

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TASK FORCE
APRIL 22, 2021**

A meeting of the Blue Springs Human Relations Commission Task Force was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Warren Haynes 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	Dr. Warren Haynes, Chair Nichlaus Stephens Rachel Williams	City Councilmember Galen Ericson City Councilmember Kent Edmondson
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ABSENT	City Councilmember Susan Culpepper Richard Mitchem
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Also present were City Attorney Jacqueline Sommer, Police Chief Bob Muenz, and City Clerk Sheryl Morgan. Current Human Relations Commission members Lucas Taylor, Gino Bueno and Courtney McGinnis were also in attendance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER	Chair Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
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CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM	City Clerk Sheryl Morgan confirmed a quorum of the Task Force was present.
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CHANGE IN AGENDA	Chair Haynes stated he would like to change the order of the agenda items to allow Dr. Singletary's presentation earlier in the meeting.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Councilmember Ericson moved to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2021 Task Force meeting. Motion seconded by Member Williams and carried unanimously.
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PRESENTATION – DR. GILBERT SINGLETARY: BLUE SPRINGS HRC: AN OUTSIDER'S VIEW	Dr. Gilbert Singletary reviewed his observations from attending the March 18, 2021 Task Force meeting and reviewing documents relating to the Human Relations Commission. Dr. Singletary shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Task Force, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein.
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CURRENT HRC MEMBER RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN MARCH 18, 2021 TASK FORCE MEETING	The Task Force discussed the responses of the current HRC members to each question Chair Haynes posed during the March 18, 2021 Task Force meeting. The responses were incorporated into a document and included with the agenda packet and are attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein.
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LETTER FROM MAYOR ROSS REQUESTING STATUS OF TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS	Chair Haynes reviewed the details of the original Council request and timeline for the Task Force recommendations. Chair Haynes asked the Task Force members to target wrapping up the duties of the Task
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Force by June 1. The Task Force agreed to meet on Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 6:30 – 8:00 and Tuesday, May 4, 2021 from 6:45 – 8:15 to review each section of the Municipal Code relating to the Human Relations Commission.

BLUE SPRINGS CODE

At the April 29 and May 4 meetings, the Task Force will review Section 120.530 *Functions, Duties, and Responsibilities of the Commission* first, then Section 120.520 *Human Relations Commission Purpose; Composition; Terms of Members; Organization;* and ending with Section 120.510 *Policy*. Each member was requested to review the full Code prior to the April 29 meeting and to be prepared to provide input for amendments. After completion of the review, the Task Force will vote to approve recommendations to the City Council.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 6:30 – 8:00
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 from 6:45 – 8:15

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Task Force, Councilmember Edmondson moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

BLUE SPRINGS HUMAN RELATIONS
COMMISSION TASK FORCE



Dr. Warren Haynes, Chair

ATTEST:



Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk