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done over night. But we're working on a plan to fix it."

ZONING CHANGES

The Richmond City Commission heard the second readings of a set of ordinances that would change the zoning classification of several properties from agricultural to R1-C small family residential small lot as part of an expansion of the New Carriage Place apartment complex.

The first set is 49.53 acres on Berea Road. The second changes 18.09 acres, also on Berea Road. The request comes from Richmond Development Company LLC and Spangler Apts LLC. The Richmond Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the the matter on Aug. 19, and moved forward with a recommendation on approving the zone changes.

Commissioner Jim Newby asked if it was connected to Carriage Place or a seperate area. Minerich confirmed that it is connected to the other Carriage Place apartments.

"It is connected to the back of it," Minerich said. "It backs up to the Gibson Bay Golf Course."

The commission also heard the second reading of ordinance 26-30, which would rezone 88.36 acres on 96 Punkin Run Road from vacant R1A single-family residential large lot to R1C single-family residential small lot and R3 multi-family apartments. The Richmond Planning and Zoning Commission approved of the zone change during a July 15 meeting. It comes at the request of property owners Richmond Development Company LLC.

The zone change was approved by the commission. Commissioner Mike Brewer asked how many units would be going on the lot. Minerich said that he did not know yet and he didn't believe the Planning and Zoning Committee knew yet either.

ANNEXATIONS

The commission heard the second readings of a pair of ordinances that would annex properties into the city limits. The properties in question are 0.35 acres of land at 217 Pleasure Drive, along with 0.38 acres 223 Pleasure Drive and 0.42 acres at 611 Benjamin Drive. These annex requests were made by property owners hoping to connect to the city's sewer system. With those property owners the owners paying the cost for connecting to that system. Both annexations were approved unanimously by the commission.

"These annexation requests are from the Hillcrest Subdivision and the reason they're asking to be annexed into the city is so they can connect to the city sewer. They're currently in the county and have to use septic tanks. We can provide them sewer," Minerich said during the first readings of the ordinances.



FILE

The Richmond City Commission approved of several zoning changes at Carriage Place and annexed several new properties into the city during their Oct. 27 meeting.

SEWAGE REGULATIONS

City Attorney Chris Johnson took on a summarised reading of Ordinance 26-33, a 70-plus page state required ordinance regulating the use of public and private usage of sewers and drains in the city.

"This is an ordinance that the State Department Division of Water requires Richmond Utilities to adopt every five years or so," Johnson said. "I wish I knew the logic of the state in making us go through the time and effort and paper cost to make us do this again."

It requires a long list of uniform requirements for users of the city's wastewater and treatment systems. Johnson said that it helps protects the publicly owned system from damage and pollution. Among many other requirements, the ordinance requires all occupied buildings within 90 feet of the sewage system to connect to it within 90 days. It also bans the use of septic tanks, privies, and cesspools in areas were the sewer system is available.

It also bans wastewater or industrial waste from being dumped into storm sewers or other natural outlets, along with any substances that could put workers in danger. Private wastewater systems are allowed to be put in place where the sewage system is not available, but those require the proper permits and inspections from the city.

"This ordinance establishes a full network framework for emergency suspension of services for dangerous discharges, notices of violations requiring correction, administrative fines ranging from $200 to $1,000 per day per violation. The revocation of permits, civil actions and liability for damage, criminal investigations where appropriate, and publication of significant non-compliance annually in the local newspaper," Johnson said, reading the ordinance.

This is the first reading of the ordinance, meaning it's ultimate passage will be determined in its second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS

The commission awarded a bid for sand blasting and painting services for the pool at Paradise Cove water park. True Colors LLC of London, KY at a cost of $228,630.

Funding for that project is pulled from the Parks Department's Aquatic Center Expense Fund.

In Order 26-175, the commission approved a CDBG administration contract with FAHE Consulting for a Community Development Block Grant program for Richmond's 2026 recovery project at Liberty Place. Professional consultant services are required for the program.

The contract with FAHE has a $1,500 application fee and administrative fee of $10,000.

Robin Sowers was appointed to the city's Architectural Review Board.

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horizon in 2027.

"We have a law that's about to go into effect in 2027 that could kick 200,000 Kentuckians off their Medicaid right in the midst of this cost crisis… We've got to restore these those Medicaid cuts immediately. My opponent has been in favor of these Medicaid cuts from the beginning," Dembo said.

One of the key parts of Dembo's platform is pushing back on corruption in government. He highlighted that with several policy issues he would pursue if elected.

"While all of us are struggling to figure out if we can fill our gas tank or fill our prescriptions, we have folks in D.C. on both sides of the aisle getting rich through stock trades by becoming lobbyists and thinking their only job is to get reelected until they die in office," Dembo said. "I have come out firmly against stock trading. No member of congress should be allowed to trade stocks. No member of congress should ever be allowed to be a lobbyist. and finally, we need term limits for members of congress."

Dembo and Alvarado both spent a large part of the debate on the offense. Dembo was critical of Alvarado's role in working with nursing homes that were sued for malpractice while he was also serving in the state legislature. He also attacked him for being named as a gift recipient of a Lexington firm that settled a Medicare fraud suit in 2015.

According to a report from the Lexington Herald Leader's John Cheves, Alvarado did work as a medical director for several nursing homes reported by state inspectors to have serious care issues. That report from the Herald also found that Alvarado supported bills that would "limit the damages that can be collected from medical malpractice suits" for nursing homes and other facilities.

Nurses Registry and Home Health — a Lexington firm that listed gifts to Alvarado including several campaign contributions, tickets for sporting events, and an edible arrangement gift basket — settled a Medicare fraud suit for $16 million in 2015. According to the Herald, Alvarado was not charged, sued, or named as a defendant as part of that fraud investigation.

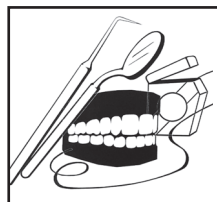
For his part, Alvarado said that those claims were lies.

"Nursing homes have hired me to turn them around… I've improved them over the years," Alvarado said. "The fraud that he's talking about was a Christmas fruit basket worth $56 that was sent to me by a home health agency to my office."

Alvarado attacked Dembo on several fronts, criticizing his record as a federal prosecutor in the Biden Administration and previous donations to Democratic presidential candidates over the years. He repeatedly brought up claims that Dembo had received a $500,000 donation from LinkedIn founder and Jeffrey Epstein associate Reid Hoffman. In truth, Hoffman donated to the Kentuckians Not Corruption — a PAC that is supporting Dembo. Dembo did not directly take money from Hoffman.

"I did not solicit any donation from whoever this guy is he's talking about, Dembo said. "I'm the only one who's said

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