space park area.

Board of Commissioner’s Discussion

Newby- No report

McDaniel- No report

Arnold- No report

Brewer-

1. Questioned if the City Manager had the citizen report of a sink hole on Park Drive.
2. Questioned if the hole on Dwight Drive would be filled in.
3. Thanked all city departments that made the July 4th event successful.

Mayor Blythe-

1. CASA new location ribbon cutting in our Best Lovell Building.
2. Kiwanis Golf Scramble Event August 20th at Gibson Bay Golf Course.
3. Noticed that Buc-ee’s property is moving upward with the building structures now.

Adjournment at 10:09 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

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

Mayor Blythe

x


MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk