



# City of Richmond

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## Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, February 13, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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### **Councilmembers Present**

The Honorable Michael Jones, President  
The Honorable Kristen Nye, Vice President  
The Honorable Andreas Addison  
The Honorable Katherine Jordan (late arrival)  
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert  
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (late arrival)  
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille  
The Honorable Ellen Robertson (late arrival)  
The Honorable Reva Trammell

### **Staff Present**

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal  
Haskell Brown, City Attorney  
LaTasha Holmes, Council Chief of Staff  
Candice Reid, City Clerk  
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney

### **Call to Order**

Council President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and presided.

### **Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement**

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

### **Docket Review**

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2022-191 – to be continued to Monday, March 27, 2023
2. Ord. 2022-262 – to be continued to Monday, April 10, 2023

*Councilor Stephanie Lynch arrived at 4:04 and was seated.*

- 3. Ord. 2022-268 – to be continued to Monday, February 27, 2023
- 4. Ord. 2022-333 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 5. Ord. 2022-342 – to be amended and continued to Monday, February 27, 2023
- 6. Ord. 2022-346 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 7. Ord. 2022-348 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 8. Ord. 2022-375 – to be continued to Monday, February 27, 2023
- 9. Ord. 2022-376 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 10. Ord. 2023-023 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 11. Ord. 2023-024 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 12. Ord. 2023-025 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 13. Ord. 2023-026 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 14. Ord. 2023-027 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 15. Ord. 2023-028 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 16. Ord. 2023-029 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 17. Ord. 2023-030 – retained on the Consent Agenda

*Councilor Katherine Jordan arrived at 4:06 and was seated.*

- 18. Ord. 2023-031 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 19. Ord. 2023-032 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 20. Ord. 2023-033 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 21. Ord. 2023-034 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 22. Ord. 2023-035 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 23. Ord. 2023-036 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 24. Ord. 2023-037 – retained on the Consent Agenda

- 25. Ord. 2023-038 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 26. Ord. 2023-039 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 27. Ord. 2023-040 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 28. Ord. 2023-041 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 29. Ord. 2023-042 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 30. Ord. 2023-043 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 31. Ord. 2023-044 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 32. Res. 2022-R079 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 33. Res. 2023-R005 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2023-R005.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert mentioned her desire to consider Ord. 2021-097 without the proposed amendment later that evening during the Formal Session of Council.

Regular Agenda:

- 34. Ord. 2021-097 – to be amended and continued to Monday, February 27, 2023
- 35. Res. 2023-R006 – moved to the Consent Agenda

Vice President Kristen Nye requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2023-R006.

Upon President Michael Jones' request, it was the consensus of Council to move Res. 2023-R006 to the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch provided an introduction and answered questions regarding Res. 2023-R006.

*Councilor Ellen Robertson arrived at 4:12 p.m. and was seated.*

Sharon Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer – Planning and Economic Development, was available to answer questions regarding Res. 2023-R006 and stated the proposed legislation would be beneficial to the city, since it would allow for inspections within rental units of multi-housing dwellings when there are suspected code violations.

Councilor Andreas Addison expressed his support for the proposed legislation and requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2023-R006.

President Michael Jones clarified that Res. 2023-R006 would not include inspections of commercial lodging such as extended stay motels.

Councilor Katherine Jordan inquired regarding possible oversight for the illegal conversion of apartments to short-term rentals. Councilor Jordan requested to be added as co-patron of Res. 2023-R006 as well as Ords. 2023-024, 2023-027, 2023-029, 2023-033, 2023-037, 2023-039, 2023-042 and 2021-097.

Councilor Ellen Robertson also requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2023-R006; however, she expressed her concern regarding possible adverse effects to tenants due to the implementation of the proposed rental inspection districts program and insisted on a provision to mitigate negative outcomes.

Councilors Cynthia Newbille and Reva Trammell also made a request to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2023-R006.

Councilor Robertson requested an analysis of tax sales and overlay maps of the city focusing on gentrification due to the proposed rental inspection districts program.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell informed her colleagues of the recent community support for Ords. 2022-333 and 2022-342.

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

### **Other Discussion Item(s)**

#### **Council Budget Priorities Survey**

Council Chief of Staff LaTasha Holmes provided Council with a handout of the budget priorities survey aimed at setting shared collective priorities of Council and asked that it be completed and submitted to her prior to the February 15th deadline. Ms. Holmes also presented Council with a draft of the fiscal year 2024 budget establishment meeting schedule. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

President Michael Jones announced the appointment of two new budget analysts within the Office of the Council Chief of Staff.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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