



City of Richmond

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Kristen Nye, President
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison (early departure)
The Honorable Nicole Jones (early departure)
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (early departure)
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Call to Order

Council President Kristen Nye called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Security and Spanish Interpretation Announcements

Security policies and expected conduct for members of the public present in the Council Chamber were announced.

City Clerk Candice Reid stated that Spanish interpretation service was available in the Council Chamber and that attendees should speak with a representative to receive the appropriate equipment. City Clerk Reid also stated that Spanish interpretation service was available virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Roxana Talavera-Denson, Language Access Coordinator, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement, then provided Spanish interpretation of previously provided announcements.

Pastor Julius S. White of Community Christian Center, 2213 National Street, Richmond, Virginia, provided the invocation.

Members of Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Assistant City Clerk Nahdiyah Muhammad provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with public speaker guidelines.

Electronic Participation

Pursuant to Rule III(D)(4)(b) of Council's Rules of Procedure, Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert and Councilor Andreas Addison made requests to participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams from Tampa, Florida, due to their participation in a National League of Cities conference that prevented their physical attendance. The Council members present were required to adopt a motion to approve Vice President Lambert's and Councilor Addison's participation in the meeting by electronic communication means if it appeared to the body that their requests complied with Rule III(D) of Council's Rules of Procedure. A motion was solicited from those members physically assembled to approve Vice President Lambert's and Councilor Addison's participation in the meeting by electronic communication means.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved to allow Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert and Councilor Andreas Addison to participate in the meeting by electronic communication means. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Jordan, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille, Nye. Noes None.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2024.344](#) Board Appointments and Reappointments - November 12, 2024

Councilor Nicole Jones moved that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks:

Charlie Williams (reappointment)

Human Rights Commission:

Elle Merkle

Christopher Pittman

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Board:

Paul Logan

Maggie L. Walker Initiative Citizens Advisory Board:

Zenobia Cardwell

Richmond Behavioral Health Authority:

Diane Sheehey

Participatory Budgeting Steering Commission:

Reginald Bates

Troi Hughes

Advisory Board for the Assessment of Towing Fees and the Storage of Vehicles:

Sydney Collier

City Planning Commission:

Victor McKenzie

Safe and Healthy Streets Commission:

John Hamilton (reappointment)

Urban Design Committee

Luigi Mignardi (reappointment)

Clean City Commission:

Markita Allen (reappointment)

George Dahlman (reappointment)

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille, Lambert, Nye. Noes None. Addison and Jordan were excused.

Awards and Presentations

There were no awards or presentations.

Public Comment

[CD.2024.342](#) November 12, 2024 Public Comment Period Speakers List

Screen Haddad addressed Council and requested that members adopt a proposed ceasefire resolution related to the conflict in Gaza. Ms. Haddad also addressed the conflict's impact on her family, and she further stated that Council could no longer remain silent about the conflict.

Nancy Rives addressed Council and requested that members adopt a proposed ceasefire resolution related to the conflict in Gaza. Ms. Rives also stated her concerns about the reaction to students and other members of the public that protested about the conflict.

Nakina Dunn, New Virginia Majority member, addressed Council and stated her concerns about her experience as a renter in the city. Ms. Dunn informed Council that she was assured safe code compliant housing from the property owner of her rental unit, but instead was provided a unit with bug infestations and other unsafe conditions. Ms. Dunn also addressed the legal proceedings associated with her trying to get the unsafe conditions addressed by the property owner.

Abraham Castillo, New Virginia Majority member, addressed Council and stated his concerns about housing issues experienced by the city's immigrant community. Mr. Castillo recommended that the city implement housing policies similar to Arlington County that would benefit Richmond's immigrant community.

Michaela Ross, Legal Aid Justice Center Senior Attorney, addressed Council and stated that she supported more rental assistance and services provided by the city for its residents. Ms. Ross also requested that the city take more action to enforce code requirements to ensure safe housing. Ms. Ross also stated the city should provide more rental relief assistance to city residents to prevent evictions.

Jana Hobbs, New Virginia Majority member, addressed Council and informed members about her concerns regarding stable housing in the city. Ms. Hobbs stated that many city residents will live in unsafe apartments because they fear losing access to their rental unit if the property is condemned. Ms. Hobbs requested that the city provide more funding to the Family Crisis Fund.

Bridgette Whitaker addressed Council and stated her concerns about affordable housing development in the city.

Rhonda Sneed, Blessing Warriors CEO, addressed Council and stated her concerns about access to emergency shelter in the city.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert moved to amend the agenda as follows:

4. [ORD. 2024-257](#) To designate the 100 block of West Leigh Street in honor of William Isaac Johnson, Sr. (2nd District)
Patrons: Ms. Jordan, Vice President Lambert, Ms. Robertson and Mr. Addison
To be continued to Monday, December 9, 2024

20. [ORD. 2024-282](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1321 Porter Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to four dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)
Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request) and Ms. Robertson
To be continued to Monday, December 9, 2024

22. [ORD. 2024-187](#) To amend City Code §§ 26-871, concerning the establishment of annual license taxes, and 26-873, concerning exemptions to license taxes, to increase the threshold for business, professional and occupational license taxes from \$250,000.00 to \$500,000.00.
Patrons: Mr. Addison, Ms. Lynch, Vice President Lambert and Ms. Robertson
To be continued to Monday, December 9, 2024

That motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances were considered:

1. [ORD. 2024-198](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1220 West Cary Street for the purpose of a multifamily building containing up to 12 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (5th District)
Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)
This ordinance was adopted.
2. [ORD. 2024-244](#) To amend Ord. No. 2004-123-89, adopted May 10, 2004, as previously amended by Ord. No. 95-196-197, adopted July 24, 1995, and Ord. No. 2004-123-89, adopted May 10, 2004, which authorized the use of the real estate formerly known as 5005-5007 Grove Avenue and currently known as 5007-5009 Grove Avenue, for the purpose of the construction of eight single-family condominium dwelling units, to authorize an addition to the dwelling unit known as 5007-A Grove Avenue, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)
Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)
This ordinance was adopted.
3. [ORD. 2024-256](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Non-Exclusive License Agreement between the City of Richmond and Greyhound Lines, Inc. for the purpose of granting Greyhound Lines, Inc. permission to use a portion of Main Street Station at 1500 East Main Street as a bus stop, passenger boarding, and waiting area. (7th District)
Patrons: Mayor Stoney
This ordinance was adopted.
5. [ORD. 2024-258](#) To close, to public use and travel, an alley in the block bounded by Hull Street, East 20th Street, Decatur Street and East 21st Street, consisting of 1,320± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.
Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)
This ordinance was adopted.
6. [ORD. 2024-259](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1301 North 27th Street for the purpose of up to one single-family detached dwelling and one single-family attached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

7. [ORD. 2024-260](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1537 Rogers Street for the purpose of one two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

8. [ORD. 2024-261](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 4236 Shirley Road and 4240 Shirley Road for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, with driveway access to the street exceeding nine feet in width, upon certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

9. [ORD. 2024-264](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize (i) the acquisition of the real property known as 4700 Trenton Avenue and a portion of 2001 Walmsley Boulevard and (ii) the grant and acceptance of certain easements relating to the acquisition of such real property, for the purpose of creating a City park, constructing a right-of-way for the extension of Walmsley Boulevard from Commerce Road to Richmond Highway, and developing an economic development site for commercial and civic growth with a workforce development component. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

10. [ORD. 2024-265](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 2-1056, concerning the creation and composition of the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks, for the purpose of modifying the membership and composition of the City's Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks.

Patrons: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was adopted.

11. [ORD. 2024-267](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of two road murals, one to be installed at the intersection of North 27th Street and Nine Mile Road and one to be installed at the intersection of North 28th Street and U Street, and maintenance services, all valued at approximately \$38,820.00 from Bon Secours - Richmond Community Hospital LLC for the purpose of supporting Bon Secours - Richmond Community Hospital LLC's Community Today, Community Tomorrow: Pathway to Wellness in the East End strategy.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

12. [ORD. 2024-268](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to issue a grant, loan, or a combination thereof from the City's HOME - ARP Special Fund in the amount of \$4,964,725.90, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to execute all necessary documents to effect such issuance for the purpose of financing the construction of the Rady Street Apartments project.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

13. [ORD. 2024-269](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Capital Region Land Conservancy Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Capital Region Land Conservancy, Inc. for the purpose of providing a grant to Capital Region Land Conservancy, Inc. for the acquisition and transfer of real property to the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

14. [ORD. 2024-270](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and New Life Deliverance Tabernacle for the purpose of funding a voluntary gun buyback event in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lynch and Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was adopted.

15. [ORD. 2024-271](#) To amend ch. 11 of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 9, consisting of §§ 11-198.1-11-198.4, for the purpose of establishing Sustainable Design Standards as part of the City of Richmond RVAgreen 2050: Climate Equity Action Plan 2030.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

16. [ORD. 2024-278](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$10,768,910.00 from the Federal Highway Administration and to amend Ord. No. 2024-100, adopted May 13, 2024, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) establishing a new project for the Department of Public Works in the

Transportation category called the “Safe Streets for All” project and (ii) increasing estimated revenues from the funds received from the Federal Highway Administration and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Public Works’ Safe Streets for All project in the Transportation category by \$10,768,910.00, for the purpose of funding a Safe Streets and Roads for All program.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was adopted.

17. [ORD. 2024-279](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$18,400,000.00 from the United States Department of Transportation, to amend Ord. No. 2024-100, adopted May 13, 2024, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and determined a means of financing the same, to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works’ Arthur Ashe Boulevard Bridge Replacement project in the Transportation - G.O. Bonds category by \$18,400,000.00, for the purpose of providing funding for the Arthur Ashe Boulevard Bridge Replacement project.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

18. [ORD. 2024-280](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3820 Hermitage Road for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building to a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

19. [ORD. 2024-281](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 7001 Jahnke Road for the purpose of motor fuels dispensing and a mixed-use building, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

21. [ORD. 2024-283](#) To establish the City-owned real estate known as 1305 North 5th Street as a cemetery in accordance with City Code § 7-21. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Robertson, Vice President Lambert and Ms. Newbille

This ordinance was adopted.

It was the consensus of Council to permit speakers one minute and thirty seconds to provide comment during public hearings for the remainder of the meeting.

Public Hearing

Stephanie Starling spoke in opposition to ORD. 2024-281, and stated that the surrounding area would not support the proposed fuel station's increased traffic. Ms. Starling also stated that the fuel station would decrease public safety, and she noted her concerns about the amount of public noticing provided for the special use permit.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Joanne Myers spoke in opposition to ORD. 2024-281, and stated that the proposed mixed-use building was too ambitious for the size of the land parcel. Ms. Myers also stated her concerns about the lack of parking near the location.

Boralis Roland spoke in opposition to ORD. 2024-281, and stated that the proposed mixed-use building was subject to certain terms and conditions, and that he did not believe the development would adhere to the listed terms and conditions. Mr. Roland also stated that the project would negatively impact the community due to the increase of traffic.

Charles Samuels, attorney representing property owners and residents located at the 1200 block of West Cary Street, addressed concerns raised about ORD. 2024-198. Mr. Samuels stated that the development had no dedicated parking for residents, and that the overflow of new residents seeking parking and increased density would negatively impact the surrounding community.

Charles Myers spoke in opposition of ORD. 2024-281, and stated his concerns about city government's public outreach regarding the proposed development.

Marshall Haynes spoke in opposition to ORD. 2024-198, and he stated that he did not believe the proposed development was in compliance with city requirements.

Cindy Anderson spoke in support of ORD. 2024-264, and stated that the city's proposed purchase of the property would lead to more development in the 8th Voter District.

Christine Gibson spoke in support of ORD. 2024-264, and stated that 8th Voter District residents want more development to improve their quality of life.

Courtney Farrar, RVA Rapid Transit Ambassador, spoke in support of ORD. 2024-278, and stated that the Federal Highway Administration funding to be provided to the city would improve the safety of residents.

Emily Pinchbeck, 1321 Porter Street Property Manager, spoke in support of ORD. 2024-282, and stated that she followed the instructions of city staff regarding the special use permit and that she hoped Council would adopt the proposed ordinance.

Kevin Vonck, Department of Planning and Development Review Director, provided additional information regarding why the City Planning Commission continued ORD. 2024-282 to the December 3, 2024 City Planning Commission meeting.

Councilor Ellen Robertson addressed ORD. 2024-282, and she requested that members of the public be allowed to speak even though the ordinance was being continued.

Sophia spoke in support of ORD. 2024-282, and provided members with her experience as a former tenant of 1321 Porter Street. Sophia stated that she did not believe the city was correct in condemning the building.

Sue Mondeau spoke in support of ORD. 2024-282, and stated that she believed that the residents of 1321 Porter Street were unfairly impacted by city staff decisions.

Ross Butler spoke in support of ORD. 2024-282, and stated that he was a nearby neighbor.

Alyssa Regula, Chippenham Hospital employee, spoke in support of ORD. 2024-281, and stated that the proposed development would benefit hospital employees and nearby residents.

Jamie Dabney spoke in support of ORD. 2024-281, and stated the proposed development would benefit the surrounding neighborhood.

Indistinct name provided spoke in support of ORD. 2024-281, and stated that the proposed development would provide needed food options for nearby residents.

Will Gillette, Baker Development, representing the ORD. 2024-281 special use permit applicant, spoke in support and stated the special use permit would allow the renovation of an existing building that would provide more housing and food options, while also providing a fuel station.

Alessandro Ragazzi, Baker Development, representing the ORD. 2024-198 special use permit applicant, spoke in support and stated the development adheres to the Richmond 300 Master Plan and would provide much needed housing options in the city.

Mark Baker, Baker Development, representing the ORD. 2024-198 special use permit applicant, spoke in support and provided Council with a legislative history of the special use permit request and community outreach by the applicant.

Lenora McQueen spoke in support of ORD. 2024-283, and stated that the Shockoe Hill Burial Ground was a historically significant cemetery that should be protected.

Councilor Nicole Jones stated that two town hall meetings took place within the 9th Voter District regarding the proposed development referenced in ORD. 2024-281. Councilor Jones also stated that residents and local businesses informed her of their support for the proposed development. Councilor Jones informed members that she also supported the development.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch asked for more details about the concerns raised by residents regarding ORD. 2024-198.

Charles Samuels, attorney representing property owners and residents located at the 1200 block of West Cary Street, stated that ORD. 2024-198 contained inaccurate maps depicting both a large amount of residences and designated parking spots. Mr. Samuels informed Council that he did not believe the ordinance should be adopted with such discrepancies.

Mark Baker, Baker Development, representing the ORD. 2024-198 special use permit applicant, stated that one map depicted the current condition of the parcel with the parking lot, and that the second map containing the large residential development, depicted the proposed changes.

Councilor Reva Trammell stated appreciation for individuals that spoke in support of ORD. 2024-264. Councilor Trammell also stated the opportunity for the city to purchase such a large amount of land for potential development was rare, and that the city should initiate the purchase. Councilor Trammell further stated the property could be used to offer city resources to residents located in the city's Southside.

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2024-270, ORD. 2024-278, and ORD. 2024-282. Councilor Robertson stated she was concerned that city administration had not presented any proposed development plans for the proposed land purchase referenced in ORD. 2024-264. Councilor Robertson requested that city administration provide more information to Council regarding potential development plans.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Lincoln Saunders provided information about potential uses of the land, and he noted the desire to have fifty acres remain as greenspace, create facilities to provide city services, and increase traffic connectivity for Southside residents. CAO Saunders stated the city is open to different scenarios, but that it must first purchase the land.

Sharon Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) for Planning and Economic Development, provided additional information regarding the proposed purchase and stated it was a great opportunity for the city.

Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert and Councilor Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as co-patrons of ORD. 2024-283.

President Kristen Nye stated her support for the development project referenced in ORD. 2024-281.

There were no further comments or discussions and the Consent Agenda was adopted: Ayes 8, Jordan, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille, Lambert, Nye. Noes None. Addison was excused.

The Regular Agenda

The following ordinances were considered:

24. [ORD. 2024-222](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 26-355, concerning the levy of tax on real estate, to establish a tax rate of \$1.16 for the tax year beginning Jan. 1, 2025, pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-3321(b), and increasing such rate from the Rolled Back Tax Rate of \$1.136 as computed in accordance with Va. Code § 58.1-3321(a).

Patrons: Ms. Trammell, Ms. Robertson and Vice President Lambert

This ordinance was rejected.

25. [ORD. 2024-223](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 26-355, concerning the levy of tax on real estate, to establish a tax rate of \$1.20 for the tax year beginning Jan. 1, 2025, pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-3321(b), and increasing such rate from the Rolled Back Tax Rate of \$1.136 as computed in accordance with Va. Code § 58.1-3321(a).

Patrons: President Nye

Councilor Reva Trammell provided an introduction and additional background information regarding ORD. 2024-222 and the proposed \$1.16 real estate tax rate.

President Kristen Nye provided an introduction and additional background information regarding ORD. 2024-223 and the proposed \$1.20 real estate tax rate.

Public Hearing

Cindy Anderson spoke in support of ORD. 2024-222 and the proposed \$1.16 real estate tax rate. Ms. Anderson stated the real estate tax rate impacts rental rates in the city and that the city should lower the rate to help renters remain in their current residences.

Bonnie Atwood spoke in support of ORD. 2024-222 and the proposed \$1.16 real estate tax rate. Ms. Atwood stated rising assessments made it difficult for long-term residents to remain in the city, and she requested that the rate be reduced.

William Earl Andrews, city employee retiree, spoke in support of ORD. 2024-222 and the proposed \$1.16 real estate tax rate. Mr. Andrews stated the lack of cost-of-living adjustments for city retirees made it difficult to remain in the city as real estate assessments continue to increase. Mr. Andrews also stated that proposed tax relief programs would not help all the residents in need of tax relief.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated that city revenue has increased due to the rise in city real estate assessments. Councilor Robertson also stated that the city was becoming unaffordable for some, and she requested that city administration provide details on city revenue increases due to rising assessments. Councilor Robertson informed members that she supported lowering the city real estate tax rate to \$1.16.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Lincoln Saunders addressed Councilor Robertson's questions and provided more details about city revenue, city expenditures, and tax relief programs. CAO Saunders also stated cutting the city budget and lowering taxes should occur during the budget review process.

Councilor Katherine Jordan informed members that she supported ORD. 2024-223 and the real estate tax rate of \$1.20, because of the tax relief programs the higher rate would provide certain city residents. Councilor Jordan also stated that future federal funding was uncertain due to the recent United States presidential election. Councilor Jordan further stated her concerns that lowering the real estate tax rate could hurt the city's ability to borrow money.

Councilor Nicole Jones stated she was concerned that the city was not ready to adjust the budget if the real estate tax rate was lowered. Councilor Jones also stated that city administration needed to better assist city residents with applying to available tax relief programs.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille stated financial uncertainties prevented the city from lowering the real estate tax rate, such as completing collective bargaining agreements with city employees. Councilor Newbille also stated her support for the tax relief programs that would be funded by maintaining a \$1.20 real estate tax rate. Councilor Newbille further stated that the city could look at lowering the real estate tax rate in the future.

Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert stated that residents are experiencing housing affordability issues. Vice President Lambert also stated that more affordable housing developments are needed, and she informed members that she supported lowering the real estate tax rate to \$1.16.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2024-222 was rejected: Ayes 4, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Lambert. Noes 5, Addison, Jordan, Jones, Newbille, Nye.

There were no additional comments or discussions and ORD. 2024-223 was unanimously adopted.

The following ordinances were considered:

29. [ORD. 2024-272](#) To amend ch. 16, art. I, of the City Code by adding therein a new section 16-3, concerning a gap grant program for income-based housing grants.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Newbille, President Nye, Vice President Lambert, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Trammell and Ms. Jones

30. [ORD. 2024-273](#) To amend City Code §§ 26-364, concerning tax relief for elderly persons and evaluation of the exemption or freeze program, and 26-365, concerning tax relief for qualified permanently and totally disabled persons and evaluation of the exemption or freeze program, for the purpose of increasing certain income and financial net worth requirements and calculated benefit of the Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities Real Estate Tax Freeze Program.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, President Nye, Ms. Newbille, Vice President Lambert, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Trammell and Ms. Jones

31. [ORD. 2024-274](#) To amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by increasing estimated revenues from real estate taxes by \$12,000,000.00 and appropriating the increased revenues to new line items within the “Non Departmental & Central Appropriations” budget and various departments.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, President Nye, Vice President Lambert, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Trammell, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Jones

32. [ORD. 2024-275](#) To create a new reservation of fund balance called the 2024 Real Estate Tax Relief Reserve, intended to be categorized as an assigned fund balance and used to return surplus real property tax revenues to taxpayers through a one-time, four-cent rebate.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, President Nye, Vice President Lambert, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Trammell, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Jones

33. [ORD. 2024-276](#) To return surplus real estate tax revenues to taxpayers pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2511.1.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, President Nye, Vice President Lambert, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Trammell, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Jones

34. [ORD. 2024-277](#) To amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) re-appropriate up to \$16,000,000.00 of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 fund balance excess assigned to the 2024 Real Estate Tax Relief Reserve established by Ord. No. 2024-275, adopted November 12, 2024, (ii) create a new line item entitled “Real Estate Tax Relief - Department of Finance” in the Central Appropriations budget, and (iii) appropriate up to such \$16,000,000.00 to such new line item in the Central Appropriations budget for the purpose of returning surplus real property tax revenue to real estate taxpayers in the city of Richmond pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2511.1 through a one-time, four-cent rebate.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Newbille, President Nye, Vice President Lambert, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Trammell and Ms. Jones

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Lincoln Saunders provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed ordinances.

Councilor Reva Trammell asked if the proposed \$0.04 real estate tax rebate would be subject to taxes.

CAO Saunders stated he was uncertain, but that he believed it depended on the recipient's financial situation.

Public Hearing

Gustavo Espinosa, Legal Aid Justice Center Tenant Organizer, spoke in support of ORD. 2024-272, and stated that the gap grant program for income-based housing grants would help city residents in need of tax relief.

Warren Campbell, New Virginia Majority Community Organizer, spoke in support of ORD. 2024-272, and stated that he appreciated the pilot program but requested that more funding be allocated to assist housing instability. Mr. Campbell also requested that any work force development requirement from recipients actively working be removed.

Michaela Ross, Legal Aid Justice Center Senior Attorney, spoke in support of ORD. 2024-272, and stated that more rental assistance was necessary for city residents.

Jana Hobbs, New Virginia Majority member, stated that renters need assistance to remain housed.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated her support for the targeted tax relief provided by the proposed ordinances.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2024-272, ORD. 2024-273, and ORD. 2024-277.

Councilor Nicole Jones requested that city administration provide Council with more details regarding the tax relief programs, and she also noted her prior request that the workforce training requirement not be applicable to recipients that are employed.

Councilor Ellen Robertson inquired if a future appropriation ordinance would be necessary to ensure funding for the proposed rent relief programs.

CAO Saunders stated he did not believe a subsequent appropriation ordinance would be necessary.

Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert stated she appreciated the proposed tax relief programs, but she requested that City Council continue to look at reducing the city real estate tax rate in the future.

President Kristen Nye stated she agreed with Councilor Jones, and she requested that city administration ensure sufficient outreach is made to residents about the tax relief programs.

President Kristen Nye, Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert, and Councilors Jordan, Lynch, Robertson, Newbille, Trammell, and Jones requested to be added as co-patrons to ORD. 2024-272, ORD. 2024-273, ORD. 2024-274, ORD. 2024-275, ORD. 2024-276, and ORD. 2024-277, unless previously associated as a co-patron.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2024-272, ORD. 2024-273, ORD. 2024-274, ORD. 2024-275, ORD. 2024-276, and ORD. 2024-277 were unanimously adopted.

The following ordinances were considered:

26. [ORD. 2024-251](#) To amend Ord. No. 2024-100, adopted May 13, 2024, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) transferring \$2,000,000.00 from the Department of Public Works' Commerce Road Improvement Project in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional category; (ii) establishing a new project for the Office of Animal Care and Control in the Capital Investment Opportunities category called the "Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center" project, and (iii) appropriating such transferred funds to the Office of Animal Care and Control's new project in the Capital Investment Opportunities category called the Richmond Animal Care & Control Adoption Center project, all for the purpose of providing funding for the acquisition of the real properties located at 2310 West Cary Street and 2311 Herbert Hamlet Alley in the city of Richmond and for the expansion and operations of the Office of Animal Care and Control's adoption center. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, President Nye and Ms. Trammell

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27. [ORD. 2024-252](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the parcels of real property owned by Cary Studios Associates, LLC located at 2310 West Cary Street and 2311 Herbert Hamlet Alley for the purpose of supporting and expanding the operations of the Office of Animal Care and Control. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, President Nye and Ms. Trammell

Christie Peters, Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC) Director, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed ordinances.

Public Hearing

Lucy Mennick spoke in support of the ordinances and stated the new shelter would help individuals in need of animal boarding support.

Dr. Alice Ulrichs, RACC Veterinarian, spoke in support of the ordinances, and she stated the current RACC shelter location is prone to chaos due to the building layout. Dr. Ulrichs also stated the new facility would provide a calm and safe environment for animals and visitors.

Katherine Joelle spoke in support of the ordinances and stated RACC assists residents from all backgrounds.

Mary Baltimore, RACC Foundation President, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated that the RACC Foundation Board supported the purchase of the new facility.

Dr. Charlene Noll, Woodside Equine Clinic Veterinarian, spoke in support of the proposed ordinances and stated that the new facility would help increase the positive impact animals have on residents.

Brittany McBean spoke in support of the proposed ordinances and stated that neighborhoods with higher animal populations have fewer crime incidents. Ms. McBean also stated the new shelter would help increase animal adoption rates in the city.

Todd Woodson, Richmond Animal Advocacy Alliance President, Humane Society of the United States Policy Advisor, spoke in support of the proposed ordinances and stated that the new facility would benefit the city.

Betty Miyako spoke in support of the ordinances and stated the new facility would help RACC increase potential adoptions.

Dr. Ella Rak, Virginia Veterinary Centers Veterinarian, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated that RACC is an organization that provides much needed services to residents and animals in need.

Jon Bridges, Richmond Police Department (RPD) Sergeant, RACC volunteer, RPD Liaison to RACC, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated he had confidence that RACC would effectively use the new facility.

Dr. Patrick Bales, UrgentVet Carytown Veterinary Clinic Veterinarian, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated RACC needs the new facility to expand and continue the services it provides residents.

Dr. Joseline Torrence, UrgentVet Carytown Veterinary Clinic Veterinarian, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated RACC helps residents in crisis situations. Dr. Torrence also stated the new facility would help RACC expand the services it provides residents.

Kensey Jones, RACC volunteer, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated that she deeply believed in the mission of RACC.

Lauren Wade spoke in support of the ordinances and stated the new facility would provide more space for the emergency sheltering of animals in crisis.

Erin Bailey, RACC volunteer, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated the new facility would provide a more inviting environment for potential animal adopters.

Heather Euler, RACC volunteer, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated the facility would provide a better environment for stressed animals recovering from a crisis.

Phyllis Klaust, RACC volunteer, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated she believed in RACC's core values.

