



City of Richmond

Special Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, July 2, 2018

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Kristen Larson

CHAMBER EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and presided. Upon the president's request, City Clerk Candice Reid provided information on the appropriate manner in which to evacuate the Council Chamber in the event of an emergency, along with citizen speaker guidelines.

PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following resolutions were considered:

RES. 2018-R061

To approve the Mayor's appointment of Unwana B. Dabney as a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a term commencing on Jul. 1, 2018, and expiring Jun. 30, 2022.

RES. 2018-R062

To approve the Mayor's appointment of Barrett Hardiman as a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a term commencing on Jul. 1, 2018, and expiring Jun. 30, 2022.

RES. 2018-R063

To approve the Mayor's appointment of Darius Johnson as a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a term commencing on Jul. 1, 2018, and expiring Jun. 30, 2022.

RES. 2018-R064

To approve the Mayor's appointment of Marilyn West as a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a term commencing on Jul. 1, 2018, and expiring Jun. 30, 2022.

Office of the Mayor Chief of Staff Lincoln Saunders introduced RESS. 2018-R061, 2018-R062, 2018-R063 and 2018-R064.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RESS. 2018-R061, 2018-R062, 2018-R063 and 2018-R064, were unanimously adopted.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2018-R065

To amend Res. No. 2007-R162-2008-29, adopted Feb. 11, 2008, as previously amended by Res. No. 2010-R91-118, adopted Jul. 26, 2010, and Res. No. 2015-R18-23, adopted Mar. 23, 2015, which adopted City Council Expenditure and Reimbursement Guidelines governing the use of Council District Funds and Council Operations Funds, for the purpose of allowing the reimbursement of Council members without approval via resolution.

Opposition

Amy Wentz spoke in opposition of RES. 2018-R065 stating that transparency should be increased and not lessened regarding Council expenditures.

Councilor Michael Jones asked for clarification as to the intention of the proposed legislation.

City Attorney Allen Jackson stated that the resolution would exempt reimbursements to councilmembers from the Council approval process.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2018-R065 was adopted:** Ayes 5, Robertson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert. Noes 2, Agelasto, Newbille. Abstentions 1, Jones.

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2018-R066

To amend Res. No. 2007-R162-2008-29, adopted Feb. 11, 2008, as previously amended by Res. No. 2010-R91-118, adopted Jul. 26, 2010, and Res. No. 2015-R18-23, adopted Mar. 23, 2015, which adopted City Council Expenditure and Reimbursement Guidelines governing the use of Council District Funds and Council Operations Funds, for the purpose of allowing the reimbursement of Council members without approval via resolution and raising the threshold above which a resolution is required from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Councilor Ellen Robertson asked if the proposed legislation pertains to reimbursements or to disbursements to vendors.

City Attorney Allen Jackson stated that the resolution includes language similar to that of adopted RES. 2018-R065, but includes additional language to raise the total amount of payments the council can make, excluding member reimbursements, from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 before a resolution is required.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated that the current process to approve reimbursements to councilmembers is arduous; moreover, he supports ensuring that Council district expenditure information is made readily available to the public.

Councilor Michael Jones expressed concerns with members spending up to the proposed \$5,000.00 limit without requisite reporting stating that the amount is nearly equal to half the total budgeted for Council district funds.

President Chris Hilbert suggested that a reporting mechanism be established for Council expenditures.

Councilor Addison recommended that the Governmental Operations Standing Committee determine if Council spending can be reported in the same manner Richmond Public Schools reports its financial information.

President Hilbert suggested that Councilwoman Reva Trammell, patron of the proposed legislation, continue the resolution to provide the committee an opportunity to review potential reporting options.

Councilwoman Trammell moved to continue RES. 2018-R066 to the Monday, September 10, 2018, Council meeting.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes 1, Agelasto.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinance on Monday, July 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2018-198

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds; to accept funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$7,359,580.00; and to appropriate \$7,479,580.00, consisting of the accepted funds and \$120,000.00 in CDBG prior year surplus funds for various projects.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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