

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TASK FORCE
JANUARY 28, 2021**

A meeting of the Blue Springs Human Relations Commission Task Force was held on Thursday, January 28, 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 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 City Attorney Jacqueline Sommer, Police Chief Bob Muenz, Captain Jeff Sargent, and City Clerk Sheryl Morgan.

**CALL MEETING TO
ORDER**

Chair Dr. Warren Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION OF
QUORUM**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Mitchem moved to approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2021 Task Force meeting. Motion seconded by Member Ericson and carried unanimously.

**COUNCILMEMBERS'
EXPERIENCE WITH HRC**

The Councilmembers serving on the Task Force stated in their experience the following items are of concern with the current HRC:

- Apparent confusion on responsibilities
- Not a defined purpose
- Sub-committees
- Focus
- School District issues
- Lack of support from City leadership
- Needs direction from City Council
- Community events poorly attended

The Task Force Members discussed the current purpose of the HRC, as well as the items raised by the Councilmembers.

**HRCs IN OTHER
JURISDICTION**

Chair Haynes stated the Task Force will be reviewing best practices of other HRCs and asked the members to send any agenda items they'd like to have discussed at a future meeting. City Attorney Sommer will forward the Ordinance and documents relating to the establishment and purpose of the Blue Springs Human Relations Commission, as well as the contract and presentation documents from Dr. Emmanuel Ngomsi.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Jacquelyn Langston of the Blue Springs School District introduced herself and said she would be attending the meetings and can be a resource for questions related to the School District.

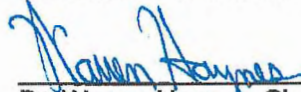
NEXT MEETING

The Task Force members agreed to schedule the next meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Council, Task Force Member Culpepper moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Member Edmondson and the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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COMMISSION TASK FORCE



Dr. Warren Haynes, Chair

ATTEST:



Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk