



City of Richmond

Special Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Friday, January 15, 2021

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
Virtual Meeting

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President (late arrival)
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
The Honorable Reva Trammell (early departure)

Absent

The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m., and presided.

ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as most recently amended by Ordinance No. 2020-232, adopted December 14, 2020, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means. Mr. Warren stated notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on January 14, 2021, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. He also stated there would be no opportunities for public comment at the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

At 1:07 p.m., Councilor Andreas Addison moved that the City Council hold a closed meeting pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A)(19) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity and receive briefings by staff and officials concerning actions taken to respond to threats to public safety anticipated to arise in the city on or around the General Assembly's "Lobby Day" on January 18, 2021, and the day of the presidential inaugural ceremonies on January 20, 2021.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 5, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Newbille. Noes None. Robertson had not yet arrived.

Vice President Ellen Robertson joined the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell left the meeting.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 5, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Councilors reconvened in open session at 1:38 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

January 15, 2021

WHEREAS, the Council has convened in closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certifying resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

WITNESS the following vote of Council Members, as recorded by RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk:

CERTIFYING:

Cynthia I. Newbille, President
Ellen F. Robertson, Vice President
Andreas D. Addison
Katherine L. Jordan
Ann-Frances Lambert

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

CITY CLERK