



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
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Monday, February 26, 2018

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, February 26, 2018, in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Chris Hilbert, President
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Kim Gray
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, Interim City Clerk

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Interim Deputy City Clerk Lisa Braxton provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

Docket Review

Interim Deputy City Clerk Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2017-196 – retained on the Consent Agenda
2. Ord. 2017-236 – to be continued to Monday, March 26, 2018
3. Ord. 2017-242 – to be continued to Monday, March 12, 2018
4. Ord. 2018-018 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2018-019 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2018-020 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2018-021 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2018-022 – to be continued to Monday, March 12, 2018

9. Ord. 2018-023 – to be continued to Monday, March 12, 2018
10. Ord. 2018-024 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2018-025 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2018-027 – moved to the Regular Agenda
13. Ord. 2018-028 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2018-029 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2018-030 – to be continued to Monday, March 26, 2018
16. Ord. 2018-032 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2018-033 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2018-034 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2018-035 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Don Summer, Public Works capital projects manager, introduced Ord. 2018-035 and stated that the proposed legislation would allow contractors of the Monroe Park Conservancy access to the park for the erection of a pavilion and Portland Loo prior to its reopening on June 15, 2018. Mr. Summer further stated that, in order for the city to have overseen the added scope of the new construction projects, it would have required a public procurement process for the selection of the vendor.

Councilor Parker Agelasto expressed disappointment that the renovation of Monroe Park has yet to be completed and policy surrounding the uses of the park has not been developed.

Deborah Morton, Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities deputy director, stated that the usage policy would be provided to Council once the draft has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office.

Councilor Michael Jones requested an additional review of Ord. 2018-027.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated that she also needs further clarification regarding proposed Ord. 2018-027.

Councilor Kim Gray provided an introduction of proposed Ord. 2018-027 and specified that its adoption would clarify the allowance and/or inclusion of mattresses and upholstery items as bulk and brush disposables, since previously adopted legislation was being misinterpreted. Ms. Gray also mentioned that Public Work's 2nd quarterly financial projection indicated an estimated increase in revenue for the solid waste program.

Bobby Vincent, Public Works director, was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2018-027 and the current enhanced bulk and brush collection program.

Councilor Parker Agelasto noted that he will support Ord. 2018-027; however, he asked that Public Works continue enforcement efforts for illegal dumping and other sanitary violations when deemed necessary.

Mr. Vincent assured that Public Works will respond to any mandate; however, the adoption of Ord. 2018-027 would be unsightly for the city. He also informed Council that he would need

additional resources in order to increase the frequency of the current neighborhood amnesty clean-ups.

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested a delineation of the 2nd quarterly projected revenue source for Public Works.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell expressed uncertainty regarding the impact of proposed Ord. 2018-027 to her district and suggested a continuance of the legislation.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that he is opposed to proposed Ord. 2018-027 since it would allow property owners to circumvent the process and asked that it be moved to the Regular Agenda.

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested the completion of an independent study of the city's bulk and brush program prerequisite by the adoption of Res. 2017-R033.

It was the consensus of Council to move Ord. 2018-027 to the Regular Agenda.

20. Ord. 2018-036 – retained on the Consent Agenda

21. Ord. 2018-037 – retained on the Consent Agenda

22. Ord. 2018-038 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Kristen Larson provided an introduction of Ord. 2018-038.

23. Res. 2017-R079 – to be continued to Monday, March 26, 2018

24. Res. 2017-R086 – to be continued to Monday, March 26, 2018

25. Res. 2017-R089 – to be continued to Monday, March 26, 2018

26. Res. 2017-R092 – to be continued to Monday, March 26, 2018

27. Res. 2017-R093 – to be amended and continued to Monday, March 12, 2018

28. Res. 2018-R010 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Parker Agelasto informed Council that he will abstain from voting on Res. 2018-R010 due to a conflict of interest.

29. Res. 2018-R012 – retained on the Consent Agenda

30. Res. 2018-R013 – retained on the Consent Agenda

31. Res. 2018-R014 – retained on the Consent Agenda

32. Res. 2018-R015 – retained on the Consent Agenda

33. Res. 2018-R016 – retained on the Consent Agenda

34. Res. 2018-R017 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Kim Gray noted that the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee requested that fuel-efficient vehicles be included in future personal property tax relief efforts of the city.

35. Res. 2018-R018 – to be continued to Monday, March 26, 2018

36. Res. 2018-R019 – to be continued to Monday, March 26, 2018

Regular Agenda:

37. Ord. 2018-026 – to be amended and continued to Monday, March 12, 2018

38. Ord. 2018-031 – to be continued to Monday, March 26, 2018

39. Res. 2017-R096 – to be continued to Monday, April 23, 2018

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested that Res. 2017-R096 be continued to allow an opportunity for a meeting with the Economic Development Authority regarding alternative refinancing for the Washington Redskins training center.

Jim Duval, Finance investment and debt portfolio manager, expressed concern with the proposed continuance of Res. 2017-R086 stating that city administration would not know how to budget for the \$8.6 million debt obligation while awaiting its adoption.

Councilor Kim Gray and Kristen Larson both stressed the need for further review before considering Res. 2017-R096.

Lee Downey, deputy chief administrative officer – Economic and Community Development, also informed Council that a continuance of Res. 2017-R096 would affect the fiscal year 2019 budget presentation and would necessitate a conversation during budget deliberations.

There were no further comments or discussions concerning Consent and Regular Agenda items reviewed.

Board Vacancies Review

Vice President Cynthia Newbille requested that appointments to the Slave Trail Commission, scheduled for consideration later that evening at the Formal Session of Council, be continued for 30 days to allow her an opportunity to engage with the Rose Architectural Fellowship regarding a possible broader scope of the commission.

Closed Session

It was the consensus of Council to postpone the closed session, to discussion and interview prospective city clerk candidates, until the March 5th Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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