



City of Richmond

Formal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, April 8, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Parker Agelasto (*late arrival*)
The Honorable Kim Gray
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and presided.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Tyel L. Banks, Sr. of Pure Apostolic True Holiness Church.

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

President Newbille requested a moment of silence in memory of Darcy Oman, former president and CEO of the Community Foundation, and honored philanthropic leader.

CHAMBER EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

Upon the President's request, Assistant City Clerk Lisa Braxton provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with citizen speaker guidelines.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

There were no appointment or reappointment items for consideration.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

President Cynthia Newbille and Chief Administrative Officer Selena Cuffee-Glenn on behalf of City Council and Mayor Levar Stoney, re-proclaimed the second full week of April each year as Richmond Public Safety Emergency 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Week and thanked the city's telecommunicator professionals for their endeavors in helping to make the city a safer and healthier place to live, work, learn, play, visit, and raise a family.

Councilor Michael Jones, on behalf of Richmond City Council, recognized Malik Mujahid and D'Jermaine Layne for their compassion in aiding a family experiencing a residential fire.

Councilor Parker Agelasto arrived and was seated.

CITIZEN COMMENT

L.A. Phipps addressed Council with a request for beautification efforts in Carytown.

Barbara Brown addressed Council with concerns regarding the proposed tax increase, and alleged that Virginia Commonwealth University doesn't pay its fair share in taxes.

Earl Bradley addressed Council with a request for a forensic audit to occur, as well as increased transparency and oversight.

Jamie Brunkow, James River Association riverkeeper, addressed Council in support of the mayor's proposed budget, which provides for healthy water quality and enhancements to the James River Park System.

Doug Allen, American Institute of Certified Planners member, addressed Council in support of the mayor's proposed budget investments in transit equity as well as improved pedestrian and bicycle accessibility within the city.

Janae Craddock, Central Virginia Legal Aid Society housing law outreach attorney, addressed Council with information concerning the impact of evictions on children and families within the city.

Ravi Perry, Ph.D., addressed Council in support of the mayor's proposed budget to fund Richmond Public Schools.

Councilor Kim Gray requested Dr. Perry to provide data comparing the city's real estate tax rate to that of other cities within the United States.

Eric Tinsley addressed Council with frustration concerning city administration's removal process for deceased animals.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Councilor Andreas Addison moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2018-291

To amend City Code §§ 10-79, concerning the award of franchises and permits to operators of emergency medical service vehicles, and 10-83, concerning the suspension of authorization to operate emergency medical service vehicles, to make modifications to the City's regulations governing the operation of emergency medical service vehicles in the right-of-way.

To be continued to Monday, May 13, 2019

ORD. 2019-012

To authorize the special use of the property known as 602 Libbie Avenue for the purpose of an office use, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

To be continued to Monday, June 10, 2019

RES. 2019-R014

To encourage all City departments and citizens and businesses of the city of Richmond to recycle and decrease the use of single-use plastic products for the purpose of reducing litter and improving the local environment.

To be continued to Monday, May 13, 2019

RES. 2018-R092

To declare a public necessity to amend the City's zoning ordinance and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to require that certificates of zoning compliance and letters of zoning confirmation be reviewed by the City Attorney prior to issuance.

To be continued to Monday, April 22, 2019

RES. 2018-R103

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Planning and Development Review to develop a process for preparing school impact statements for new developments in the city of Richmond. (As Amended)

To be amended and continued to Monday, April 22, 2019

The motion to amend the agenda was seconded and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2018-243

To close, to public use and travel, a portion of Northumberland Avenue located between the south line of West Roberts Street and the southern terminus of Northumberland Avenue, consisting of 16,355± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2018-245

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2009 Brook Road, 2011 Northumberland Avenue, and a portion of Northumberland Avenue for the purpose of multifamily dwellings containing up to 224 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

ORD. 2019-020

To erect all-way stop signs at the intersection of West 43rd Street and Stonewall Avenue.

ORD. 2019-031

To authorize the special use of the property known as 521 Craigie Avenue for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-079

To amend Ord. No. 2011-211-2012-6, adopted Jan. 23, 2012, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 535½, 537, and 541 North 2nd Street, now known as 537 North 2nd Street, for the purpose of waiving parking, building height, maximum residential floor area, and setback requirements for the construction of a mixed-use building with up to 31 dwelling units and uses permitted in the underlying zoning district, to remove a condition requiring a non-commercial mural, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-080

To authorize the special use of the property known as 326 East Broad Street for the purpose of permitting signs with an aggregate area exceeding that permitted by the underlying zoning regulations, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-081

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1809 and 1815 East Franklin Street for the purpose of uses allowed in the B-5 Central Business District, including dwelling units on the ground floor without the application of certain requirements of City Code § 30-442.1(6), upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-082

To amend Ord. No. 2017-194, adopted Nov. 13, 2017, which authorized the special use of the property known as 3138 Grayland Avenue, now the properties known as 3136 Grayland Avenue and 3138 Grayland Avenue, for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, to modify the setback requirements pertaining to 3136 Grayland Avenue, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-083

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a marker, valued at approximately \$2,700.00, from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, to be installed at the Hull Street Library located at 1400 Hull Street to commemorate the life of Dorothy Height, a Richmond native and nationally recognized civil rights activist.

ORD. 2019-084

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain fee simple interests and easements for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Hull Street Road between its intersection with Hey Road and its intersection with Warwick Road.

Support

Whit Clements, Forest Hill Neighborhood Association member, spoke in support of **ORD. 2019-020** stating that additional stop signs will slow the speed of traffic and improve the safety of those who travel through the intersection.

Doris Bey, Richmond Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. member, spoke in support of **ORD. 2019-083** stating that the marker will honor Dorothy Height as a catalyst for change and Richmond native.

Opposition

Anita Hackett, Edgehill - Chamberlayne Court Civic Association member, spoke in opposition to **ORD. 2018-245** stating that the developers should consider limiting all traffic entering and exiting the property to Brook Road exclusively, to decrease potential traffic and parking issues.

Harrison Wheeler, Edgehill - Chamberlayne Court Civic Association president, spoke in opposition to **ORD. 2018-245** stating that residents in the immediate vicinity of the properties will experience significant traffic and parking issues.

Support

Oscar D. Thomas spoke in support of **ORD. 2019-031** stating that the dwelling is an apartment located above a garage, to be occupied by his children.

Brian Jackson, W. Brook Road, LLC representative, spoke in support of **ORD. 2018-243** and **ORD. 2018-245** stating that many of the community concerns have been addressed, and that the economic impact of the property is beneficial to the city and Virginia Union University (VUU).

Maurice Campbell, VUU senior vice president, spoke in support of **ORD. 2018-243** and **ORD. 2018-245** stating that VUU is in need of sufficient housing and jobs for students.

*Vice President Chris Hilbert stated that since amendments and negotiated changes were made by the developers to satisfy community concerns, he will support **ORD. 2018-243** and **ORD. 2018-245**.*

*Councilor Kim Gray expressed support for **ORD. 2018-243** and **ORD. 2018-245** with reservations due to potential traffic, school and public safety implications.*

*Councilor Parker Agelasto expressed support for **ORD. 2018-243** and **ORD. 2018-245** and advised that while the property is currently zoned as M-1 Light Industrial, the VUU/Chamberlayne Neighborhood Plan recommended the property for a multifamily development.*

Councilor Kristen Larson thanked Mr. Clements for speaking in support of **ORD. 2019-020**, and stated that the ordinance is warranted due to the close proximity of the Good Shepherd Episcopal School.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell requested Mr. Brian Jackson to clarify whether the concerns of the opposing citizens have been addressed by the developer.

