

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021  
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE  
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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, Newby and Mayor Blythe**

**ALSO PRESENT: Rob Minerich: City Manager, Lisa Cassity: City Clerk, Tyler Frazier: City Attorney, Scott Althausen: Richmond Utilities, Rodney Richardson: Police Chief**

**ABSENT: Commissioner McDaniel**

**Millstone Festival Update**

City Manager presented official event poster and reviewed the festival event schedule with locations.

(Attached)

**Sidewalk Inspection Program**

City Manager provided update on Sidewalk Program with areas that have already been completed this fiscal year. Second Street has been accessed and deteriorated sections have been replaced due to the high volume of students walking to Madison Central High School. That is located in the Priority Section 1 on the program for the downtown corridor. By implementing the program with a property owner waiver, the city will incur all costs to replace those sections of sidewalk since it's considered a public throughfare.

(Attached)

**Ordinance 19-14: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to Chronic Nuisance Property. - Review Only**

City Manager explained the history of the ordinance which was intended for motel businesses that have repeat incidents at the location. However, after review of the obligations by the Ordinance, it's placed a burden of staff time compiling data.

Police Chief Rodney Richardson verified that the all the calls continue to be responded to in the same manner regardless if it's a repeat location. There's Kentucky Criminal Statutes that already cover all regulations and laws, and by implementing this additional step, it places a burden on the department.

Mayor Blythe asked what is the recommendation for this Ordinance going forward.

City Manager responded that he along with the Police Department is requesting the Commission consider repealing the Ordinance in its entirety.

Mayor agreed to have it placed as a First Reading for the next meeting.

**Ordinance 18-04:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to the Placement of Shipping Containers, Moving Pods and Storage Pods on Residential and Commercial Property within the City. – **Review Only**

City Manager explained that this was brought before the Commission in 2018 however it was tabled and never adopted. Now there's citizens complaints on storage containers which currently we have nothing in place to prohibit these uses in town. Mr. Minerich described a hotel on the Eastern By-Pass had a container on the front of the property for several years which created an eyesore for the neighboring businesses beautifications. Some businesses however use these units as storage for which often become a permanent structure on the property. We'd like to see these containers on the back portion of the property, not as visible to the street front. There's also been concerns of the units being too close to the roadway and impeding traffic which also pose concerns. By tweaking the ordinance some, and placing permit requirements maybe a good compromise to implementing this ordinance now.

Commission agreed to have Ordinance placed on next agenda for first reading.

**Ordinance 21-24:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the City Purchasing Policy to Bring it into Conformity with a Revision to the Kentucky Statutes. - **Review Only**

City Manager explained that this brought before the Commission is 2019 however it was not adopted. He further explained that due to rising costs of building materials and projects, the city continues to have to bid out projects which greatly slows down progress of projects and increase unnecessary costs. The legislature adopted the new threshold to \$30,000 for small purchase authority and the City Clerk as the Procurement Officer is recommending this Ordinance be adopted.

Other cities have adopted this procurement threshold and would like to see Richmond in conformity with the state bidding statutes.

Commission agreed to place on next agenda for First Reading.

**Annexation of Goggins Lane Roadway- Open Discussion**

City Manager explained that he's been working with Judge Executive Taylor on the City taking over ownership of a portion of Goggins Lane due to city development occurring along that throughfare. By the city owning the 2.2 miles with 3 lanes roadway the city would better input on where entrances and exits are available for development projects.

Commissioner Brewer questioned if the city would now be maintaining the road. Mr. Minerich responded that the county currently maintains the street infrastructure, however the maintenance would be a joint effort with the county.

City Manager mentioned that the county during today's fiscal court meeting passed a resolution to release the portion of Goggins Lane between Barnes Mill Road and Tate Creeks Road to the City of Richmond.

Commission agreed to move forward.

**Public Comments-** none submitted

**Departmental Reports-** none submitted

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

**Board of Commissioner's Discussion**

**McDaniel-** Absent

**Arnold-** No report

**Brewer-**

1. Questioned when the city was going to begin paving. City Manager responded that Allen Company has not provided a start date yet.
2. Questioned if the city was planning to open and close the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street gate to Irvine McDowell Park. City Manager responded that it would need to be in cooperation with police and parks department. He said there's a long history of the gate requesting to be closed by residents, but then people utilizing the park requesting it be left open. City Manager said this request needs to further reviewed before a decision is made.
3. Requested a copy of the Planning & Zoning Board obligations and KRS structure.

Newby- No report

**Mayor Blythe-**

1. Questioned if the city received any feedback from the alcohol changes this past Sunday.
2. Requested an inventory on the city alleyways. He described that some alleys are paved, maintained and accessed more than other residents. However, some are so overgrown can be hiding places for illegal activity.
3. Covid Update- asking the community to help our hospitals and do anything we can to show our appreciation for their hard work.
4. Paint the Town Pink and Domestic Violence events are held in October and reminds us that other necessities of life are still happening beside a pandemic that often concern us.

**Adjournment at 10:13 a.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

**VOTING:**

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

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

  
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MAYOR