



# City of Richmond

## Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, January 9, 2017

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, January 9, 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 (late arrival)  
The Honorable Parker Agelasto  
The Honorable Kim Gray (late arrival)  
The Honorable Michael Jones (late arrival)  
The Honorable Kristen Larson  
The Honorable Ellen Robertson  
The Honorable Reva Trammell (late arrival)

### **Staff Present**

Lou B. Ali, Council Chief of Staff  
Lisa Braxton, Assistant City Clerk  
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney  
Jean V. Capel, City Clerk  
Allen Jackson, City Attorney  
Candice Reid, Deputy City Clerk

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:02 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. 2016-204 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2017
2. Ord. 2016-236 – retained on the Consent Agenda
3. Ord. 2016-264 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2017
4. Ord. 2016-300 – to be amended and continued to Monday, January 23, 2017
5. Ord. 2016-301 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2016-302 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2016-303 – retained on the Consent Agenda

*Councilors Michael Jones, Kim Gray and Andreas Addison arrived at 4:06 p.m. and were seated.*

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

8. Ord. 2016-304 – to be continued to Monday, January 23, 2017
9. Ord. 2016-305 – to be continued to Monday, January 23, 2017
10. Ord. 2016-307 – to be continued to Monday, January 23, 2017
11. Ord. 2016-308 – to be continued to Monday, January 23, 2017
12. Ord. 2016-309 – to be continued to Monday, January 23, 2017
13. Ord. 2016-310 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2016-311 – retained on the Consent Agenda

It was the consensus of Council to waive the committee referral for Ords. 2016-310 and 2016-311 and retain both pieces of legislation on the Consent Agenda for consideration later that evening at the Formal Session of Council.

15. Ord. 2016-312 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2017
16. Ord. 2016-313 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Reva Trammell expressed support for Ord. 2016-313.

17. Ord. 2016-314 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2017
18. Ord. 2016-315 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2016-316 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Res. 2016-R092 – to be continued to Monday, January 23, 2017

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

Regular Agenda:

21. Ord. 2016-270 – to be continued to Monday, January 23, 2017

Lee Downey, deputy chief administrative officer – Economic and Community Development, was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2016-270.

Councilor Kristen Larson requested an annual revenue analysis for the existing parking structure located at the proposed development site of Ord. 2016-270.

22. Ord. 2016-306 – retained on the Regular Agenda
23. Res. 2016-R016 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2017

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

### **Other Discussion**

Councilor Kim Gray asked that Council allow media representatives access to a previously designated area for press in the council chamber during meetings.

Councilors Parker Agelasto, Reva Trammell, Kristen Larson and Andreas Addison all expressed support to reopen the press gallery to media personnel.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that he opposes the request since it in contrast to the recommendation provided by police officials.

Councilor Ellen Robertson and Vice President Cynthia Newbille both stated that they did not oppose the proposal but preferred that the request be reviewed by the appropriate standing committee to vet a media credentialing process.

President Chris Hilbert requested that the Governmental Operations Standing Committee review the proposal and provide a recommendation at the February Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

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