Melanie, RACC volunteer, spoke in support of the ordinances and requested that Council be aware of the positive impact of RACC.

Barbra Elledge, RACC volunteer, RACC Foundation Board member, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated that the new facility would help stressed animals decompress in a calm environment.

Jessica Holt, RACC volunteer, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated the new facility would help stressed animals recovering from a crisis be adopted.

Jennifer Racusso spoke in support of the ordinances and stated adopted animals provide a positive impact on their adopter. Ms. Racusso also stated the new facility would benefit city residents and not just animals.

Pam Wright, Richmond Public Schools (RPS) teacher, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated that the new facility had great potential.

Ashley Calkins, RACC volunteer, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated that RACC needed the support of the new facility.

David Calkins spoke in support of the ordinances and stated that RACC has had a large impact on the city. Mr. Calkins also stated the new facility was a strong investment for the city.

Mellissa Grotman spoke in support of the ordinances and requested that the new facility provide the same care and attention to cats that dogs receive.

Dr. Laura Turner, Virginia Veterinary Centers Veterinarian, spoke in support of the ordinances and the work of RACC.

Sarah-Ann Diamond spoke in support of the ordinances and stated that the facility would help residents in need of pet supervision when undergoing necessary medical treatments.

Susan Coombes, RACC volunteer, spoke in support of the ordinances and stated the new facility would benefit RACC staff.

Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert asked for the operating costs if the city had two functioning animal shelters.

Christie Peters, RACC Director, stated the new facility would require \$26,000 a year for operating costs.

Councilor Katherine Jordan inquired if the new facility was big enough and if the city had looked at other facility options.

Director Peters stated the proposed facility met RACC's needs, such as location, size and costs.

Councilor Nicole Jones asked if the new facility location would prevent RACC from providing services to city residents throughout the city, and she inquired if the new location was accessible by public transit.

Director Peters stated the new location was located on a bus line, and she added that the current RACC facility on Chamberlayne Avenue would still provide the same services to city residents.

Councilor Ellen Robertson asked about the animal population planned for both RACC facilities, and she inquired if different services would be provided at each facility.

Director Peters stated that the same care would be provided at each location, but that the new location on Cary Street would be the primary adoption site.

Councilor Reva Trammell stated her appreciation for Director Peters and noted her support for the requested RACC expansion.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested more information on RACC's operational timeline for the new facility.

Director Peters stated RACC planned to have the site operational in six to twelve months.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille suggested that RACC continue to utilize the current Chamberlayne Avenue facility to provide assistance to the city's unhoused population.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated her concerns that unhoused individuals in the city were not being prioritized over the housing of animals. Councilor Lynch also stated that she believed the city's most vulnerable residents were being ignored as a funding priority.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated she agreed with Councilor Lynch's concerns and that the city was not prioritizing unhoused residents. Councilor Robertson also stated her concerns that the city was not addressing infrastructure improvements needed to increase resident safety.

CAO Lincoln Saunders responded to concerns and addressed projects planned to address the concerns raised by Councilmembers.

President Kristen Nye stated that Council should address the priority concerns raised by members. President Nye also stated that Council must act on the ordinances pending before Council because the building for the proposed RACC location might not be available in the future. President Nye further stated that the new location would improve the health of animals available for adoption.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2024-251 was adopted: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Jones, Trammell, Newbille, Lambert, Nye. Noes 2, Robertson, Lynch.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2024-252 was adopted: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Jones, Trammell, Newbille, Lambert, Nye. Noes 2, Robertson, Lynch.

President Kristen Nye recessed the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Councilors Andreas Addison, Stephanie Lynch and Nicole Jones left the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

President Kristen Nye reconvened the meeting at 10:41 p.m.

The following ordinance was considered:

23. [ORD. 2024-217](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of an easement upon, over, under, and across certain property located in Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens at 1800 Lakeside Avenue for the construction, maintenance, and operation of improvements and associated appurtenances for the generation, distribution and transmission of electricity in accordance with a certain Right of Way Agreement.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

President Kristen Nye summarized the bid offer for ORD. 2024-217 from Dominion Energy Virginia.

Chris Frelke, Department of Parks, Recreations and Community Facilities Director, stated that city staff recommends that the Right of Way Agreement be approved.

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to accept Dominion Energy Virginia's bid and to adopt ORD. 2024-217, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Jordan, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Lambert, Nye. Noes None.

The following ordinance was considered:

28. [ORD. 2024-266](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of a non-exclusive easement over, under, through, upon, and across certain portions of the property known as Lewis G. Larus Park located at 3900 Beechmont Road for the laying, construction, operation, and maintenance of underground conduits and cables and all equipment, accessories, and appurtenances necessary to provide electrical service for the property known as Lewis G. Larus Park located at 3900 Beechmont Road, in accordance with a certain Right of Way Agreement. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

President Kristen Nye summarized the bid offer for ORD. 2024-266 from Dominion Energy Virginia.

Chris Frelke, Department of Parks, Recreations and Community Facilities Director, stated that city staff recommends that the Right of Way Agreement be approved.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved to accept Dominion Energy Virginia's bid and to adopt ORD. 2024-266, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Jordan, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Lambert, Nye. Noes None.

Motions

Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved that the ordinance entitled:

35. [ORD. 2024-218](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of a franchise for the management of the Hopkins Road Transfer Station located at 3506 Hopkins Road and the East Richmond Road Convenience Center located at 3800 East Richmond Road in accordance with a certain Franchise Agreement. (8th District/7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

be reconsidered and placed on Council's Regular Agenda for consideration at the December 9, 2024 Formal Council meeting.

Bobby Vincent, Department of Public Works Director, addressed Council and was available to address any questions regarding ORD. 2024-218.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Jordan, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Lambert, Nye. Noes None.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

36. [RES. 2024-R035](#) To appoint Tayia West to the position of Council Liaison.

Patrons: Ms. Jones

This resolution was introduced for expedited consideration and adopted.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Jordan, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Lambert, Nye. Noes None.

President Kristen Nye provided an introduction for RES. 2024-R035.

There were no comments or discussions and RES. 2024-R035 was adopted: Ayes 6, Jordan, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Lambert, Nye. Noes None.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Council Legislative Summit held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.; the Informal and Formal Council Meetings held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2024.340](#) October 8, 2024 Legislative Summit Meeting Minutes

[CD.2024.325](#) October 15, 2024 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2024.336](#) October 15, 2024 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2024.351](#) November 12, 2024 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.:

37. [ORD. 2024-286](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Fiscal Agency Agreement between the City of Richmond and NextUp RVA for the purpose of accepting funds from NextUp RVA as reimbursement for the funds expended by the City for “CarMax Basketball Youth Development and Summer Camp” activities.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

38. [ORD. 2024-287](#) To amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund budget by revising the title of the Non-Departmental line item entitled “Reserve for Children’s Fund” to “Reserve for Children’s Fund (Early Childhood, Positive Youth Development, Postsecondary Success).”

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

39. [ORD. 2024-288](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing funding for the installation of 252 high visibility signal backplates at approximately 32 signal controlled intersections and 54 left turn flashing yellow arrow signal heads at approximately 24 signal controlled intersections.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

40. [ORD. 2024-289](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing funding for the installation of left turn hardening measures at approximately 30 stop controlled intersections and 36 raised crossings at unsignalized intersections with stationed school crossing guards.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

41. [ORD. 2024-290](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing funding for the installation of various regulatory and warning signs and pavement markings at stop controlled intersections.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

42. [ORD. 2024-291](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Franchise Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Greater Richmond Transit Co. for the purpose of displaying advertisements on Greater Richmond Transit Co. bus stops and bus rapid transit system stations.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

43. [ORD. 2024-292](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-172, adopted Jun. 27, 2022, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a PY 2022 / FY 2023 Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds; accepted funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$8,826,296.00; and appropriated \$8,826,296.00 for various projects, for the purpose of changing the subrecipient of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds from the Better Housing Coalition to Cameo Street LLC.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

44. [ORD. 2024-293](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Richmond, as landlord, and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, as tenant, for the purpose of leasing office space and a computer laboratory located at 436 Calhoun Street, commonly known as the "Calhoun Family Investment Center." (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Vice President Lambert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

45. [ORD. 2024-294](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Richmond, as lessor, and Cancer Retreat Centers, Inc., as lessee, for the purpose of allowing Cancer Retreat Centers, Inc. to lease the first floor of Blanton House located at 700 Blanton Avenue. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

46. [ORD. 2024-295](#) To declare a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain fee simple interests and easements for the public purpose of facilitating the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Seaton Acres Drainage Improvement Project.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

47. [ORD. 2024-296](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Planning and Development Review called the “Valentine DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund,” and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Planning and Development Review’s “Valentine DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund” by \$500,000.00, for the purpose of funding the Valentine Collections Care and Access Capital project.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

48. [ORD. 2024-297](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Opioid Funds Agreement between the City of Richmond and the City Sheriff for the purpose of implementing a Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot Program.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

49. [ORD. 2024-298](#) To amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by (i) transferring \$300,000.00 from the National Opioid Settlement Special Fund for the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, (ii) creating a new special fund for the City Sheriff called the “Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot Program Special Fund,” and (iii) appropriating \$300,000.00 of the transferred funds to the Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot Program Special Fund, all for the purpose of funding the implementation of a Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot Program.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

50. [ORD. 2024-299](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$125,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Justice Services called “Help Me Help You Program

Special Fund;” and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Justice Services’ Help Me Help You Program Special Fund by \$125,000.00, for the purpose of funding the implementation of the Help Me Help You Program.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

51. [ORD.
2024-300](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$950,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Planning and Development Review called the “JXN Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund”, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Planning and Development Review’s “JXN Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund” by \$950,000.00, for the purpose of funding the JXN Skipwith-Roper Homecoming project.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

52. [ORD.
2024-301](#)

To (i) amend Ord. No. 2021-291, adopted Oct. 25, 2021, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept the first tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$77,439,914.00 from the United States Department of the Treasury and amended the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the General Fund Budget for certain agencies and reserves for contingencies by \$35,639,914.00, by transferring a portion of such \$35,639,914.00 in the amount of \$60,000.00 from the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, formerly known as the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services; and (ii) amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by creating certain new line items in the Non-Departmental agency and the amount appropriated to such new line items in the Non-Departmental agency by \$60,000.00, all for the purpose of providing grants to expand access to early childhood care and education programs.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic

Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

53. [ORD. 2024-302](#) To amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and made appropriations thereto, by transferring \$80,342.95 from the Non-Departmental agency line item ARPA - HCD - St. Joseph's Villa - Youth Outreach and \$245,174.86 from the Non-Departmental agency line item ARPA - HCD - Commonwealth Catholic Charities - Inclement Weather Shelter Operations and appropriating the transferred funds in the total amount of \$325,517.81 to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of funding affordable housing initiatives.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

54. [ORD. 2024-303](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-099, adopted Apr. 11, 2022, which amended Ord. No. 2021-099, adopted May 24, 2021, to create certain new line items in the Non-Departmental agency, transfer \$1,283,288.00 from the Department of Housing and Community Development, and appropriate such \$1,283,288.00 to the new line items in the Non-Departmental agency, all for the purpose of providing grants to certain entities for the provision of housing-related services, to recapture funds in the amount of \$80,342.95 from Saint Joseph's Villa; to amend Ord. No. 2022-104, adopted Apr. 25, 2022, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2022-243, adopted Sept. 12, 2022, and Ord. No. 2023-086, adopted Mar. 27, 2023, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to issue grants, loans, or a combination thereof from the City's 1st Tranche of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds to certain entities in designated amounts and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to execute all necessary documents to effect such issuance for the purpose of financing the construction and preservation of single-family and multifamily dwellings, to recapture funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Better Housing Coalition; and to amend Ord. No. 2023-180, adopted Jun. 26, 2023, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept the second tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 from the United States Department of the Treasury and amended the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the General Fund Budget for certain agencies by \$8,000,000.00 of the \$10,000,000.00 of ARPA funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of funding the City's efforts to recover from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to recapture funds in the amount of \$245,174.86 from Commonwealth Catholic

Charities and funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from Planet Zero Residences, LLC, all for the purpose of expanding affordable housing initiatives.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

55. [ORD. 2024-304](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to issue grants, loans, or a combination thereof from the City's first and second Tranches of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds to certain entities in designated amounts and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to execute all necessary documents to effect such issuance for the purpose of financing the construction and preservation of single-family and multifamily dwellings.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

56. [ORD. 2024-305](#) To authorize the Chief Administration Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the United States Conference of Mayors, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of Community Wealth Building called the "S.O.L.V.E. Academy Program Special Fund," and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of Community Wealth Building's "S.O.L.V.E. Academy Program Special Fund" by \$150,000.00, for the purpose of funding a Strategic Opportunities Leading to Valuable Experiences Academy program.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

57. [ORD. 2024-306](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Richmond, as landlord, and the United States National Parks Service, a division of the Department of the Interior, as tenant, to maintain and operate radio communications equipment on and within City Hall located at 900 East Broad Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

58. [ORD. 2024-307](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 303 Bates Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

59. [ORD. 2024-308](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 207 East Ladies Mile Road for the purpose of up to three single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

60. [ORD. 2024-309](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 5220 Euclid Avenue for the purpose of up to eleven single-family detached dwellings, under certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

61. [ORD. 2024-310](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 6241 Forest Hill Avenue for the purpose of up to two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

62. [ORD. 2024-311](#) To authorize the special use of property known as 5790 Hull Street Road for the purpose of (i) an automotive repair and automotive parts sales facility and (ii) a grocery, convenience, and specialty food store, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 89-246-231, adopted Sept. 11, 1989, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

63. [ORD. 2024-312](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 7100 Jahnke Road for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing up to 14 dwelling units, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

64. [ORD. 2024-313](#) To close, to public use and travel, an alley in the block bounded by Maury Street, East 4th Street, Everett Street and East 3rd Street, consisting of 1,980± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

65. [ORD. 2024-314](#) To repeal ch. 30, art. IX, div. 6 (§§ 30-950-30-950.5); to amend and reordain City Code §§ 30-402.1, concerning permitted principal uses, 30-402.2, concerning permitted accessory uses and structures, 30-412.1, 30-413.2, 30-413.11, 30-414.1, 30-416.1, 30-418.1, and 30-419.2, all concerning permitted principal uses, 30-419.3, concerning permitted principal uses on corner lots, 30-419.4, concerning permitted accessory uses and structures, 30-420.1, 30-422.1, 30-424.1, 30-426.1, 30-428.1, 30-430.1, and 30-432.1, all concerning permitted principal uses, 30-432.5, concerning compliance with master plan, 30-433.2 and 30-433.11, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-433.13, concerning yard requirements, 30-434.1, 30-436.1, 30-438.1, and 30-440.1, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-440.3, concerning yards, 30-442.1, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-442.4, concerning yards, 30-444.2, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-444.4, concerning yards, 30-446.2, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-446.4, concerning yards, 30-447.2, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-447.3, concerning yards and setbacks, 30-447.4, concerning land area coverage, 30-447.11, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-447.12, concerning yards and setbacks, 30-447.13, concerning land area coverage, 30-448.1, 30-449.2, 30-450.1, and 30-451.2, all concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-451.5, concerning yard requirements, 30-452.1 and 30-457.2, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-457.3, concerning principal uses permitted by conditional use permit, 30-691.5, concerning phasing of development, 30-691.7, concerning plan of development, 30-692.1:2., concerning applications for the installation or construction of projects, 30-692.3, concerning permitted use of alternative support structures, 30-692.4, concerning review criteria for installations utilizing alternative support structures, 30-698.3, concerning approvals, 30-1045.6. concerning specific conditions applicable to particular uses, 30-1170.6, concerning enforcement and guarantees; and to amend ch. 30, art. X, div. 4 (§§ 30-1030 - 30-1030.8) concerning plans of development.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

66. [RES. 2024-R036](#) To designate the property known as 250 East German School Road as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

67. [RES. 2024-R037](#) To name the alley located in the block bounded by Russell Street, Carrington Street, North 25th Street, and Venable Street as “Union Grace Alley.” (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

68. [RES. 2024-R038](#) To endorse, for the City of Richmond, legislative proposals set forth within the document entitled “City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly 2025 Regular Session;” to request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to take legislative action consistent with and in vigorous support of such recommendations; to support other legislative action recommendations; and to encourage other organizations and individuals to support such recommendations.

Patrons: City Council

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

Members of Council provided reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m.

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