



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 9, 2024

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Kristen Nye, President
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert, Vice President
The Honorable Nicole Jones
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Andreas Addison

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal
Laura Drewry, City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Council President Kristen Nye called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst 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

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2024-257 – retained on the Consent Agenda
2. Ord. 2024-285 – retained on the Consent Agenda
3. Ord. 2024-286 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2024-287 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2024-288 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2024-289 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2024-290 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2024-291 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2024-292 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2024-293 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2024-294 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2024-295 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2024-296 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2024-297 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2024-298 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2024-300 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2024-301 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2024-302 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2024-303 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2024-304 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2024-305 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2024-306 – to be continued to Monday, February 10, 2025

- 23. Ord. 2024-307 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 24. Ord. 2024-308 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 25. Ord. 2024-309 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 26. Ord. 2024-310 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 27. Ord. 2024-311 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 28. Ord. 2024-312 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2025
- 29. Ord. 2024-313 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 30. Ord. 2024-314 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 31. Ord. 2024-315 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 32. Ord. 2024-316 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders provided an introduction of Ord. 2024-315 and informed Council that the recapturing of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the prior awarded recipient was necessary due to ongoing litigation and the December 31, 2024, ARPA obligation deadline. CAO Saunders stated that city administration will continue to work with Councilor Trammell regarding an incomplete development project in her district.

- 33. Res. 2024-R034 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 34. Res. 2024-R036 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 35. Res. 2024-R037 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 36. Res. 2024-R038 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

- 37. Ord. 2024-187 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2025

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders informed Council that Ord. 2024-187 required a fiscal offset be identified prior to its adoption due to the proposed legislation's projected effective date of January 1, 2025.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that she would continue to advocate for Ord. 2024-187 in the absence of the chief patron.

Councilor Robertson suggested Ord. 2024-187 be continued to allow for the introduction of an amendment that would alter the effective date to July 1, 2025, averting the need for a revenue offset.

38. Ord. 2024-218 – retained on the Regular Agenda

39. Ord. 2024-282 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Councilor Ellen Robertson provided an introduction of Ord. 2024-282 and asked for her colleagues' support to adopt the special use permit despite the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny.

Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert requested to be added as a co-patron of Ords. 2024-297, 2024-298 and 2024-302.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as a co-patron of Ords. 2024-298 and 2024-300.

Councilor Robertson requested to be added as a co-patron of Ords. 2024-300 and 2024-316.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

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(Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting, Councilor Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as a co-patron of Ords. 2024-297 and 2024-315.)