



City of Richmond

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 8, 2023

6:00 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 Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Call to Order

Council President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and presided.

Spanish Interpretation Announcement

City Clerk Candice Reid stated that Spanish interpretation service was available in the Council Chamber and that attendees should speak with a representative to receive the appropriate equipment. City Clerk Reid also stated that Spanish interpretation service was available virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Roxana Talavera-Denson, Language Access Coordinator, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement, then provided Spanish interpretation of City Clerk Candice Reid's announcement.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Gail Minnick of Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond, 2501 Park Ave, Richmond, Virginia.

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

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst Pamela Nichols 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.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

[CD.2023.179](#) Board Appointments and Reappointments - May 8, 2023

Audit Committee:

William Chaney (reappointment)

Ethics Reform Commission:

Esson Miller, Jr. (reappointment)

Joan Saffer

Charlie Williams

Maggie L. Walker Initiative Citizens Advisory Board:

Joseph Brooks

Shelley Allmond

Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks:

Charlie Williams

Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board:

Gabriel Bibb (reappointment)

Mark Bouziane (reappointment)

Conway Hubbard, Sr.

Mary Mason

Ingrid Harding

Capital Area Partnership Uplifting People, Inc.:

Malcolm Moody

Richmond Behavioral Health Authority:

Irvin Dallas (reappointment)

Ashley Young

Social Services Advisory Board:

Sherrell Thompson

Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority:

Evan Feinman (reappointment)

Minority Business Enterprise and Emerging Small Business Advisory Board:

Le'Teshia LeSane

Advisory Board for the Assessment of Towing Fees and the Storage of Vehicles:

Charlie Woodson (reappointment)

Mathew Appelget (reappointment)

Community Criminal Justice Board:

Dr. John Lindstrom (reappointment)

Richmond Ambulance Authority:

Andrew Walker

Joseph Trapani (reappointment)

City Personnel Board:

Linda Jackson-Shaw (reappointment)

Richmond Public Library Board:

Emily Altman (reappointment)

Christine Peterson (reappointment)

Janet Woody (reappointment)

Sister Cities Commission:

Patricia Cummins (reappointment)

City Planning Commission:

Dakia Knight

Green City Commission:

Luis Huertas

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Awards and Presentations

There were no awards and presentations.

Citizen Comment

[CD.2023.166](#) May 8, 2023 Citizen Comment Period Speakers List

Robert Oberhand, Richmond Property Owners Association member, stated his concerns regarding RES. 2023-R006 and the creation of future rental inspection districts in the city.

Kimberly Taylor, chapter member of Virginia Organizing, stated her support for RES. 2023-R006, protections for tenants, and future rental inspection districts.

Lily Hungarland, Chair of Board of Virginia Organizing, stated her support for RES. 2023-R006, protections for tenants, and future rental inspection districts.

Anne Forrester, Richmond Public Schools teacher, stated her concerns regarding affordable housing access to the families of the city and the impacts of limited housing on city students.

Jacob Neal-Helt, Richmond Public Schools teacher, stated his support for addressing the housing crisis in the city and his concerns regarding the impact of the housing crisis on city students.

It was the consensus of Council to allow for citizen comment by an individual that had not previously signed up to speak.

Geneva Dalton-Talley requested that Council reopen the homeless shelters in the city, and stated her concern for the safety of the city's homeless residents.

President Michael Jones requested city administration speak with Ms. Dalton-Talley regarding the homeless shelter.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved to amend the agenda as follows:

1. [ORD.](#) [2022-375](#) To repeal Ord. No. 97-105-173, adopted May 27, 1997, which established a street light policy for the City of Richmond.
Patrons: Mayor Stoney
To be continued to Monday, June 12, 2023

11. [ORD.](#) [2023-119](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1402 North 32nd Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling and two single-family attached dwellings, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (7th District)
Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)
To be amended and continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

13. [ORD.](#) [2023-121](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3207 Hermitage Road for the purpose of an office and contractor warehouse with outdoor storage, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 60-227-197, adopted Aug. 8, 1960, and Ord. No. 60-120-93, adopted May 9, 1960. (3rd District)
Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)
To be continued to Monday, June 12, 2023

20. [ORD.](#) [2023-130](#) To amend ch. 4, art. IV, div. 3 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 4-401, concerning exotic and wild animals.
Patrons: Mayor Stoney
To be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

23. [RES.](#) [2023-R011](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities to consult with the Office of the City Attorney concerning the development of a plan and the preparation of necessary documents to acquire, preferably by gift, the properties known as Evergreen Cemetery and East End Cemetery and to present such a plan and documents to the Council.
Patrons: Ms. Newbille and Ms. Lambert

To be continued to Monday, June 12, 2023

26. [RES. 2023-R024](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the preparation of a study to identify a location in the Shockoe Bottom area of the city of Richmond for the National Slavery Museum.

Patrons: Ms. Newbille and Ms. Lambert

To be continued to Monday, June 12, 2023

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested to be added as a co-patron of RES. 2023-R024.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

2. [ORD. 2023-046](#) To install one speed table in the 2100 block of Wood Street. (6th District)
Patrons: Ms. Robertson
3. [ORD. 2023-068](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3600 Grove Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to [260] 253 dwelling units and amenity spaces, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)
Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)
4. [ORD. 2023-092](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2018-310, adopted Dec. 17, 2018, which authorized the special use of the property known as 2712 East Leigh Street for the purpose of up to seven multifamily dwelling units and an accessory office, to authorize certain uses permitted on corner lots within the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)
5. [ORD. 2023-111](#) To designate the 1800 block of South Meadow Street in honor of Ida Lee Cheatham. (5th District)
Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Newbille

6. [ORD.](#) To designate the 500 and 600 blocks of West 22nd Street in honor of
[2023-112](#) Josie Samarah Cox. (5th District)
Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Addison, Ms. Robertson and Ms. Newbille
7. [ORD.](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the
[2023-115](#) City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Quitclaim of Utility Easement
between the City of Richmond and JG Laburnum, LLC and Robins
Laburnum, LLC, for the purpose of vacating by quitclaim deed a certain
easement on the property known as 5401 South Laburnum Avenue, for
nominal consideration, to JG Laburnum, LLC and Robins Laburnum,
LLC.
Patrons: Mayor Stoney
8. [ORD.](#) To designate the 5300 block of Marian Street in honor of the late Bettie
[2023-116](#) Elizabeth Boyers Cooper. (1st District)
Patrons: Ms. Lambert, Mr. Addison and Ms. Newbille
9. [ORD.](#) To designate the 3000 block of Meadowbridge Road, from its
[2023-117](#) intersection with Newbury Avenue to its intersection with East
Brookland Park Boulevard, in honor of Michael D. Simpson. (6th
District)
Patrons: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Newbille
10. [ORD.](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 310 West 31st
[2023-118](#) Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 19
dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)
Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)
12. [ORD.](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 14 Granite
[2023-120](#) Avenue for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling with
driveway access to the street, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st
District)
Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

14. [ORD.](#)
[2023-122](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 600 Tredegar Street and 501 South 5th Street for the purpose of wall signs, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
15. [ORD.](#)
[2023-125](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$65,800.00 from the Virginia Office of the Attorney General, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's Office of the Attorney General Special Fund by \$65,800.00, for the purpose of supporting gun violence reduction initiatives in the city of Richmond.
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert
16. [ORD.](#)
[2023-126](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$70,663.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response by \$70,663.00, for the purpose of providing the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response with reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for eligible costs incurred as part of the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney
17. [ORD.](#)
[2023-127](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Virginia Office of the Attorney General, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's Office of the Attorney General Special Fund by \$300,000.00, for the purpose of purchasing protective equipment for on-duty police officers in the city of Richmond.
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney
18. [ORD.](#)
[2023-128](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Procurement Services, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the sixth Contract Modification to Contract No. 16000022041 between the City and Manchester Marketing, Inc. T/A Seibert's Towing

for towing-related services and tow lot operation for the purpose of documenting the exercise of the third renewal option of Contract No. 16000022041.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

19. [ORD.](#)
[2023-129](#) To repeal City Code § 4-53, concerning supervision and control of the animal shelter and impoundment and release procedures, to repeal City Code § 4-275, concerning impoundment and violation notice and the fee for board and care, to amend ch. 4, art. II, div. 1 of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 4-53.1 and 4-275.1, and to amend City Code §§ 4-1, concerning definitions, 4-55, concerning hindering, molesting or interfering with an officer, 4-243, concerning prohibition on dogs running at large and penalty, 4-244, concerning care and control of animals and penalties, and 4-372, concerning reporting of bites, for the purpose of modifying the policies and procedures for animal care and control in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

21. [ORD.](#)
[2023-131](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership by the Maymont Foundation for the benefit of the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for the purpose of enabling Maymont Foundation to accept \$8,000,000.00 from the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for renovations to the Maymont House Museum and animal habitats.
(5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

22. [ORD.](#)
[2023-132](#) To designate the 3100 block of Hull Street in honor of Preston Brown and Kirby Carmichael. (8th District)

Patrons: Ms. Trammell, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Newbille

24. [RES.](#)
[2023-R021](#) To repeal Res. No. 2009-R22-30, adopted Mar. 9, 2009, concerning a major snowstorm, Res. No. 2011-R93-92, adopted Sept. 6, 2011, concerning Hurricane Irene, Res. No. 2020-R041, Jun. 8, 2020, concerning civil unrest, and Res. No. 2021-R006, adopted Jan. 11, 2021, concerning potential civil unrest, for the purpose of terminating the respective states of emergency.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

25. [RES. 2023-R022](#) To repeal Res. No. 2020-R025, adopted Mar. 16, 2020, and concur with the Mayor's judgment that all emergency actions have been taken with regard to and therefore end the local emergency that existed as a result of the potential spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus known as "COVID-19," to which the Council consented via Res. No. 2020-R025, adopted Mar. 16, 2020.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Public Hearing

Omari Al-Qadaffi spoke in opposition to ORD. 2023-127, and stated his concerns regarding police enforcement policies used in the city.

Art Burton spoke in opposition to ORD. 2023-127, specifically regarding his concern that others in the community were in need of funding that was being directed to the police department.

Blair Justice spoke in opposition to ORD. 2023-068, and stated his concerns regarding the impact the development may have on the character and quality of life within the neighborhood.

Eric Bragman spoke in opposition to ORD. 2023-068, and stated his concern regarding the impact on the infrastructure of his neighborhood due to the development.

Travis Johnson spoke in opposition to ORD. 2023-127, specifically regarding his concerns that funds allocated to the police department would not be used to protect residents of the city.

Alan Chipman spoke in opposition to ORD. 2023-127, and stated his concerns regarding the type of equipment the ordinance would provide for the police department.

Kelly Johnson spoke in support for ORD. 2023-116, and the history the street name designation would celebrate.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated her support for the street name designation referenced in ORD. 2023-112, and for the victims of traffic accidents in the city. Councilor Lynch also stated her concerns regarding the safety of the city's homeless residents, and stated her support for the opening of a homeless shelter.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her support for ORD. 2023-116.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her support for ORD. 2023-132.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2023-111, ORD. 2023-112, ORD. 2023-116, ORD. 2023-117, and ORD. 2023-132.

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

The Regular Agenda

The following ordinances were considered:

27. [ORD. 2023-133](#) To direct the conveyance of the City-owned real estate known as 3017, 3001, 2909, 2907, and 3101 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard and 2728 Hermitage Road, consisting of 60.966± acres, for nominal consideration to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond.
(2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and City Council

28. [ORD. 2023-134](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the Diamond District Redevelopment Project Development Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, RVA Diamond Partners LLC, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of providing for the financing, construction, maintenance, and operation of public improvements and private development within an area generally known as the Diamond District along North Arthur Ashe Boulevard and Hermitage Road.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and City Council

Leonard Sledge, Director of Economic Development, presented the proposed ordinances to Council and provided details concerning the Diamond District development outlined in the ordinances.

Public Hearing

Eugene Murphy, member of the LIUNA (Laborers' International Union of North America), stated his support for the development outlined in the proposed ordinances, and the employment opportunities the development would provide workers.

Charles Kelly, President of Richmond Building and Construction Trades Council, stated his support for the development outlined in the proposed ordinances, and the job opportunities the construction would create for workers.

Rufus Williams, representative of Loop Capital, stated his support for the development outlined in the proposed ordinances and his appreciation for all the individuals that helped complete the project.

Grace Washington, owner of J&G Workforce Development Services, stated her support for the proposed ordinances and the job opportunities the development would provide the community.

Shemicia Bowen stated her support for the proposed ordinances and the business opportunities it would provide the community.

Jason Guillot, Principal at Thalhimer Realty Partners and representative of RVA Diamond Partners, stated his support for the proposed ordinances and spoke of his appreciation for all those involved in completing the project.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert asked for clarification on the project's job agreements related to the proposed development.

Mr. Sledge elaborated on the project labor agreements of the Diamond District development.

Councilor Lambert stated her support for the proposed ordinances and for the benefits the development would provide community members.

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2023-133.

Councilor Robertson also stated her support for the development outlined in the proposed ordinances.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated her support for the proposed ordinances.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated his support for the proposed ordinances and growth the development would bring the community.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille stated her support for the proposed ordinances.

Vice President Kristen Nye stated her support for proposed ordinances. Vice President Nye also requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2023-133 and ORD. 2023-134.

President Michael Jones stated his support for the proposed ordinances and the impact the development would have on the community and workforce.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2023-133 and ORD. 2023-134.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2023-133 and ORD. 2023-134 were unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was considered:

29. [RES. 2023-R023](#) To overrule the decision of the City Planning Commission denying approval of the City's application to relocate the Department of Fire and Emergency Services training facility to the Hickory Hill Community Center located at 3000 East Belt Boulevard. (8th District)

Patrons: Ms. Trammell and Mayor Stoney

Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the proposed resolution and spoke in support of for the Richmond Fire Department's training center relocation.

Fire Chief Melvin D. Carter introduced the proposed ordinance, and elaborated on the details concerning the relocation of the training facility.

Fire Battalion Chief Kevin King elaborated on the problems caused by the current training center, and explained how the relocation of the training center would improve the safety of the city and the skills of the firefighters.

Chris Frelke, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, stated the Department of Parks and Recreation and Community Facilities supported the proposed resolution.

Public Hearing

Kenneth Gibson spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution, and stated his concern that the resolution would overturn a decision previously determined by the Planning Commission and Urban Design Committee.

Eric Hunter, former Chairman of Broad Rock Neighborhood Team, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution, and stated his concern that the resolution would overturn a decision previously determined by the Planning Commission and Urban Design Committee.

Roslyn Gibson spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution and stated her concern that changes made due to the relocation would have negative impacts on the residents and the environment.

Mary Bryant spoke in opposition of the resolution and stated her concerns regarding the impact the relocation would have on her ability to access the Community Center.

Barbara Starkey Goode, President of the Oak Grove Civic Association, spoke in opposition of the resolution and stated her concern that the relocation would have negative impacts on the established programs and uses of the Hickory Hill Community Center.

Monica Esparza spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution, and stated her concerns regarding the loss of resources available to the community that may occur as a result of the fire department's training center relocation.

Lisa Esparza spoke in opposition of the resolution and stated her concerns regarding the loss of green space for the community.

Amy Wentz spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution, and stated her concerns regarding the loss of green space and recreational facilities for the community.

Michelle Esparza-Harris spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution, and stated her concerns regarding the negative impacts on the natural environment the relocation would cause. Ms. Esparza-Harris also noted that the relocation of the training facility would conflict with land use plans already adopted in the Richmond 300 Master Plan.

Joseph Miller spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution, and stated his concern that the resolution would overturn a decision already determined by the community.

Robert Oberhand spoke in opposition of proposed resolution, and stated his concern with relocating a fire training facility to a community center due to conflicting land use purposes.

Kendra Esparza-Harris, member of Serene Wildlife Sanctuary and Doctoral Fellow in Agroforestry, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution, and stated her concerns regarding the negative impacts caused by the loss of green space in a minority community.

Marie Coone spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution, and stated her concerns regarding the negative impacts on the historic building, green space, and health of the residents.

Marie Hart spoke in support of the proposed resolution and the positive impact it would have on the public safety of the area.

Jerry Blow spoke in support of the proposed resolution and stated his belief that the relocation would benefit the overall safety of the entire city.

Donald Bryant spoke in support of the proposed resolution, and stated his belief in the importance of supporting public safety training and development.

CJ Johnson, Vice President of the McGuire Civic Association, spoke in support of the proposed resolution, and stated her support for a training facility in order to promote public safety for the city.

Keith Andes, President of the Richmond Professional Firefighters Association I.A.F.F. Local 995, spoke in support of the proposed resolution, and the impact it would have on firefighting training.

William Spindle, President of the local chapter of the International Association of Black Firefighters, spoke in support of the proposed resolution, and the impact of the overall public safety of the city due to the relocation.

Max Bell spoke in support of the proposed resolution, and the financial impact it would have for the city.

Dexter Goode, Department of Public Works Capital Projects Manager, spoke in support of the proposed resolution, and stated that several of the concerns previously raised during the public hearing were based on inaccurate information. Mr. Goode provided details regarding public parking and green space management in hopes to clarify information about the training facility relocation.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell thanked the citizens that came to speak to the resolution, as well as the individuals and groups that had worked to support the relocation. Councilor Trammell stated her support for the proposed resolution.

**There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2023-R023 was adopted:
Ayes 8, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones.
Noes None. Abstentions 1, Addison.**

Budget Related Papers

The following ordinances were considered:

30. [ORD. 2023-071](#) To adopt the annual budget, which includes all of the separate current expense budgets for the general operation of the City government and for each utility as defined in ch. 13 of the City Charter, for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2023, and ending Jun. 30, 2024, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

31. [ORD. 2023-073](#) To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2023, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2023; and to determine the means of financing the same. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

32. [ORD. 2023-072](#) To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2023, and ending Jun. 30, 2024.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

33. [ORD. 2023-074](#) To adopt a new pay plan for the City for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and to repeal Ord. No. 2018-319, adopted Jan. 14, 2019, and all amendatory ordinances thereto.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

34. [ORD. 2023-075](#) To repeal City Code § 2-1265, concerning personnel rules; to amend City Code §§ 1-4, concerning miscellaneous ordinances not affected by the City Code, 2-927, concerning general powers and duties of the Personnel Board, 2-1210, concerning publication of certain hiring policies, 2-1264, concerning the creation of the personnel system, 2-1289, concerning classified service, 2-1293, concerning prohibited practices, 2-1295, concerning prohibited working relationships between family members, 2-1301.2, concerning definitions, and 26-103, concerning the general powers and assistants for the City Assessor; and to repeal Ord. No. 2013-10-98, concerning personnel rules for the classified service.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

35. [ORD. 2023-076](#) To amend ch. 2, art. IV of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 25, consisting of §§ 2-763-2-765, concerning the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and to amend City Code § 22-317, concerning additional retirement allowances for certain City officials.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

36. [ORD. 2023-077](#) To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$285,000,000 to finance the cost of school projects and general capital improvement projects of the City for the following purposes and uses: construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public schools; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for various infrastructure needs, including traffic control facilities, streets, sidewalks and other public ways, bridges, storm sewers, drains and culverts, and refuse disposal facilities; to make grants or loans to assist in financing capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting the development of housing projects for the benefit of persons with low or moderate incomes; participation in redevelopment, conservation and community development programs, including the construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for targeted public facilities included in these programs; construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public institutional, operational, cultural, educational and entertainment buildings and facilities, including but not limited to the theaters, parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, libraries and museums; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and the making of appropriations to the City's Economic Development Authority and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to be used to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development or promoting the development of housing projects for the benefit of persons with low or moderate incomes; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

37. [ORD. 2023-078](#) To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of

\$27,555,000 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the stormwater utility of the City for the following purposes and uses: replacement of and upgrades to the stormwater facilities, including but not limited to, construction, reconstruction, improvements, rehabilitation and upgrades of stormwater sewers and associated facilities; new and replacement infrastructure of the storm sewer system, drainage structures, catch basins, ditches, storm sewer pipes, culverts, green infrastructure; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and equipment for various infrastructure needs; and authorizes the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds and to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

38. [ORD. 2023-079](#)

To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$206,032,820 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the gas, water and wastewater utilities and public utilities buildings and facilities for the following purposes and uses: enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the gas plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the waterworks plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the wastewater plant and intercepting lines; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, and improvement of sanitary and storm water sewers, pumping stations, drains and culverts; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of public utility buildings and facilities therefor, including but not limited to the stores division; and acquisition of real property and real property rights (including without limitation easements and rights-of-way) therefor as appropriate; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to approve the form of supplemental indenture of trust; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such public utility revenue bonds.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

Public Hearing

Lance Nation, Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities (RISC) member and parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, spoke in support of ORD. 2023-071, specifically the investments to the affordable housing trust fund.

Beverly Ross, RISC member and member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, spoke in support of ORD. 2023-071, specifically the funds dedicated to alternative and affordable housing repairs and replacements.

Martin Wegbreit, RISC member and Council appointee to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Supervisory Board, stated his concerns regarding the allocation of funds for affordable housing.

Paulina Chavez, RISC member, with Spanish to English translation assistance provided by Roxana Talavera-Denson, Language Access Coordinator, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement Manager, stated her support for ORD. 2023-071 and for the funding certain programs would receive.

Marvin Gilliam, Jr., Pastor at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church and RISC Executive Committee member, stated his concerns regarding gun violence and the lack of the issue being addressed in the budget.

Mariah White, 2nd District School Board Representative, spoke in support of ORD. 2023-073, specifically the additional increases to Richmond Public Schools capital projects.

Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer, stated his appreciation for all the individuals in city administration that helped develop the proposed budget.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated her appreciation for the budget designing process and to all the individuals involved. Councilor Robertson requested information concerning revenue projections and current debt from city administration in order to support the proposed budget.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her appreciation for individuals involved in the budget development process.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille stated her appreciation for all the groups and individuals that collaborated on the proposed budget.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated her appreciation for all the staff members involved in the budget designing process.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her support for the proposed budget and for the individuals and groups that were involved in designing the proposed budget.

Vice President Kristen Nye stated her appreciation for all the individuals involved in the budget designing process.

President Michael Jones stated his appreciation for the staff and individuals involved in designing the proposed budget.

There were no further comments or discussions ORD. 2023-071, ORD. 2023-073, ORD. 2023-072, ORD. 2023-074, ORD. 2023-075, ORD. 2023-076, ORD. 2023-077, ORD. 2023-078, and ORD. 2023-079 were unanimously adopted.

Motions

Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved that the ordinance entitled:

11. [ORD. 2023-119](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1402 North 32nd Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling and two single-family attached dwellings, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

be amended and continued to Monday, May 22, 2023, as follows:

Page 3, Line 8

After the word “revised”, strike the date “December 9, 2022” and insert the date “March 10, 2023”

Page 3, Line 14

After the word “revised”, strike the date “December 9, 2022” and insert the date “March 10, 2023”

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively, and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2023.162](#) April 24, 2023 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2023.173](#) April 24, 2023 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2023.184](#) May 8, 2023 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

39. [ORD. 2023-146](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Fourth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Fourth District.

Patrons: Vice President Nye

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

40. [ORD. 2023-147](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Eighth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Eighth District.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell

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

41. [ORD. 2023-148](#) To amend ch. 2, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 4.1, consisting of §§ 2-850-2-852, for the purpose of establishing a Future of Workforce Commission.

Patrons: Mr. Addison

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

42. [ORD. 2023-150](#) To declare a public necessity for the acquisition of and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept from the Friends of the Wythe/Monumental Green Space the dedication as public right-of-way a portion of a parcel along the northern line of Wythe Avenue, consisting of 4,352± square feet, for the purpose of providing for the maintenance of a public green space. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

43. [ORD. 2023-151](#) To repeal City Code §§ 26-724, concerning definitions for transient lodging taxes, 26-725, concerning levy of transient lodging taxes, 26-726, concerning collection of transient lodging taxes, 26-727, concerning violations, 26-728, concerning reports required, 26-729, concerning enforcement, and 26-730, concerning the effective date of ch. 26, art. X of

the City Code; to amend ch. 26, art. X of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 26-724.1-26-732, concerning transient occupancy taxes; and to amend City Code § 26-430, concerning penalties for non-payment of property taxes, all for the purpose of aligning the City Code with state law pertaining to transient occupancy taxes.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

44. [ORD. 2023-149](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring \$14,295.00 from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities agency, and to amend Ord. No. 2022-057, adopted May 9, 2022, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and determined a means of financing the same, by increasing estimated revenues from the funds transferred and the amount appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' James River Park Infrastructure project in the Culture and Recreation Category, for the purpose of making a grant of \$14,295.00 to the Friends of The James River Park to facilitate the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle trail at Reedy Creek. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

45. [ORD. 2023-152](#) To repeal City Code §§ 11-190-197, concerning a commercial property assessed clean energy financing program, and to amend ch. 11, art. VIII of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 11-190.1-11-197.1, concerning a commercial property assessed clean energy financing program, for the purpose of aligning the City Code with state law pertaining to commercial property assessed clean energy financing programs.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

46. [ORD. 2023-153](#) To designate that portion of East 15th Street between its intersection with Hull Street Road and its intersection with Maury Street, in honor of Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson and President Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

47. [ORD. 2023-154](#) To designate the 2800 block of P Street in honor of the late Reverend Dr. Robert L. Taylor. (7th District)

Patrons: Ms. Newbille and President Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

48. [ORD. 2023-155](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of construction services and materials valued at approximately \$56,500.00 from the Friends of The James River Park, for the purpose of facilitating the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle trail at Reedy Creek in the city of Richmond. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

49. [ORD. 2023-156](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Lease between the City of Richmond and Ritchie Richmond, LLC, for the purpose of leasing the property located at 1904 North Hamilton Street for the use of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services for certain operations and storage. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

50. [ORD. 2023-157](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 301 West 6th Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 553 dwelling units, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

51. [ORD. 2023-158](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 86-81-83, adopted Apr. 28, 1986, and last amended by Ord. No. 2000-289-271, adopted Sept. 11, 2000, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1200-1206 East Cary for the purpose of a hotel containing up to 57 rooms and other uses permitted in the B-5 Central Business District and additional signs, to modify the parking requirements, upon certain terms and conditions.

(5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

Members of Council provided reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

CITY CLERK