



# City of Richmond

## Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, July 23, 2018

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, July 23, 2018, in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

### **Councilmembers Present**

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

### **Staff Present**

Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff  
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk  
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney  
Allen Jackson, City Attorney  
Candice Reid, City Clerk

Council Vice President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and presided.

Upon the Vice President's request, Interim Deputy 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.

### **Docket Review**

Interim Deputy City Clerk Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

#### **Consent Agenda:**

1. Ord. 2017-197 – to be continued to Monday, September 24, 2018
2. Ord. 2017-242 – to be continued to Monday, September 10, 2018
3. Ord. 2018-153 – to be continued to Monday, September 24, 2018
4. Ord. 2018-167 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2018-172 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2018-173 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2018-180 – retained on the Consent Agenda

8. Ord. 2018-181 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2018-182 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2018-183 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Matthew Ebinger, Planning and Development Review principal planner, provided an introduction of Ord. 2018-183.

*Councilor Ellen Robertson arrived at 4:10 p.m. and was seated.*

11. Ord. 2018-184 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2018-185 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2018-186 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2018-187 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2018-188 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2018-189 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2018-190 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2018-191 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2018-192 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2018-193 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2018-194 – to be continued to Monday, September 24, 2018
22. Ord. 2018-195 – to be continued to Monday, September 24, 2018
23. Ord. 2018-196 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2018-197 – retained on the Consent Agenda
25. Ord. 2018-198 – retained on the Consent Agenda
26. Res. 2017-R076 – to be continued to Monday, September 24, 2018
27. Res. 2017-R086 – to be continued to Monday, September 24, 2018
28. Res. 2018-R045 – to be amended and considered
29. Res. 2018-R067 – retained on the Consent Agenda
30. Res. 2018-R068 – to be continued to Monday, September 24, 2018
31. Res. 2018-R069 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Amy Inman, Economic Development senior administrator of multimodal transportation, provided an introduction of Ords. 2018-172 and 2018-173.

John Wack, Finance director, and Lenora Reid, deputy chief administrative officer – Finance and Administration, were available to answer questions regarding possible repayment of debt service in correlation to Ords. 2018-172 & 2018-173.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille thanked Ms. Inman for her years of service with the city and wished her much success as she pursues a new endeavor.

Regular Agenda:

32. Ord. 2018-101 – to be continued to Monday, September 10, 2018
33. Ord. 2018-110 – to be continued to Monday, September 10, 2018
34. Ord. 2018-126 – to be continued to Monday, September 10, 2018
35. Ord. 2018-158 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Korita Jones, Human Resources director, addressed Council regarding Ord. 2018-110 and asked that the proposed legislation be amended to remove the Directors of Finance, Planning and Development Review, Economic Development and Information Technology from the residency requirement and include the Director of Emergency Communications, since the position is expected to provide emergency response in the event of a disaster. Ms. Jones further requested that the residency waiver requirement be extended to all principal residences and not just those located within the Richmond-Petersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Chief Administrative Officer Selena Cuffee-Glenn reiterated the need to amend the requirement to obtain a residency waiver as proposed in Ord. 2018-110.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that he is willing to consider city administration's proposed amendment to Ord. 2018-110.

Councilor Andreas Addison requested that Ord. 2018-110 be continued to allow an opportunity to contemplate the suggested amendment at the September Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

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

**Richmond City Health District (RCHD) Update**

Dr. Danny Avula, RCHD director, provided Council with an update of the Richmond City Health District's efforts to offer extended satellite office capacity for family planning, partner with comprehensive medical providers for maternity services, and expand patient navigation services and coordination in conjunction with the expansion of Medicaid, effective January 1, 2019. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Vice President Newbille thanked Dr. Avula for RCHD's work to improve maternal and infant health outcomes.

Councilor Ellen Robertson inquired as to the number of residents that will be eligible for healthcare services due to Medicaid expansion as well as ways for Council to collaborate with RCHD to apprise residents of the augmented initiative.

*President Chris Hilbert arrived at 4:44 p.m. and was seated.*

Councilor Kristen Larson also thanked RCHD and inquired on the District's partnership with Richmond Public Schools regarding vaccination of school-age children.

Dr. Avula informed Council that the major causes contributing to infant mortality are extreme prematurity, congenital birth defects and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS); he noted that the death rate is higher among low-income African-Americans within the city.

President Chris Hilbert made an inquiry regarding dental health; he asked whether adult benefit coverage will be a provided Medicaid service as well as requested the statistics surrounding student absences due to dental health issues.

### **Other Discussion**

Councilor Michael Jones moved that City Council authorize the Council Chief of Staff to approve and execute a separation agreement with Council Liaison Hope Elliot containing terms that are consistent with the provisions of Ordinance No. 2017-071.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes 1, Gray.

Due to comments made prior to Council voting on Councilor Jones' motion, Councilor Parker Agelasto asked that the closed session motion be amended to include a personnel matter.

### **Closed Session Motion**

At 5:11 p.m., Councilor Kristen Larson moved that the City Council go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(19) of the Code of Virginia to discuss the results of the network vulnerability assessment audit because discussion of such information in an open meeting would jeopardize the security of the city's information technology systems, and pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the purpose of discussion of the performance of a Council Liaison, an appointee of the City Council.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Gray, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes None. Trammell was excused. Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:57 p.m.

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

July 23, 2018

WHEREAS, the Council has convened in closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certifying resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

WITNESS the following vote of Council members, as recorded by Candice D. Reid, City Clerk:

CERTIFYING:

Christopher A. Hilbert, President  
Cynthia I. Newbille, Vice President  
Andreas D. Addison  
Kimberly B. Gray  
Kristen N. Larson  
Parker C. Agelasto  
Ellen F. Robertson  
Reva M. Trammell (excused)  
Michael J. Jones

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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