



# City of Richmond

## Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, September 25, 2017

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, September 25, 2017, 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, Assistant City Clerk  
Jean V. Capel, City Clerk  
Allen Jackson, City Attorney  
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Assistant 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**

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

#### **Consent Agenda:**

1. Ord. 2016-264 – to be continued to Monday, October 9, 2017
2. Ord. 2017-030 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Travis Bridewell, Public Works operations manager, informed Council that city administration opposes the adoption of Ord. 2017-030 due to the proposal not meeting the manual on uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways standards.

President Chris Hilbert provided an introduction of Ord. 2017-030 and asked that Council support the proposed legislation.

3. Ord. 2017-069 – to be continued to Monday, November 13, 2017
4. Ord. 2017-087 – to be continued to Monday, October 9, 2017

5. Ord. 2017-148 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2017-150 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2017-151 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2017-157 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2017-158 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2017-159 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2017-160 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2017-161 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2017-162 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2017-163 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2017-164 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2017-165 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2017-166 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2017-167 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2017-168 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2017-169 – to be continued to Monday, October 9, 2017
21. Ord. 2017-170 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2017-171 – retained on the Consent Agenda
23. Res. 2017-R033 – to be amended and voted on
24. Res. 2017-R034 – retained on the Consent Agenda
25. Res. 2017-R035 – to be amended and voted on
26. Res. 2017-R047 – retained on the Consent Agenda
27. Res. 2017-R058 – to be continued to Monday, October 9, 2017

*Councilor Kim Gray arrived at 4:15 p.m. and was seated.*

Councilor Kristen Larson expressed disapproval of appointing a non-resident applicant as one of the city's three directors of the Greater Richmond Transit Company Board and requested that Res. 2017-R058 be continued and referred to the October Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting for further review.

Councilor Kim Gray affirmed her support for Ord. 2017-150.

28. Res. 2017-R059 – retained on the Consent Agenda

29. Res. 2017-R060 – retained on the Consent Agenda
30. Res. 2017-R061 – retained on the Consent Agenda
31. Res. 2017-R062 – retained on the Consent Agenda
32. Res. 2017-R063 – retained on the Consent Agenda
33. Res. 2017-R064 – retained on the Consent Agenda
34. Res. 2017-R065 – retained on the Consent Agenda
35. Res. 2017-R066 – retained on the Consent Agenda
36. Res. 2017-R067 – retained on the Consent Agenda
37. Res. 2017-R068 – retained on the Consent Agenda
38. Res. 2017-R069 – to be amended and voted on

Regular Agenda:

39. Ord. 2016-140 – to be continued to Monday, November 13, 2017
40. Ord. 2017-088 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Councilor Parker Agelasto provided an introduction of Ord. 2017-088.

Lee Downey, deputy chief administrative officer – Economic and Community Development was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2017-088 and stressed city administration's opposition to the adoption of the proposed legislation.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated that she has concerns with repealing an ordinance that facilitated the retention of a prominent business within the city.

City Attorney Allen Jackson was also available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2017-088 and stated that the previously adopted ordinance was customary.

Councilor Parker Agelasto motioned that Ord. 2017-088 be moved to the Consent Agenda, which failed to be seconded.

41. Ord. 2017-129 – to be amended and continued to Monday, October 9, 2017
42. Res. 2017-R070 – to be continued to Monday, October 9, 2017

Councilor Ellen Robertson provided an introduction of Res. 2017-R070.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille stated that Res. 2017-R070 was not ideal; however, she supports its efforts to compensate general city employees.

Councilor Parker Agelasto emphasized the possible utilization of the annual fund balance for subsidizing a compensation study.

City Attorney Allen Jackson was available to answer questions regarding Res. 2017-R070.

Considering general city employees had not been provided an annual raise, Councilor Michael Jones also acknowledged his support for Res. 2017-R070.

Councilor Parker Agelasto proposed that Res. 2017-R070 be amended to include additional uses for annual fund balances.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to continue Res. 2017-R070 and refer the proposed legislation to the October Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting for additional review.

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

#### **Auditor Interview Panel Update**

After discussion regarding the process for a city auditor interview panel, Council President Chris Hilbert advised members of Council that only those who participate in all candidate interviews will be allowed to vote on a finalist.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell suggested that the fourth Monday of October, November and/or December be utilized for candidate interviews.

#### **Scheduling of Quarterly Joint Education Compact Meetings**

It was the consensus of Council to schedule the next quarterly joint education compact meeting for Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

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