Mr. Jackson advised that the developers have placed a road underneath the building to deter large trucks from disturbing the surrounding areas and ensured that the sidewalks will be publically accessible.

Councilor Michael Jones expressed support for **ORD. 2018-243** and **ORD. 2018-245**.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

There were no Regular Agenda items for consideration.

MOTIONS

Councilor Kim Gray moved that the resolution entitled:

RES. 2018-R103

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Planning and Development Review to develop a process for preparing school impact statements for new developments in the city of Richmond.

be amended and continued to Monday, April 22, 2019, as follows:

Page 1, Line 19

After the word "develop", insert a romanet "(i)"

After the preposition "for", strike the words "preparing school"

Page 2, Line 1

At the beginning of the line, insert the words "assessing with the staff of the School Board of the City of Richmond the"

After the word "impact", strike the words "statements for new developments in the city of Richmond" and insert the text "of development projects of a scale defined by the Director of Planning and Development Review and (ii) a process"

Page 2, Line 4

After the preposition "of", strike the word "such" and insert the word "new"

After the word "developments", insert the phrase "in the city of Richmond"

Page 2, Line 9

After the word "Review", insert the words "and any other relevant City agencies that the Chief Administrative Officer may request to assist"

Page 2, Line 11

After the preposition "to", insert the word "jointly"

After the word "process", insert the text "to identify development impact on schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond. The Council hereby further requests that staff of the School Board of the City of Richmond gather information"

Page 2, Line 15

After the word "systematically", strike the word "addresses" and insert the word "address"

After the word "how", insert the word "such"

Page 3, Line 6

After the comma following the word "Richmond", insert the word "jointly"

Page 3, Line 8

After the word "Officer", insert the words "or the designee thereof"

Page 3, Line 14

After the preposition "within", strike the number "60"

Page 3, Line 15

At the beginning of the line, insert the number "90"

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Kim Gray moved to approve the following Richmond City Council meeting minutes: Formal Council Session held on January 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, March 25, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., respectively.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2019-104

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of 0.088± acres of real property at or in the immediate vicinity of 390 South 11th Street for the public purpose of extending the Canal Walk between South 11th Street and South 10th Street to provide pedestrian access to South 10th Street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2019-105

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Eleventh Amendment to Management Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the purpose of extending until June 30, 2019, the Management Agreement for Main Street Station.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2019-106

To amend Ord. No. 2018-057, adopted May 14, 2018, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by increasing anticipated revenues from personal property taxes and the amount appropriated to the Office of Animal Care and Control's Animal Control program by \$180,000.00 for the purpose of funding costs for mandated services for animal cruelty cases including forensic testing, veterinary surgeries, and other operational expenses.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2019-R015

To approve the Mayor's appointment of Aubrey Woolworth Fountain, III, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a term commencing on the adoption of this resolution and expiring four years thereafter, succeeding Dr. Rodney D. Waller.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2019-107

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$49,999.00 from the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's OAG Asset Forfeiture Transfer Program special fund by \$49,999.00 for the purpose of funding the acquisition of police equipment including a mobile video system, pole cameras, safety shields, and emergency medical equipment bags.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.

ORD. 2019-108

To rezone the properties known as 500 Hull Street and 512 Hull Street from the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District to the B-4 Central Business District.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2019-109

To rezone the property known as 1403 Roseneath Road from the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2019-110

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1206 Jahnke Road for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling without frontage on an improved public street as required by City Code § 30-610.1, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2019-111

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1501 Jefferson Davis Highway for the purpose of accessory parking and outdoor storage, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2019-112

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2219 Cedar Street for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2019-113

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2915 West Leigh Street for the purpose of an outdoor dining area, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities were provided by the following council members: Councilor Larson, Vice President Hilbert, Councilor Robertson, Councilor Jones, Councilor Agelasto, Councilor Gray, Councilwoman Trammell and President Newbille.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

CITY CLERK