



City of Richmond

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 11, 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 (early departure)
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (early departure)
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 6:01 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 Sterling Severns of Reverend Sterling Severns of Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1925 Grove Avenue, 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 Lisa Braxton 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 Cynthia Newbille moved to appoint Nicole Jones as the Interim 9th District City Council Representative for a term starting January 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2024. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille, and Nye. Noes None. Abstentions 1, Jones.

Awards and Presentations

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert, on behalf of City Council, honored and recognized the Virginia Union University Football Team for winning the CIAA Championship.

[CD.2023.370](#) 20231211 Formal Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

Vice President Kristen Nye, on behalf of City Council, honored and recognized President Michael Jones for his service on Richmond City Council, and congratulated him for his election to the Virginia House of Delegates as the House District 77 Representative.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch left the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Citizen Comment

Ruth Puryear addressed Council and stated her concerns about access to an alley near her home. Ms. Puryear requested that Council assist her with allowing traffic and city services on Beale Street.

Aries Loumis, Sunrise Movement Richmond Hub member, on behalf of John Henry Williams, addressed Council and stated his concerns about the status of the RVAgreen 2050 Plan. Mr. Loumis also stated that the city needed to act with more urgency to ensure that RVAgreen 2050 goals are achieved in the desired timeframe.

Marilynn Joyner addressed Council and stated her concerns about traffic on Monteiro Street. Ms. Joyner requested that the city install speed bumps to slow traffic. Ms. Joyner provided a petition signed by neighbors that agreed with her traffic concerns.

Christopher Rashad addressed Council and stated his concerns about safety on Monteiro Street. Mr. Rashad informed Council that he supported Ms. Joyner in her request for speeding to be addressed on Monteiro Street.

Martin Wegbreit, Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities (RISC) member, addressed Council and stated his concerns about the city using bonds to finance affordable housing development. Mr. Wegbreit also stated that bonds must be repaid, and he requested that the city use tax revenue and grants for housing development instead of bonds or loans.

Beverly Ross, Sacred Heart Catholic Church member, RISC member, addressed Council and thanked members for allocating \$800,000 for a mobile home repair and replacement program in the city. Ms. Ross also stated that additional funding was necessary to fully address the need to repair and replace mobile homes in the city.

Ralph Hodge, Second Baptist Church Pastor, RISC member, addressed Council and requested that Council attend RISC's upcoming Nehemiah Action Assembly on March 19, 2024. Pastor Hodge also stated his concerns about gun violence in the city, and he requested that the city implement RISC's gun violence prevention program.

Councilor Reva Trammell stated her appreciation for city administration's assistance with improving the living conditions of mobile homes in the city.

A copy of all material provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.364](#) December 11, 2023 Citizen Comment Period Speakers List

President Michael Jones recognized City Clerk Candice Reid for completing the requirements to achieve the designation of a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC). President Jones also recognized Council Management Analysts Lisa Braxton and Pamela Nichols as Certified Municipal Clerks, and he thanked the Office of the City Clerk staff for their dedication and service.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Katherine Jordan moved to amend the agenda as follows:

1. [ORD. 2022-191](#) To repeal ch. 16, art. II (§§ 16-19-16-31) of the City Code; to amend ch. 30, art. VI, div. 10.1 by adding therein a new section 30-691.1:1, concerning definitions for the Affordable Dwelling Unit Density Program; and to amend City Code §§ 30-691, 30-691.1, 30-691.2, 30-691.3, 30-691.4, 30-691.6, 30-691.7, 30-691.8, 30-691.9, 30-691.11, for the purpose of revising the Affordable Housing Dwelling Unit Density Program as authorized by Va. Code § 15.2-2305.1.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2024

2. [ORD. 2022-205](#) To amend Ord. No. 2000-410-2001-10, adopted Jan. 8, 2001, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2001-220-231, adopted Jul. 23, 2001, and Ord. No. 2017-242, adopted May 29, 2019, which approved the "Shops at Stratford Hills Community Unit Plan," for the purpose of increasing the area subject to the community unit plan by 2.85 acres to 67.4± acres and modifying the development standards, under certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2024

3. [ORD.](#)
[2023-286](#) To amend City Code § 23-45, concerning refuse collection at a point other than a curb or alley for the elderly and persons with disabilities, for the purpose of authorizing the collection service for as many refuse receptacles as provided by the City.

