

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2021
CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM
9:30 AM**

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, Sharon Cain: Finance Director, Susan Lillis and Jennifer Fielder: Section 8 Department, Rodney Richardson: Interim Police Chief, Richard Tate: Assistant Fire Chief**

Order 21-112: An Order of the City of Richmond Authorizing the Commitment of 30 Housing Choice Vouchers and the Commitment of Funds to be Project Based.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

Section 8 Director, Susan Lillis and Section 8 Finance Director, Jennifer Fielder were available to answer questions about the voucher process and how these vouchers will be allocated to the Kit Carson Commons Project. The project is focused on single family veterans seeking a secondary education with housing options at ECU campus. This program will be set up just like the Eastern Scholar House project several years ago.

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

Order 21-113: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Quote for Installation of a New Roof for the Maintenance Building.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

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

Commissioner Brewer x
Mayor Blythe x

American Rescue Plan Funding- Sharon Cain

Ms. Cain was available for questions and clarification on the local governments will be responsible for distribution of 9 million dollars to the community. This funding is different than the CARES funding which was allocated to the city. These funds will be available for businesses, citizens and people that have been directly affected by the Covid19 pandemic.

There are 4 qualifying options for the funds:

1. Public Health
2. Revenue Loss
3. Premium Pay
4. Infrastructure

Commission suggested that we conduct a survey with the community to get input on how they would like to see these funds be disbursed. With the option that the survey, be conducted for 1 month and have open discussion at the September workshop with consideration on how the funding will be organized.

Public Comments- none submitted

Departmental Reports- none submitted

City Manager's Report-

1. Advised the Commission on current guidelines to pandemic and going forward will need to be discussed next week at Commission meeting.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Newby-

1. Followed up from his Brittany Circle request on a stormwater complaint and forwarded citizen contact with pictures of issue that needs an inspection completed.

McDaniel- No report

Arnold- No report

Brewer- No report

Mayor Blythe-

1. Commented that he saw an accident on the Eastern Bypass and US25 in front of Kroger. He further expressed concerns how citizens are running red lights and disregarding traffic laws.

Adjournment at 10:25 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

VOTING:

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk



MAYOR