

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TASK FORCE
JANUARY 12, 2021**

A meeting of the Blue Springs Human Relations Commission Task Force was held on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Carson Ross presiding.

Pursuant to Jackson County Executive Order dated November 18, 2020 and any subsequent amendments and Phase 2.5 of the Eastern Jackson County Recovery Plan limiting public gatherings, the Task Force members participated in this meeting via video-conference and telephone to ensure safe social distancing measures were taken as provided in Sections 610.020(1) and 610.020(4) RSMo. The public was able to attend via telephone conference.

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS
IN ATTENDANCE**

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| Dr. Warren Haynes, Chair | City Councilmember Galen Ericson |
| Richard Mitchem | City Councilmember Kent Edmondson |
| Nichlaus Stephens | City Councilmember Susan Culpepper |
| Rachel Williams | |

Also present were Mayor Carson Ross, City Administrator Eric Johnson, City Attorney Jacqueline Sommer, Police Chief Bob Muenz and City Clerk Sheryl Morgan.

**CALL MEETING TO
ORDER**

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION OF
QUORUM**

City Clerk Sheryl Morgan confirmed all members of the Task Force were present.

**INTRODUCTION OF
MEMBERS**

Members of the Task Force introduced themselves and shared their interest in serving on the Task Force.

**PURPOSE OF TASK
FORCE**

Mayor Ross outlined the history of the Blue Springs Human Relations Commission and the purpose of the Task Force as approved in Resolution No. 117-2020 approved by the City Council on December 12, 2020. The Mayor stated the Council has requested a report within 120 days (May 3, 2021 City Council meeting). Mayor Ross told the Task Force that he has appointed Dr. Warren Haynes as the Chair of the Task Force.

Mayor Ross asked the City Attorney to invite a representative of the Missouri Human Right Commission to attend the next meeting and provide input and asked her to present information on other communities' Human Relations Commissions and their responsibilities.

SUNSHINE LAW

City Attorney Jacqueline Sommer stated she shared a link with the Task Force members to the Missouri Sunshine Law online and asked everyone to review the rules, specifically relating to open records and meetings. Ms. Sommer shared basics about transparency and conflicts of interest and directed the members to contact her directly if they had any questions or would like to discuss further.

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**NEXT MEETING
SCHEDULED**

The Task Force members agreed to schedule the next meeting for Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

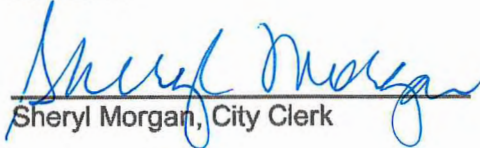
There was no further business to come before the Council, Task Force Chair Haynes moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Member Mitchem and the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

**BLUE SPRINGS HUMAN RELATIONS
COMMISSION TASK FORCE**



Dr. Warren Haynes, Chair

ATTEST:



Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk