



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Tuesday, November 12, 2019

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, 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

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Assistant City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Acting Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:08 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. 2019-118 – to be amended and continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
2. Ord. 2019-247 – to be amended and continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
3. Ord. 2019-257 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested that Ord. 2019-257 be continued to allow an opportunity to receive an update regarding the proposed rezoning request.

4. Ord. 2019-260 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2019-263 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2019-264 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2019-268 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2019-269 – retained on the Consent Agenda

9. Ord. 2019-270 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2019-271 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2019-273 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2019-274 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2019-275 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
14. Ord. 2019-276 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
15. Ord. 2019-277 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2019-278 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2019-279 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2019-280 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2019-281 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2019-282 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2019-283 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2019-284 – retained on the Consent Agenda
23. Ord. 2019-285 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2019-286 – retained on the Consent Agenda
25. Ord. 2019-287 – retained on the Consent Agenda
26. Ord. 2019-290 – retained on the Consent Agenda
27. Ord. 2019-292 – retained on the Consent Agenda
28. Ord. 2019-293 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
29. Ord. 2019-294 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
30. Ord. 2019-295 – retained on the Consent Agenda
31. Ord. 2019-296 – retained on the Consent Agenda
32. Ord. 2019-297 – retained on the Consent Agenda
33. Ord. 2019-298 – retained on the Consent Agenda
34. Ord. 2019-299 – retained on the Consent Agenda
35. Ord. 2019-300 – retained on the Consent Agenda
36. Ord. 2019-301 – retained on the Consent Agenda
37. Ord. 2019-302 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019

38. Ord. 2019-303 – retained on the Consent Agenda
39. Ord. 2019-304 – retained on the Consent Agenda
40. Res. 2019-R025 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
41. Res. 2019-R042 – retained on the Consent Agenda
42. Res. 2019-R050 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2020
43. Res. 2019-R060 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

44. Ord. 2018-231 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
45. Ord. 2018-236 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
46. Ord. 2019-208 – retained on the Regular Agenda
47. Ord. 2019-211 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2020
48. Ord. 2019-212 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2020
49. Ord. 2019-213 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2020
50. Ord. 2019-214 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2020
51. Ord. 2019-215 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2020
52. Ord. 2019-216 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2020
53. Ord. 2019-217 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2020
54. Ord. 2019-218 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2020
55. Ord. 2019-219 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2020
56. Ord. 2019-248 – retained on the Regular Agenda
57. Ord. 2019-288 – to be amended and continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
58. Ord. 2019-289 – retained on the Regular Agenda
59. Ord. 2019-291 – retained on the Regular Agenda
60. Res. 2019-R044 – to be continued to Monday, January 13, 2020
61. Res. 2019-R057 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019

Due to the suggested continuance of Res. 2019-R057 and that evening being his last Formal meeting as a councilmember, Councilor Parker Agelasto provided an update of the proposed legislation and asked for one of his colleagues to co-patron the paper in his absence.

Councilor Kristen Larson stated that the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee was advised that the comprehensive agreement regarding the property referenced in

Res. 2019-R057 was in violation; however, she was not willing to co-patron the proposed legislation. Ms. Larson agreed to work with the newly elected 5th district council representative on the matter.

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested that additional information received pertaining to Res. 2019-R057 be disseminated to all members of Council.

Councilor Michael Jones arrived at 4:24 p.m. and was seated.

Councilor Agelasto asked that Interim City Attorney Haskell Brown provide Council with a formal legal opinion regarding the city's comprehensive agreement with the Richmond Performing Arts Alliance.

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

FY 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Mimi Terry, Finance deputy director, presented Council with the Fiscal Year 2019 CAFR and introduced the city's external audit partner, CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA), LLP's Greg Bussink, who provided a presentation regarding an overview of the CAFR, CLA's audit approach and results, technical update and new standards, and required governance communications. Mr. Bussink reported that the city received an unmodified (clean) opinion of its FY 2019 finances. A copy of the presentation and information presented have been filed.

Closed Session Motion

At 4:38 p.m., Councilor Kristen Larson moved that the City Council go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss a modification to the City Auditor's contract concerning the City Auditor's salary, and to discuss a contract concerning the appointment and salary of a Council Chief of Staff, and pursuant to section 2.2-3711 (A)(7) to receive a briefing from and to consult with the City Attorney pertaining to actual litigation commenced by the City against drug manufacturers and distributors of opioids.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Trammell, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None. Gray and Addison had not yet arrived.

Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 4:41 p.m. and entered the closed session.

Councilor Kim Gray arrived at 4:49 p.m. and entered the closed session.

Councilor Michael Jones motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:11 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

November 12, 2019

WHEREAS, the Council has convened in closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certifying resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

WITNESS the following vote of Council members, as recorded by Candice D. Reid, City Clerk:

CERTIFYING:

Cynthia I. Newbille, President
Christopher A. Hilbert, Vice President
Andreas D. Addison
Kimberly B. Gray
Kristen N. Larson
Parker C. Agelasto
Ellen F. Robertson
Reva M. Trammell
Michael J. Jones

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Other Discussion

Interim Council Chief of Staff Meghan Brown provided an update of the request for proposal for an external consultant to review the Navy Hill Development proposal and stated that she will be able to report additional information after a negotiation meeting scheduled for the next day.

President Cynthia Newbille stated that a draft timeline regarding the Navy Hill Development proposal will be provided to councilors at the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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