

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, JULY 12, 2016**

**PRAYER:** Mike Stevens

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Fire Chief Lonnie Quick

Mayor Wright called to order the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Richmond, Missouri on, July 12, 2016 at 06:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL - COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Mike Wright, Sam Coleman, Dave Powell, Mike Persell, Barb Hardwick and Deanna Guy.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Tom Williams, Ron Peterson and Rob Kinnard, excused.

**ROLL CALL – STAFF PRESENT:** City Administrator-Ron Brohammer, City Clerk-Tonya Willim, Police Chief-Chad Burnine, Finance Director-Rebecca Hoeflicker and Com. Dev. Director-Lisa Hastings Fire Chief-Lonnie Quick, Rec. Director-Haley Williams Superintendent-Joe Jackson and City Attorney Chris Williams.

**STAFF ABSENT:** Wastewater Superintendent-Dale Shipp, Streets, HR-Sandra Williams and Collector-Marilyn O'Dell

**WELCOMING REMARKS –** Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Mike Wright opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. for the Proposed Chapter 353 Tax Abatement for the Richmond Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Ron will speak on this.

This public hearing is to ensure the public is aware of certain tax abatements the Richmond City Council is considering granting tax abatements for building improvements for certain merchants (Community Reality, Chastidy Loftin. Owner; a photography studio, Melinda Macey, Owner; and an ice store, The Scoop, owners Mr. & Mrs. Everett Thompson). These tax abatements will abate taxes only on the improvements completed and will be for a 10 year period unless cost of improvements is recouped sooner. Eligible facilities are located only in the area known as the Richmond Downtown District. The Richmond Downtown District was established in 2012. In order to stimulate improvements and growth in the district, the members asked the City Council to consider establishment of a tax abatement zone to aid growth and improvements in the District. To that end, the City council agrees to consider a tax abatement plan IAW Mo Statutes Chapter 353 for Richmond Downtown District. A key element of this was a determination as to whether or to the area could be considered blighted. Development Initiatives was commissioned to complete the study and blight determination was made. The Richmond Development Corporation, a register Missouri Corporation, was duly appointed by the Mayor and Council February 2016. City Staff developed guidelines and procedures as well as an application process for participants to apply for tax abatement. To date three merchants noted have applied for tax abatements for improvements accomplished or planned to be accomplished. All taxing entities have been properly notified of the potential tax abatements for these three participants. Questions have been answered and no objections have been presented by any of the taxing entities. All documents are available for review and will be attached to these proceedings as a public record. Are there any questions or comments at this time? Questions may be referred to the City Attorney, Chris Williams, the Mayor or me. Hearing none, I recommend the hearing be closed and council approves the tax abatement request

currently under consideration. Chris William stated before the public hearing is closed to enter into the record the list of Exhibits as follows:

1. Notices to the taxing districts of the public hearing for the Richmond Downtown Redevelopment Plan and the tax impact analysis sent certified mail on June 27, 2016 and return receipt cards.
2. Richmond Downtown Redevelopment Plan including the following exhibits:
  - A. Map showing boundary of Redevelopment Area; and
  - B. Tax Impact Analysis.
3. 353 Blight Analysis prepared by Development Initiatives dated June 3, 2015.
4. Richmond Downtown Redevelopment Plan Policy.
5. Richmond Downtown Redevelopment Program Application for Community Realty Building.
6. Richmond Downtown Redevelopment Program Application for The Scoop of Richmond.
7. Richmond Downtown Redevelopment Program Application for Forever Fotos.

Mayor stated with no questions or comments the hearing is closed at 6:36 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** June 28, 2016 minutes of the regular meeting approved as printed.

**COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:** Darrell Richards, 212 N. Sanderson Drive – Received a nuisance letter on vegetation and felt that he should have been address or approached (face to face) at his residence prior to receiving a letter of violation. Mayor explained that it is the City practice to write a Courtney Notice first. Mr. Richards was unhappy with this procedure. Mr. Richards also brought up a lot on Black Diamond that needs assistance in mowing. Mayor explained that there is a group now in the community that volunteers to help with mowing and the Mayor instructed Lisa Hastings to follow up.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** A motion to adopt the agenda as presented by Councilor Guy, second by Councilor Persell. AYES: Hardwick, Powell, Guy, Persell and Coleman. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mike Persell – committee met briefly and discussed the FY17 revenues.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** Deanna Guy – committee met and discussed the Pit Bull Ordinance on t agenda tonight.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Dave Powell – committee has not met and therefore has nothing to report, but will have one in the near future.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Rob Kinnard – absent. Councilor Powell stated they had a joint meeting with Ordinance and discussed same.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mike Wright – American Celebration was the best one this year. Thank you to all the staff that helped.

Appointment of Zachary Thompson – City Prosecutor for three months; Roll called: Coleman, Powell, Guy, Persell and Hardwick. Approved 5-0.

Appointment of Darrin Daniel to Park Board; Roll called: Coleman, Powell, Guy, Persell and Hardwick. Approved 5-0.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Report is included in the packet. C/A discussed staff is currently in the middle of budget process. We did meet with the Finance Committee to go over budget revenues. Attended Highway 13 Coalition meetings and discussed the topics at the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Bill No.: 16-20** Amending Article III of Chapter 210, Article 3, Section 210.225 and 2510.230 regarding Regulations for Dogs. Motion by Councilor Guy, second Councilor Persell, for the first and second reading by title only of **Bill 16-20**. AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Powell, Persell and Coleman. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0. City Clerk, Tonya Willim proceeded with the first and second reading by title only of **Bill 16-20**. Motion to adopt by Councilor Guy, second Councilor Hardwick to approve **Bill 16-20** as ordinance. Discussion: none; roll called. AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Persell, Powell, and Coleman NAYS: None. **Bill 16-20 Approved 5-0.**

B. **Bill No.: 16-21**, Approving The Richmond Downtown Redevelopment Plan Pursuant To Chapter 353 Of The Revised Statutes Of Missouri, Establishing The Redevelopment Area Described Therein As A Blighted Area, And Authorizing Certain Tax Abatements Within The Redevelopment Area. Motion by Councilor Powell, second Councilor Coleman, for the first and second reading by title only of **Bill 16-21**. AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Powell, Persell and Coleman. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0. City Clerk, Tonya Willim proceeded with the first and second reading by title only of **Bill 16-21**. Motion to adopt by Councilor Persell, second Councilor Powell to approve **Bill 16-21** as ordinance. Discussion: none; roll called. AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Persell, Powell, and Coleman NAYS: None. **Bill 16-21. Approved 5-0.**

C. Citizens for Richmond Progress – Councilor Guy discussed the Use Tax Brochure with the Council and the information in the Brochure.

**ADJOURN OPEN/ENTER CLOSED SESSION:** Motion to adjourn open/enter closed pursuant to 610.021 (1) Legal and (12) Contract at 7:07 p.m. by Guy, second by Persell. AYES: Coleman, Guy, Hardwick, Persell and Powell. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

**ADJOURN CLOSE SESSION/ENTER OPEN SESSION:** Motion to adjourn close/enter open at 7:21 p.m. by Powell, second by Persell. AYES: Coleman, Guy, Hardwick, Persell and Powell. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. by Persell, second by Powell. AYES: Coleman, Guy, Hardwick, Persell and Powell. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

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City Clerk, Tonya A. Willim

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Mayor, Mike Wright