



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
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Monday, February 11, 2019

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

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

Staff Present

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

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:02 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. 2017-242 – to be continued to Monday, February 25, 2019
2. Ord. 2018-238 – retained on the Consent Agenda
3. Ord. 2019-011 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2019-012 – to be continued to Monday, March 11, 2019
5. Ord. 2019-013 – to be amended and continued to Monday, February 25, 2019

Councilor Michael Jones inquired regarding the possible inclusion of an affordable housing component for special use permits similar to Ord. 2018-013.

Councilor Parker Agelasto arrived at 4:06 p.m. and was seated.

President Cynthia Newbille stated that the incorporation of an affordable housing component to housing development projects is to be considered with the proposed adoption of Res. 2018-R083, which is also to be reviewed on that evening's docket.

Councilor Ellen Robertson attested that the inclusion of affordable housing was explored during Planning Commission's review of Ord. 2019-013; however, it was concluded that the discussion should have been conveyed at the beginning of the special use application process.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell arrived at 4:07 p.m. and was seated.

Councilor Andreas Addison suggested a possible amendment to the zoning ordinance for certain mixed-use developments to incorporate affordable housing via a market-driven approach.

6. Ord. 2019-014 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2019-015 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2019-016 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2019-017 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

10. Ord. 2018-228 – retained on the Regular Agenda
11. Ord. 2018-243 – to be continued to Monday, March 11, 2019
12. Ord. 2018-245 – to be continued to Monday, March 11, 2019
13. Ord. 2018-287 – moved to the Consent Agenda

Councilor Ellen Robertson clarified the intent of Ord. 2018-287 and stated that the proposed legislation will ensure an opportunity for community engagement regarding the location of a cold weather shelter. Councilor Robertson asked that the proposed ordinance be moved to the Consent Agenda.

City Attorney Allen Jackson reiterated the intent of Ord. 2018-287.

It was the consensus of Council to move Ord. 2018-287 to the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Kim Gray arrived at 4:14 p.m. and was seated.

14. Res. 2018-R083 – moved to the Consent Agenda

Councilor Ellen Robertson introduced Res. 2018-R083.

Councilor Kristen Larson inquired regarding, if adopted, the impact of Res. 2018-R083 on the city's abatement program.

City Attorney Allen Jackson informed Council that Res. 2018-R083 would only apply to legislation that is introduced for consideration by Council, and since the abatement program, which is a partial tax exemption for rehabilitation, does not require such approval, the program will not be affected.

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested that the proposed resolution be moved to the Consent Agenda.

It was the consensus of Council to move Res. 2018-R083 to the Consent Agenda.

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

President Cynthia Newbille commented that she will acknowledge the passing of Community Activist Lillie Estes by requesting a moment of silence later this evening at the Formal Session of Council.

It was the consensus of Council to allow for the reading of introductory legislation prior to offering reports and announcements by members of Council, and in anticipation of a larger than normal public hearing for Ord. 2018-228, to allow Richmond Public Schools' students and individuals with a disability to present their comments prior to other citizens in attendance at the Formal Session of Council.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

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