



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 24, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Michael Jones, President
The Honorable Kristen Nye, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ellen Robertson

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal
Laura Drewry, City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Council President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst 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

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2022-205 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2023

2. Ord. 2023-090 – to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2023
3. Ord. 2023-108 – to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2023

Councilor Andreas Addison stated that he was not specifically commenting on Ord. 2023-108; however, he mentioned his struggle to protect and support certain neighborhoods from active gentrification and his limited ability to deny permissible development. Councilor Addison further stated that it is up to Council to address certain concerns to preserve historic homes and/or neighborhoods.

4. Ord. 2023-130 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2023-136 – to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2023
6. Ord. 2023-152 – to be amended and continued to Monday, September 11, 2023; referred to the September 5, 2023, Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting
7. Ord. 2023-188 – to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2023; referred to the September 5, 2023, Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting

Upon Councilor Andreas Addison's request, it was the consensus of Council to continue Ord 2023-188 to the September 11, 2023, Council meeting and refer the proposed legislation to the September 5, 2023, Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting for review of suggested amendments.

8. Ord. 2023-189 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2023-190 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2023-191 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2023
11. Ord. 2023-192 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2023-193 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2023-194 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2023-195 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2023-196 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2023
16. Ord. 2023-197 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2023-198 – retained on the Consent Agenda

18. Ord. 2023-199 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2023-200 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2023-201 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2023-202 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2023-203 – to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2023
23. Ord. 2023-204 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2023-205 – to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2023
25. Ord. 2023-206 – retained on the Consent Agenda
26. Ord. 2023-207 – retained on the Consent Agenda
27. Ord. 2023-208 – retained on the Consent Agenda
28. Ord. 2023-209 – retained on the Consent Agenda
29. Ord. 2023-210 – retained on the Consent Agenda
30. Ord. 2023-211 – retained on the Consent Agenda
31. Ord. 2023-212 – retained on the Consent Agenda
32. Ord. 2023-213 – retained on the Consent Agenda
33. Ord. 2023-214 – retained on the Consent Agenda
34. Res. 2023-R024 – to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2023
35. Res. 2023-R029 – retained on the Consent Agenda
36. Res. 2023-R031 – retained on the Consent Agenda
37. Res. 2023-R032 – retained on the Consent Agenda
38. Res. 2023-R033 – retained on the Consent Agenda
39. Res. 2023-R034 – retained on the Consent Agenda

40. Res. 2023-R035 – retained on the Consent Agenda
41. Res. 2023-R036 – retained on the Consent Agenda
42. Res. 2023-R037 – retained on the Consent Agenda
43. Res. 2023-R038 – retained on the Consent Agenda
44. Res. 2023-R039 – retained on the Consent Agenda
45. Res. 2023-R040 – retained on the Consent Agenda
46. Res. 2023-R041 – retained on the Consent Agenda
47. Res. 2023-R042 – retained on the Consent Agenda
48. Res. 2023-R043 – retained on the Consent Agenda
49. Res. 2023-R044 – retained on the Consent Agenda
50. Res. 2023-R045 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

There were no Regular Agenda items.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested to be added as a co-patron of Ord. 2023-213. Ms. Lambert, inquiring regarding budget appropriations for street naming designations, expressed her concern over a suggestion that erection of the signs be subsidized from Council district funds instead of the Department of Public Works' operating budget.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch informed her colleagues that the street naming designation process is still being reviewed by the Governmental Operations Standing Committee.

Councilor Reva Trammell mentioned receiving inquiries surrounding the selection criteria for street naming designation and the lack of providing certain city services.

Vice President Kristen Nye stated that she is currently drafting legislation to assist with defining the street naming designation process and asked her colleagues to contact her if they would also like to co-patron and be involved with the composition of the paper.

Councilor Trammell also mentioned the replacement of street signs as a topic for discussion with city administration.

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

Other Discussion Item(s)**Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority's Homeownership Program**

Steven Nesmith, RRHA chief executive officer, provided Council with an update regarding the Authority's homeownership program, which is scheduled to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2023. A copy of the presentation has been filed.

[CD.2023.259](#) Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Comprehensive Homeownership Initiative Presentation

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert inquired regarding current RRHA tenants in arrears, who are not on the path of homeownership.

Mr. Nesmith informed Council that all public housing residents are eligible to participate in RRHA's homeownership program, even citizens currently involved in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program or any other government subsidized system.

Councilor Andreas Addison inquired regarding the inclusion of on-time utilities payment history as a qualifying indicator for loans, and he mentioned the Community Reinvestment Act funds, designed to ensure that federally insured banking institutions meet the credit needs of the communities in which they are located.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

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