



## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TASK FORCE

Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Public Telephone Conference  
(816) 743-4875 - Conference ID: 835 653 250#

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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, this meeting will be conducted by taking safe social distancing measures as required by the Order. The public may participate in the meeting via conference call at **(816) 743-4875; Conference ID 835 653 250#** as provided in Section 610.020(4) RSMo.

Members of the Task Force will be participating via video-conference and/or telephone as provided in Section 610.020(1) RSMo.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2021 Task Force meeting
4. Councilmembers' presentation of their Human Relations Commission experiences and discussion
5. Discussion of Human Relations Commissions in other jurisdictions
6. Discussion of Human Relations Commission purpose
7. Public Comment – Please complete the [Speaker Appearance Form](#) on the City's website prior to 4:30 the day of the meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to five minutes.
8. Next Meeting Scheduled

Adjourn

This Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City's website on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk

**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.

<b>TASK FORCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Dr. Warren Haynes, Chair Richard Mitchem Nichlaus Stephens Rachel Williams	City Councilmember Galen Ericson City Councilmember Kent Edmondson City Councilmember Susan Culpepper
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Also present were Mayor Carson Ross, City Administrator Eric Johnson, City Attorney Jacqueline Sommer, Police Chief Bob Muenz and City Clerk Sheryl Morgan.

<b>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</b>	Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
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<b>CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM</b>	City Clerk Sheryl Morgan confirmed all members of the Task Force were present.
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<b>INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS</b>	Members of the Task Force introduced themselves and shared their interest in serving on the Task Force.
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<b>PURPOSE OF TASK FORCE</b>	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.
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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.

<b>SUNSHINE LAW</b>	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

ATTEST:

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Dr. Warren Haynes, Chair

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Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk

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