



# City of Richmond Formal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, January 9, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council met in the Council Chamber on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 6:02 p.m.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Benjamin Campbell, Pastoral Associate for St. Paul Episcopal Church, 815 E. Grace Street, Richmond, VA.

Members of Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **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 Kristen Larson  
The Honorable Ellen Robertson  
The Honorable Reva Trammell

### **CHAMBER EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES**

President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order and presided. Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk Candice Reid provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with citizen speaker guidelines.

### **APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

**Councilor Parker Agelasto moved that the following appointments/reappointments be approved:**

<b>Board Name</b>	<b>Criteria for Appointment</b>	<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Terms</b>
<b>Economic Development Authority</b>	Resident of the city	Tiffany Jana	01/28/2017 – 01/28/2021 <i>Succeeding Anne Gordon Greever, not interested in reappointment</i>

\*Applicants must reside or work in the city.

**The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

*A copy of the information provided has been filed.*

## AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no awards or presentations.

*President Chris Hilbert acknowledged Mayor Levar Stoney in attendance at the Formal Session of Council.*

## CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

## AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

**Councilor Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:**

### ORD. 2016-204

To reduce the speed limit on West Grace Street between North Lombardy Street and North Boulevard from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour.

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### ORD. 2016-264

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2007-251-209, adopted Sept. 24, 2007, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2008-117-93, adopted May 27, 2008, and Ord. No. 2013-117-113, adopted Jun. 24, 2013, concerning the establishment of a residential permit parking district in the Carver Neighborhood, for the purpose of adding certain streets and portions of streets to the Carver Residential Permit Parking District.

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### ORD. 2016-300

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purpose of facilitating the design, planning, engineering, and construction of certain infrastructure improvements to support a mixed-income rental housing development at 1501 North 31st Street and 1611 North 31st Street in the city of Richmond.

**Continued to Monday, January 23, 2017**

### ORD. 2016-304

To amend ch. 27, art. VI of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 2.1, consisting of new sections 27-261-27-266, concerning the temporary restriction of access to metered parking.

**Continued to Monday, January 23, 2017**

### ORD. 2016-305

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a License Agreement between the City of Richmond as Licensor and the Virginia Tourism Authority, doing business as the Virginia Tourism Corporation, as Licensee for the purpose of facilitating the development and operation of a Welcome Center in Main Street Station at 1500 East Main Street in the city of Richmond.

**Continued to Monday, January 23, 2017**

ORD. 2016-307

To amend City Code § 29-189, concerning bus fares, for the purpose of authorizing an expansion of the CARE paratransit service to provide a third party transportation voucher program for patrons that desire on-demand transportation service.

**Continued to Monday, January 23, 2017**

ORD. 2016-308

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to enter into an Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority concerning the use of certain historic stones from the Kanawha Canal in connection with improvements at the T. Tyler Potterfield Memorial Bridge.

**Continued to Monday, January 23, 2017**

ORD. 2016-309

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Telecommunications Franchise Agreement by and between the City of Richmond and Windstream Communications, LLC, for the purpose of installing telecommunications equipment within the City's public right-of-way.

**Continued to Monday, January 23, 2017**

ORD. 2016-312

To conditionally rezone the properties known as 1207 School Street and 1207 A School Street from the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District (Conditional), upon certain proffered conditions.

**Continued to Monday, February 13, 2017**

ORD. 2016-314

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2704 Woodrow Avenue for the purpose of a day nursery for up to 12 children, upon certain terms and conditions.

**Continued to Monday, February 13, 2017**

RES. 2016-R092

To express the City's position on certain policy questions with regard to bus routes and stops in the city raised during the development of a Transit Network Plan for the city.

**Continued to Monday, January 23, 2017**

ORD. 2016-270

To declare surplus and to direct the sale of City-owned real estate located at 101 North 6th Street, 603, 609, 611, 615 and 619 East Grace Street, 612 East Franklin Street, and 112, 114 and 116 North 7th Street, for \$3,950,000 to City Center Development, LLC, for the purpose of the construction of a mixed-use development including commercial and residential space.

**Continued to Monday, January 23, 2017**

RES. 2016-R016

To establish a policy of the Council that the Council will appoint no person to the Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to more than two consecutive full terms.

**Continued to Monday, February 13, 2017**

**The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**The following ordinances were considered:**

ORD. 2016-236

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1400 Roseneath Road for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling with up to 364 dwelling units and commercial uses permitted in the B-6 Mixed-Use Business District, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2016-301

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services by \$15,000.00 for the purpose of providing materials for community outreach and preparedness training related to acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

ORD. 2016-302

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$2,617.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Justice Services by \$2,617.00 for the purpose of funding the City's community corrections program.

ORD. 2016-303

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$36,023.00 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Sheriff's Office by \$36,023.00 for the purpose of funding performance based bonuses for eligible Sheriff's Office personnel.

ORD. 2016-310

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services by \$30,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing cameras to increase security for the railroad tracks located in the Shockoe Bottom area of the city.

ORD. 2016-311

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$57,775.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services by \$57,775.00 for the purpose of providing regional emergency shelter training.

ORD. 2016-313

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2220 Stockton Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling with up to 40 dwelling units and commercial, group home, shelter, addiction recovery program, and social service delivery uses, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2016-315

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2808½ East Leigh Street for the purpose of a single-family attached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2016-316

To amend Ord. No. 2016-016, adopted Feb. 22, 2016, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 105 East Duval Street, 701 North 1st Street, and 708, 708 A, 710, 712, 714, 718, 722, 724, 728, 730, 732, 736 and 744 North 2nd Street for up to 182 multifamily dwelling units, commercial uses, and accessory off-street parking, to authorize up to 194 multifamily dwelling units and amendments to the plans to reduce the height and mass of the proposed building, upon certain terms and conditions.

There were no comments or discussions and **the Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

ORD. 2016-306

To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of certain easements upon, over, under, and across certain property located in Maymont Park at 800 Swan Lake Drive for the construction, maintenance, and operation of electrical power transmission and distribution lines and associated appurtenances in accordance with a certain Right of Way Agreement.

*President Chris Hilbert read into record the bid from Dominion Virginia Power.*

*Deborah Morton, interim director for Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, stated that city administration supports the bid.*

**Councilor Kim Gray moved to accept the bid and to adopt Ordinance 2016-306, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**MOTION TO AMEND AND CONTINUE**

**Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the ordinance entitled:**

ORD. 2016-300

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purpose of facilitating the design, planning, engineering, and construction of certain infrastructure improvements to support a mixed-income rental housing development at 1501 North 31st Street and 1611 North 31st Street in the city of Richmond.

**be amended and continued to Monday, January 23, 2017, as follows:**

Page 1, Line 5

After the word "Agreement", insert a comma followed by the text "as amended" and a comma

Page 1, Line 16

After the word "Agreement", insert a comma followed by the text "as amended" and a comma

Page 1, Line 20

After the word "Agreement", insert a comma followed by the text "as amended" and a comma

**The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

### **EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION**

**Councilor Kim Gray moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and unanimously approved:**

RES. 2017-R003

To terminate the services of Yueh "Eli" Wong as a Council Liaison for the City of Richmond.

*Patrons: Mr. Addison*

*Councilor Andreas Addison introduced RES. 2017-R003.*

**RES. 2017-R003 was unanimously adopted.**

**Councilor Michael Jones moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and unanimously approved:**

RES. 2017-R004

To appoint Hope M. Elliott to the position of Council Liaison.

*Patrons: Mr. Jones*

*Councilor Michael Jones introduced RES. 2017-R004.*

**RES. 2017-R004 was unanimously adopted.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Councilor Parker Agelasto moved to approve the following Richmond City Council meeting minutes:** Special Council Session held on Monday, December 5, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., the Informal Council Session held on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 4:00 p.m., and the Formal Council Session held on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

**The motion was seconded and approved:** Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Agelasto, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes, None. Abstentions 2, Larson, Gray.

## REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Michael Jones expressed his appreciation to the citizens of the 9<sup>th</sup> District for electing him to represent the district and reported that he will begin holding 9<sup>th</sup> District regularly scheduled meetings in the near future. Councilor Jones encouraged residents interested in receiving notices regarding council meetings, or who want to notify him of events and/or to express concerns regarding the community, to call or email 9<sup>th</sup> District Liaison Hope Elliott at 804-646-2779 or [hope.elliott@richmondgov.com](mailto:hope.elliott@richmondgov.com).

Councilor Ellen Robertson announced the following meetings: Manchester Civic Association, Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at Legend Brewing Company, 321 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street; Barton Heights Civic Association, Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., at Albert V. Norrell Elementary School, 2120 Fendall Avenue; Wickham Court Tenant Association, Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at 2302 Carmine Street; Bellevue Civic Association, Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bellemeade Community Center, 1800 Lynhaven Avenue and Eastview Civic League, Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 1720 Mechanicsville Turnpike. Councilor Robertson further reported that, on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the Fresh Anointing Cathedral COGIC Church, 3001 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, will sponsor an "All Lives Matter" meeting, and a 6<sup>th</sup> District town hall meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m., at the main branch of the Richmond Public Library, 101 East Franklin Street. Councilor Robertson asked 6<sup>th</sup> District residents to contact her at [ellen.robertson@richmondgov.com](mailto:ellen.robertson@richmondgov.com), 804-314-7658 or 804-646-7964.

Councilor Kristen Larson expressed her appreciation to the citizens of the 4<sup>th</sup> District for electing her to represent the district and asked citizens to contact her at 804-339-8393 or [kristen.larson@richmondgov.com](mailto:kristen.larson@richmondgov.com).

Councilwoman Reva Trammell expressed her appreciation to everyone who supported re-electing her to represent the 8<sup>th</sup> District. Councilwoman Trammell also expressed appreciation to the residents who demonstrated their support for the Richmond Police Department at a recent event. Ms. Trammell reminded citizens to contact their nearest fire station to arrange for the installation of a smoke alarm or to have existing alarms inspected at no cost; she stated that citizens may contact her at 804-233-7382 or 804-240-5050.

Councilor Andreas Addison expressed appreciation to the citizens of the 1<sup>st</sup> District for electing him to represent the district and asked citizens to contact him at 804-357-2631.

Councilor Parker Agelasto advised residents that 5<sup>th</sup> District Liaison Amy Robins will attend the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> District meetings in his absence.

Councilor Kim Gray expressed appreciation to the citizens of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District for electing her to represent the district and asked residents to contact her at 804-690-0898, 804-646-6531, [kimberly.gray@richmondgov.com](mailto:kimberly.gray@richmondgov.com) or 2<sup>nd</sup> District Liaison Craig Bieber at 804-646-6532.

Councilor Parker Agelasto invited residents to attend the Carillon Civic Association meeting on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., at Unity of Richmond, 800 Blanton Avenue, and to attend the Swansboro Civic Association meeting on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at the Richmond Christian Center, 214 Cowardin Avenue. Councilor Agelasto announced that the Maymont Civic Association will meet on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., at the Maymont Park Stone Barn, 1700 Hampton Street, and that the Randolph Neighborhood Association will meet on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at the Randolph Community Center, 1415 Grayland Avenue. Mr. Agelasto urged residents to support students from Groundwork RVA who will be out on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., planting trees on Crutchfield Street.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille expressed appreciation to the residents of the 7<sup>th</sup> District for re-electing her to represent the district and urged residents to participate in service events on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning with the Powhatan Hill Park community garden work and cleanup of open spaces and walkways and the Gillies Creek Park cleanup. Vice President Newbille encouraged citizens to attend a meeting to discuss the proposed Richmond Transit Network Plan on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Peter Paul Development Center, 1708 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Chris Hilbert expressed appreciation to the residents of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District for re-electing him to represent the district and reported that the city's planning staff will be available to discuss the City's Master Plan at the 3<sup>rd</sup> District meeting on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, meeting location and time to be determined. He encouraged residents, who would like to receive 3<sup>rd</sup> District announcements to contact Lisa Townes, 3<sup>rd</sup> district liaison, at [lisa.townes@richmondgov.com](mailto:lisa.townes@richmondgov.com), and reminded citizens to contact him via email at [chris.hilbert@richmondgov.com](mailto:chris.hilbert@richmondgov.com). President Hilbert urged those citizens in Virginia's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, to exercise their right to participate in the special election on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hilbert complimented Mayor Levar Stoney, members of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and those who participated in the response efforts to a recent snow event. President Hilbert invited Mayor Levar Stoney to make remarks.

### **Mayoral Remarks**

Mayor Levar Stoney expressed appreciation to Council President Chris Hilbert and Council Vice President Cynthia Newbille for their support of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Mayor Stoney announced that his mayoral inaugural events will be held on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, to include a celebration luncheon, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Jefferson Hotel, 101 West Franklin Street, and a reception, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at Main Street Station, 1500 East Main Street. Mayor Stoney further announced that, on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, a prayer breakfast will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Hilton Downtown, 501 East Broad Street, his swearing-in ceremony from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., at City Hall, 900 East Broad Street, and a community celebration from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Valentine Museum, 1015 East Clay Street.

Councilor Parker Agelasto stated that he was advised that a vote from Council was required before the City Attorney could release his legal opinion to the city administration regarding the cash bonuses granted to city employees by former Mayor Dwight Jones; therefore, he would like Council to consider a formal vote on the matter.

**Councilor Parker Agelasto moved to request that the City Attorney provide its legal opinion to the city administration regarding the legality of the bonuses that were approved by former Mayor Dwight C. Jones.**

In response to a question from Vice President Cynthia Newbille, City Attorney Allen Jackson stated that he was precluded from providing the legal opinion without the consent of Council.

**The motion was seconded unanimously approved.**

Councilor Kim Gray stated that she would like Council to consider a review of the guidelines for providing and computing severance payouts to separating city employees, and that she is in the process of initiating a review of the guidelines.



## INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

**City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinance on Monday, January 23, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.:**

ORD. 2017-001

To amend City Code § 2-302, concerning when certain fiscal and economic impact statements are required, for the purpose of requiring that, at the time of introduction, the impact statements be attached to each ordinance authorizing an economic development project and to each written motion to amend such an ordinance.

*Patrons: Ms. Robertson*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.**

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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CITY CLERK