



City of Richmond

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Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2022

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
Virtual Meeting

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann Frances Lambert
The Honorable Kristen Nye
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and presided.

Electronic Meeting Announcement

City Clerk Candice Reid, in accordance with the current ongoing declaration of a local emergency concerning the COVID 19 pandemic confirmed by Res. No. 2020 R025, adopted March 16, 2020, and as permitted by section 2.2 3708.2(A)(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means. City Clerk Reid stated notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a revised public information advisory issued on March 4, 2022, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated members of the public were encouraged to provide comments in writing prior to the meeting and all comments received prior to 10:00 a.m., on Monday, March 7, 2022, were provided to Council members. Ms. Reid indicated that members of the public who signed up to speak and provide comment would be called to speak at the appropriate time.

Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren provided citizen speaker guidelines.

Discussion Item

Review of Proposed Richmond Decennial Voter District Demonstration Map 2C

Keith Balmer, Voter Registrar; Gerry Hebert, Outside Redistricting Attorney; and Kristen Lango, NCEC Services, Mapping Expert, discussed with Council the proposed Richmond Decennial Voter District Demonstration Map 2C. Mr. Balmer provided additional information regarding the need to cure split precincts by creating a new precinct.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2022.103](#) Demonstration Map 2C

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her support for Demonstration Map 2C and the addition of a new precinct.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated her appreciation for Mr. Balmer's efforts to address and incorporate Council recommendations into Demonstration Map 2C.

President Cynthia Newbille confirmed consensus amongst members regarding moving forward with Demonstration Map 2C.

Introduction and Expedited Consideration

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

[RES. 2022-R017](#) To propose for public comment a redistricting plan for the 2021 decennial redistricting of Council and School Board election districts.

Patrons: City Council

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

There were no comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R017 was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

[RES. 2022-R016](#) To amend Res. No. 2021-R084, adopted Dec. 21, 2021, as previously amended by Res. No. 2022-R005, adopted Feb. 14, 2022, which adopted redistricting criteria and a redistricting schedule for the 2021 decennial redistricting of Council and School Board election districts, to revise dates on the redistricting schedule.

Patrons: City Council

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

There were no comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R016 was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

[CD.2022.100](#) March 7, 2022 Introduction Papers List

Motion

Councilor Michael Jones moved that the resolution entitled:

RES. 2022-R014

To express the Council's support, should the citizens of Richmond approve a second referendum for the development and operation of a resort casino, for appropriating one-third of the revenues received as a result of the development and operation of such resort casino to a reserve fund for the purpose of supplanting any decrease in funds received by the School Board of the City of Richmond as a result of adjustments to the Commonwealth of Virginia's Composite Index of Local Ability to Pay.

be referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on March 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell inquired why consideration of RES. 2022-R014 was occurring prior to the General Assembly of Virginia taking any action regarding casinos in the state budget.

President Cynthia Newbille informed members, that if the motion was approved, then RES. 2022-R014 would be considered for recommendation by both the Education and Human Services Standing Committee and the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee, prior to Council considering final action regarding the resolution.

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders stated that city administration was still awaiting action from the General Assembly of Virginia regarding the state budget and casinos.

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated it was important that Council be consistent regarding the proposed allocation of any revenue received from a casino resort in the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and the motion was approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes 1, Trammell.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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