Patrons: Vice President Nye and Ms. Lynch

To be continued to Monday, February 26, 2024

22. [ORD.](#)
[2023-339](#) To amend City Code § 11-102, concerning unlawful dumping, for the purpose of including a prohibition against dumping yard waste on public and private property.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

To be continued to Monday, March 11, 2024

23. [ORD.](#)
[2023-340](#) To close, to public use and travel, an unimproved portion of West 20th Street located between Semmes Avenue and Sioux Falls Alley, consisting of 10,486 ± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2024

29. [ORD.](#)
[2023-346](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 901 North 36th Street and 909 North 36th Street for the purpose of up to ten single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2024

30. [ORD.](#)
[2023-347](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 4605, 4623, 4625, and 4627 West Broad Street for the purpose of exceeding the inclined plane height and rear setback for a mixed-use building and live/work units, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, January 8, 2024

36. [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 Forest View Cemetery and to present such a plan and documents

to the Council. (As Amended)

Patrons: Ms. Newbille, Ms. Lambert and Vice President Nye

To be continued to Monday, February 12, 2024

37. [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, Ms. Lambert and President Jones

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2024

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones. Noes None. Lambert was excused.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

4. [ORD. 2023-291](#) To install one speed table in the 1400 block of Drewry Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was adopted.

5. [ORD. 2023-292](#) To amend Ord. No. 2023-071, adopted May 8, 2023, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) increase General Fund revenues by an amount equal to ten percent of the calculated general fund surplus for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, (ii) create a new line item entitled "HumanKind" in the Non-Departmental Agency, and (iii) appropriate such amount to such new line item in the Non-Departmental agency, for the purpose of providing additional funding for families of the city of Richmond experiencing crisis.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

6. [ORD. 2023-293](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$1,259,411.69 from the National Opioids Settlement Fund, to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services called the National Opioid Settlement Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services

by \$1,259,411.69, for the purpose of funding a new opioid response coordinator position and opioid abatement strategies and programs.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

7. [ORD. 2023-295](#) To amend Ord. No. 2023-071, adopted May 8, 2023, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) transfer \$40,000.00 from the Non-Departmental agency Reserve for Children's Fund line item (ii) create a new line item entitled "Greater Richmond Fit4Kids (for Safe Routes to School Bicycling Programs)" in the Non-Departmental agency, and (iii) appropriate such \$40,000.00 to such new line item in the Non-Departmental agency, for the purpose of assisting with the purchase of a vehicle to transport bicycles to and from elementary schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

8. [ORD. 2023-296](#) To amend Ord. No. 2023-071, adopted May 8, 2023, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) transfer \$20,000.00 from the Non-Departmental agency Reserve for Children's Fund line item (ii) create a new line item entitled "Read to Them (for FY24 Imagination Library RVA)" in the Non-Departmental agency, and (iii) appropriate such \$20,000.00 to such new line item in the Non-Departmental agency, for the purpose of supporting the expansion of Imagination Library RVA in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

9. [ORD. 2023-326](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$867,909.09 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services called the "FY2022 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Special Fund," and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' FY2022 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Special Fund by \$867,909.09, for the purpose of providing funding for two years of salary, benefits, and training for five new civilian fire prevention inspectors.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

10. [ORD. 2023-327](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$750,000.00 from the Virginia Resources Authority, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Water Utility Budget which appropriated the estimated receipts of the water utility, by increasing estimated receipt and the amount appropriated for the water utility by \$750,000.00, for the purpose of funding the City's lead service line replacement program for residential, school, and day care properties.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

11. [ORD. 2023-328](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$227,500.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Virginia 9-1-1 Services Board, to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response called the "FY24 911 Staffing Recognition Grant Special Fund," and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response's FY24 911 Staffing Recognition Grant Special Fund by \$227,500.00, for the purpose of providing a one-time bonus to eligible employees of the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

12. [ORD. 2023-329](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$130,000.00 from the National Fitness Campaign, to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services called the National Fitness Campaign Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services' National Fitness Campaign Special Fund by \$130,000.00, for the purpose of funding the installation of outdoor fitness courts at selected City-owned recreation facilities.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

13. [ORD. 2023-330](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$70,302.00 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' State Fire Programs Special Fund by \$70,302.00, for the purpose of providing funding for training, training centers, equipment, and protective clothing for firefighters.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

14. [ORD. 2023-331](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 8-544, concerning the Urban Forestry Commission, for the purpose of revising the composition, appointment process, and scope and timeline for preparation and submission of reports to Council.

Patrons: Ms. Jordan, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Lambert and Vice President Nye

This ordinance was adopted.

15. [ORD. 2023-332](#) To amend City Code § 12-11, concerning the deadline for submission of budget to Council, for the purpose of changing the deadline for submission of the budget from March 6 to March 27.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Newbille, Vice President Nye and Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was adopted.

16. [ORD. 2023-333](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Agreement between the City of Richmond, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and CSX Transportation, Inc., for the purpose of constructing a concrete surface crossing at the crossing for CSX Transportation, Inc.'s railroad tracks on Hopkins Road.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

17. [ORD. 2023-334](#) To designate the 2900 block of Northumberland Avenue in honor of the late Eleanor Redd Binford. (3rd District)

Patrons: Ms. Lambert, President Jones, Mr. Addison, Ms. Jordan, Vice President Nye, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was adopted.

18. [ORD. 2023-335](#) To designate the 400 block of East Ladies Mile Road in honor of the late Melvin L. Davis, Sr. (3rd District)

Patrons: Ms. Lambert, President Jones, Mr. Addison, Ms. Jordan, Vice President Nye, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was adopted.

19. [ORD.](#) To designate the corner of West 12th Street and Hull Street in honor of
[2023-336](#) the late August Moon. (6th District)

Patrons: Ms. Robertson, Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert, President Jones, Mr. Addison, Ms. Jordan, Vice President Nye, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was adopted.

20. [ORD.](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the
[2023-337](#) City of Richmond, to accept a donation of a sculpture to be installed in the 4900 block of Government Road, a road mural to be installed at the intersection of National Street and Government Road, and maintenance and removal services, all valued at the total amount of approximately \$65,000.00, from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Inc. for the purpose of supporting the Greening Greater Fulton project. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Newbille

This ordinance was adopted.

21. [ORD.](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the
[2023-338](#) City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purpose of granting \$52,000.00 to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to facilitate the installation of public art as part of the playground renovation at Hillside Court Apartments.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Robertson and Mr. Addison

This ordinance was adopted.

24. [ORD.](#) To rezone the property known as 415 Oliver Hill Way from the B-5
[2023-341](#) Central Business District (Conditional) to the B-5 Central Business District. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

25. [ORD.](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 220 North 20th
[2023-342](#) Street for the purpose of up to five single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

26. [ORD. 2023-343](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2022-022, adopted Feb. 28, 2022, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1628 North 27th Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions, to provide for revised plans. (7th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
27. [ORD. 2023-344](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1115 North 30th Street and 1117 North 30th Street for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
28. [ORD. 2023-345](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1323 North 30th Street for the purpose of up to three single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
31. [ORD. 2023-348](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2036 Broad Rock Boulevard for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
32. [ORD. 2023-349](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 5204 Campbell Avenue for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
33. [ORD. 2023-350](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1823, 1825, and 1827 West Cary Street for the purpose of up to eight single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
34. [ORD. 2023-351](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 6407 Midlothian Turnpike, 6413 Midlothian Turnpike, 6417 Midlothian Turnpike, and 6331 Old Warwick Road for the purpose of a multifamily development containing up to 122 dwelling units, upon certain terms

and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

35. [ORD. 2023-352](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1210 Westover Hills Boulevard for the purpose of a vocational school on the ground floor, upon certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

38. [RES. 2023-R055](#) To name the alley located in the block bounded by the Downtown Expressway, South Stafford Avenue, Parkwood Avenue, and South Addison Street as "Apple Alley."

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This resolution was adopted.

39. [RES. 2023-R056](#) To name the alley located in the block bounded by Stuart Avenue, North Nansemond Street, Kensington Avenue, and Roseneath Road as "Rose Pedal Alley."

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This resolution was adopted.

Public Hearing

Sherie Davis spoke in support of ORD. 2023-335, and informed Council that she was the granddaughter of Melvin L. Davis, Sr. Ms. Davis addressed the historical impact of Melvin L. Davis, Sr., and she thanked Council for the honorary street designation.

Lee Williams, Sierra Club Falls of the James Group Advocacy Chair, spoke in support of ORD. 2023-331 and ORD. 2023-332, and stated that extending the budget submission deadline would provide the city more time to incorporate green and renewable energy components into the city budget.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Terry J. Binford spoke in support of ORD. 2023-334, and informed Council that he was the son of Eleanor Redd Binford. Mr. Binford addressed Ms. Binford's educational career and impact in the city, and he thanked Council for the honorary street designation.

Charles Willis spoke in support of ORD. 2023-336, and he addressed the historical impact of August Moon.

Dr. Sessa Joi Moon spoke in support of ORD. 2023-336, and informed Council that she was the daughter of August Moon, and she provided additional information regarding August Moon's impact in the city. Dr. Moon thanked Council for the honorary street designation on behalf of her family.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her appreciation for individuals that provided public comment, and she requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2023-336.

President Michael Jones, Vice President Kristen Nye, and Councilors Addison, Jordan, Robertson, Trammell, and Newbille requested to be added as co-patrons of ORD. 2023-334, ORD. 2023-335, and ORD. 2023-336.

There were no further comments or discussions and the Consent Agenda was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones. Noes None.

The Regular Agenda

The following resolution was considered:

40. [RES. 2023-R057](#) To request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to introduce and support the enactment of legislation to amend various sections within chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 13, 17, and 18 of the Charter of the City of Richmond; to repeal various sections within chapters 2, 6, 17, and 20 of the Charter of the City of Richmond; and to add a new section numbered 2.09 to the Charter of the City of Richmond, to revise and update the Charter of the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Vice President Nye, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Addison, Ms. Lambert, President Jones, Mayor Stoney, Ms. Newbille and Ms. Robertson

Councilor Katherine Jordan provided an introduction and additional background information regarding RES. 2023-R057, and the requested City Charter changes.

Public Hearing

Charleta F. Shorts spoke in opposition of RES. 2023-R057, and stated that she believed Council should be requesting a change in the form of city government. Ms. Shorts also stated that she believed the mayor had too much power, and that the city should transition away from a mayor form of government.

Councilor Reva Trammell stated her appreciation for Ms. Shorts, and she noted that additional changes to the City Charter may take place in the future.

Thad Williamson, University of Richmond faculty member, 2022 City Charter Review Commission Chair, spoke in favor of RES. 2023-R057, and he stated he believed Council was making the right decision proceeding with the first group of City Charter changes recommended by the 2022 City Charter Review Commission.

Courtney Farrar spoke in support of RES. 2023-R057, and stated her appreciation that Council was seeking to amend the City Charter to include gender neutral language. Ms. Farrar also stated that she believed the requested changes would make the City Charter easier for residents to understand.

Bryce Robertson spoke in support of RES. 2023-R057, and stated his appreciation for Council and the 2022 City Charter Review Commission.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated that she believed additional work was necessary to address more comprehensive changes to the City Charter. Councilor Robertson also stated her appreciation for 2022 City Charter Review Commission, but added she believed more effort was needed to receive the input of more underserved residents. Councilor Robertson further stated that she supported proposed changes referenced in RES. 2023-R057. Councilor Robertson requested to be added as a co-patron of RES. 2023-R057.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated he supported RES. 2023-057 as a first step to address needed changes to the City Charter, and he recommended that further discussions take place to review the more comprehensive changes recommended by the 2022 City Charter Review Commission.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her appreciation for individuals involved with reviewing the City Charter and noted her support for the requested changes referenced in RES. 2023-R057.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille sated her appreciation for the 2022 City Charter Review Commission. Councilor Newbille also stated she looked forward to more a comprehensive review of the City Charter in the future.

Vice President Kristen Nye thanked the 2022 City Charter Review Commission and Councilmembers for their involvement with RES. 2023-R057. Vice President Nye also stated RES. 2023-R057 was the first of three phrases to change the City Charter.

There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2023-R057 was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones. Noes None.

Motions

Councilor Andreas Addison moved that the ordinance entitled:

30. [ORD. 2023-347](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 4605, 4623, 4625, and 4627 West Broad Street for the purpose of exceeding the inclined plane height and rear setback for a mixed-use building and live/work units, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

be amended and continued to Monday, January 8, 2024 as follows:

Page 1, Line 15

After the comma following the word “uses”, insert the text “30-457.2(7), concerning the minimum depth of ground floor commercial frontage” followed by a comma

Page 3, Line 14

After the comma following the year “2023”, insert the text “and ‘Commonwealth – Live/Work Unit,’ prepared by an unknown preparer, and dated October 30, 2023” followed by a comma

Page 4, Line 5

After the word “which”, strike the text “may be located on any floor of the mixed-use building”, and insert the text “shall only be an additional permitted principal use within the portion of the building fronting on West Broad Street, a street-oriented commercial frontage street, only the portion of a live/work unit devoted to a non-dwelling use shall count toward the minimum floor area requirement for other principal uses”

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones. Noes None

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

41. [RES. 2023-R058](#) To endorse, for the City of Richmond, legislative proposals set forth within the document entitled “City of Richmond, Final Draft Legislative Program for the 2024 General Assembly,” to request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to take legislative action consistent with and in vigorous support of such recommendations; to support other legislative action recommendations; and to encourage other organizations and individuals to support such recommendations.

Patrons: City Council and Mayor Stoney

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones. Noes None

Vice President Kristen Nye provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed resolution.

There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2023-R058 was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones. Noes None.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

42. [RES. 2023-R059](#) To reverse the decision of the Commission of Architectural Review denying an application for a certificate of appropriateness for the property located at 211 North 27th Street in the city of Richmond,

regarding the alteration of a front yard concrete curb with thin brick veneer, by fully approving such application. (7th District)

Patrons: Ms. Newbille

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones. Noes None

Councilor Cynthia Newbille provided an introduction and explained why she supported the reversal of the Commission of Architectural Review's denial of an application for a certificate of appropriateness for the property located at 211 North 27th Street.

Public Hearing

Bill Shields, 211 North 27th Street applicant, spoke in support of RES. 2023-R059.

There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2023-R059 was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones. Noes None.

Vice President Kristen Nye moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

43. [RES. 2023-R060](#) To appoint Riad Ali to serve as City Auditor.

Patrons: President Jones

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones. Noes None

Vice President Kristen Nye provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed resolution.

There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2023-R060 was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones. Noes None.

President Michael Jones stated his support for the appointment of Riad Ali as City Auditor.

Riad Ali addressed Council and stated his appreciation for his appointment as City Auditor.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.; Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2023.366](#) November 6, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

[CD.2023.351](#) November 13, 2023 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2023.348](#) November 13, 2023 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2023.374](#) December 11, 2023 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.:

44. [ORD. 2023-357](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Highland Grove Development Area Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Better Housing Coalition for the purpose of providing for the redevelopment of the properties located at 500 Dove Street, 509 Dove Street, 2641 Richmond Henrico Turnpike, and 2651 Richmond Henrico Turnpike and known as Highland Grove in the city of Richmond. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

45. [ORD. 2023-358](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Central Virginia Transportation Authority for the purpose of providing funding for the Manchester Connection to James River project consisting of a ten-foot shared use path with two-foot shoulders and a new pedestrian bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

46. [ORD. 2023-359](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$265,275.00 from the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund, to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic Development called the Alacer Corp. Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Economic Development's Alacer Corp. Special Fund by \$265,275.00, for the purpose of providing Alacer Corp. with incentives to improve, equip, and operate its facility at 1211 Sherwood Avenue in the city of Richmond. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

47. [ORD. 2023-360](#) To amend Ord. No. 2023-071, adopted May 8, 2023, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by (i) transferring \$100,000.00 from the Non-Departmental agency "Reserve for Children's Fund" line item, (ii) creating a new line item entitled "Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now), Inc. (for FY24 Circle Preschool Program Stabilization)" in the Non-Departmental agency, and (iii) appropriating the total amount of \$100,000.00 of the transferred funds to such new line item in the Non-Departmental agency, all for the purpose of stabilizing and continuing operations of a sliding-scale therapeutic preschool program for children who have experienced adversities and direct trauma.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

48. [ORD. 2023-361](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$7,142.00 from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority, to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget by creating a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency to be called the "Hanover County OAA Project Recover Grant" line item, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to such new line item by \$7,142.00, all for the purpose of making a grant of matching funds to Hanover County to support the Project Recover initiative funded by the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at

1:00 p.m.

49. [ORD. 2023-362](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority, to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget by creating a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency to be called the "Henrico County OAA Planning Grant" line item, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to such new line item by \$2,500.00, all for the purpose of making a grant of matching funds to Henrico County to support the development of a gap analysis of the needs of pregnant and parenting individuals with opioid use disorder.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

50. [ORD. 2023-363](#) To amend Ord. No. 2023-071, adopted May 8, 2023, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by (i) transferring \$250,000.00 from the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services, (ii) transferring \$17,320.00 from the Non-Departmental agency "Reserve for Children's Fund" line item, (iii) creating a new line item entitled "Rings vs. Rent Scholarship Foundation (for School Year 2023-24 MLK MS Leadership Program)" in the Non-Departmental agency, and (iv) appropriating the total amount of \$267,320.00 of the transferred funds to such new line item in the Non-Departmental agency, all for the purpose of supporting leadership programming for students at Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

51. [ORD. 2023-364](#) To amend Ord. No. 2023-072, adopted May 8, 2023, which appropriated and provided funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2023, and ending Jun. 30, 2024, by increasing estimated revenues from certain state programs.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

52. [ORD. 2023-365](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Performance Agreement between the City of Richmond, Alacer Corp., and the Economic Development Authority of the

City of Richmond, for the purpose of providing the balance of the local match funds to Alacer Corp. through a grant from the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond in accordance with a Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund Performance Agreement as an incentive to improve, equip, and operate a research and development facility at 1211 Sherwood Avenue in the city of Richmond. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

53. [ORD. 2023-366](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Stone Brewery Cooperation Agreement, as Amended, Dated March 2, 2015, Between the City of Richmond, Virginia and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond, Virginia, for the purpose of facilitating the use of excess revenues for economic development activities and projects in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

54. [ORD. 2023-367](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Counties of Hanover, Chesterfield, and Henrico for the purpose of funding the development of a gap analysis of the needs of pregnant and parenting individuals with opioid use.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

55. [ORD. 2023-368](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Operational Agreement for Cooperative Partnership for Opioid Abatement Authority Award between the City of Richmond and the Counties of Hanover and Chesterfield, for the purpose of making a grant of matching funds to Hanover County to support the Project Recover initiative funded by the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

56. [ORD.](#)
[2023-369](#) To amend and reordain City Code §§ 30-457.2, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-457.5, concerning yards, 30-457.6, concerning usable open space, 30-457.8, concerning requirements for areas devoted to parking or circulation of vehicles, 30-457.9, concerning height, 30-457.10, concerning building façade fenestration, 30-503, concerning prohibited signs, and 30-518.4, concerning TOD-1 district sign regulations; and to amend ch. 30, art. IV, div. 31 of the City Code by adding therein a new § 30-457.11, concerning orientation to street, exterior entrances, and façades.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

57. [ORD.](#)
[2023-370](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1420 Spotsylvania Street for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

58. [RES.](#)
[2023-R061](#) To support the designation of the City of Richmond as an affiliate of Bee City USA for the purpose of supporting the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities commitment to enhancing and increasing pollinator habitats in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

59. [RES.](#)
[2023-R062](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be developed a program of domestic partnership benefits relating to employee leave and health care for employees of the City of Richmond, and to submit a proposed ordinance setting forth the particulars of such program to the Council.

Patrons: Vice President Nye

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.:

60. [ORD.](#)
[2023-371](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Fulton Montessori School grant contract between the City of Richmond and Fulton Montessori School for the

purpose of stabilizing, continuing, and expanding operations of a licensed early childhood care and education program in Fulton Hill.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

61. [ORD. 2023-372](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Nurture grant contract between the City of Richmond and The OmMama Resource Center, Inc., doing business as Nurture, for the purpose of developing and promoting a web-based directory containing a searchable database of local pregnancy, birth, and early parenting resources.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert left the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CITY CLERK