



# City of Richmond

## Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, May 14, 2018

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, May 14, 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 (late arrival)  
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, City Clerk

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:06 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.

### **The Port of Virginia Update**

John Reinhart, Port of Virginia chief executive officer and executive director, provided Council with an update on the economic development and strategic growth initiatives of the Richmond Marine Terminal as well as infrastructure investments across the Port of Virginia network. A copy of the presentation and annual report has been filed.

### **Docket Review**

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

#### Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2017-242 – to be continued to Monday, June 11, 2018
2. Ord. 2018-044 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
3. Ord. 2018-118 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018

4. Ord. 2018-119 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
5. Ord. 2018-120 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
6. Ord. 2018-121 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
7. Ord. 2018-122 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
8. Ord. 2018-123 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
9. Ord. 2018-124 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
10. Ord. 2018-125 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
11. Ord. 2018-127 – to be amended and continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
12. Ord. 2018-128 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2018-129 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2018-130 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2018-131 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Res. 2018-R035 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

17. Ord. 2018-101 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
18. Ord. 2018-110 – to be amended and continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
19. Ord. 2018-126 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
20. Res. 2017-R092 – retained on the Regular Agenda
21. Res. 2018-R034 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Councilor Parker Agelasto provided an introduction of Res. 2018-R034 and asked for his colleagues' support with the proposed rezoning initiation of properties in the West Cary Street area.

*Councilor Kim Gray arrived at 4:30 p.m. and was seated.*

Budget Papers:

22. Ord. 2018-057 – retained on the Regular Agenda
23. Ord. 2018-058 – retained on the Regular Agenda
24. Ord. 2018-059 – retained on the Regular Agenda
25. Ord. 2018-060 – retained on the Regular Agenda
26. Ord. 2018-071 – retained on the Regular Agenda
27. Ord. 2018-080 – retained on the Regular Agenda
28. Ord. 2018-081 – retained on the Regular Agenda

29. Ord. 2018-139 – retained on the Regular Agenda
30. Ord. 2018-140 – retained on the Regular Agenda
31. Ord. 2018-141 – retained on the Regular Agenda
32. Ord. 2018-142 – retained on the Regular Agenda
33. Ord. 2018-143 – retained on the Regular Agenda
34. Ord. 2018-061 – retained on the Regular Agenda
35. Ord. 2018-062 – retained on the Regular Agenda
36. Ord. 2018-063 – retained on the Regular Agenda
37. Ord. 2018-064 – retained on the Regular Agenda
38. Ord. 2018-065 – retained on the Regular Agenda
39. Ord. 2018-066 – retained on the Regular Agenda
40. Ord. 2018-067 – retained on the Regular Agenda
41. Ord. 2018-068 – retained on the Regular Agenda
42. Ord. 2018-069 – retained on the Regular Agenda
43. Ord. 2018-070 – retained on the Regular Agenda
44. Ord. 2018-072 – retained on the Regular Agenda
45. Ord. 2018-073 – retained on the Regular Agenda
46. Ord. 2018-074 – retained on the Regular Agenda
47. Ord. 2018-075 – retained on the Regular Agenda
48. Ord. 2018-077 – retained on the Regular Agenda
49. Ord. 2018-078 – retained on the Regular Agenda
50. Ord. 2018-079 – retained on the Regular Agenda
51. Ord. 2018-082 – retained on the Regular Agenda
52. Ord. 2018-083 – retained on the Regular Agenda
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64. Ord. 2018-095 – retained on the Regular Agenda
65. Ord. 2018-096 – retained on the Regular Agenda
66. Ord. 2018-097 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Interim Deputy City Clerk Lisa Braxton informed Council that a budget public hearing will be held only for Ords. 2018-057, 2018-058, 2018-059, 2018-060, 2018-071, 2018-080, 2018-081, 2018-139, 2018-140, 2018-141, 2018-142 and 2018-143, later that evening at the Formal Session of Council.

President Chris Hilbert stated that the proponents and opponents sides of the budget-related items will each receive a total of thirty minutes during the public hearing.

Councilor Kim Gray provided an introduction of a drafted amendment to Ord. 2018-110 and explained that the proposal would also require department directors, deputy chief administrative officers as well as Council's appointees to live in the city, with the exception of part-time personnel.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated that the city's residency requirement has been a deterrent for promotion and a negative aspect of the hiring process; he maintained that the proposed amendment to Ord. 2018-110 would not accomplish the initiate request to reduce the number of affected employees.

Councilor Parker Agelasto expressed his willingness to support the proposed amendment to Ord. 2018-110 after contemplating the city's emergency preparedness needs.

Councilor Michael Jones informed Council of constituents' opposition to Ord. 2018-110; however, he indicated that the current residency requirement was archaic and has been an abandoned prerequisite of employment for surrounding jurisdictions.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell reported that she had also received several complaints surrounding the removal of the residence requirement posed by Ord. 2018-110.

Councilor Andreas Addison expressed discomfort with the revised residency waiver process that the proposed amendment to Ord. 2018-110 would initiate, especially for employees not appointed by Council.

Councilor Kristen Larson also addressed concerns with the proposed change in the residency waiver process.

Councilor Kim Gray stated that the drafted amendment to Ord. 2018-110 provided a level of service accountability and transparency.

President Chris Hilbert read comments received in opposition to eliminating the residency requirement and stated that he will support the proposed amendment to Ord. 2018-110.

After further review of the drafted amendment to Ord. 2018-110, Councilor Parker Agelasto stated that he would not support the amendment in its current form unless certain non-essential personnel and changes to the waiver process were stricken.

City Attorney Allen Jackson informed Council that modifications to the proposed amendment to Ord 2018-110 would require additional time to prepare for introduction.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to continue Ord. 2018-110 pending changes to the proposed amendment.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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