



City of Richmond

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

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

Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and presided.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Gwynn Crichton of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 E. Grace Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

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, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren 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

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

Awards and Presentations

[CD.2022.326](#) September 26, 2022 Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

Councilor Michael Jones, on behalf of Richmond City Council, recognized and bestowed the Richmond City Council Community Service Award upon Second Baptist Church for its work serving as a forum for sharing important health care information and serving as a community satellite in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Citizen Comment

[CD.2022.322](#) September 26, 2022 Citizen Comment Period Speakers List

L. Shirley Harvey addressed Council and stated her concerns with real estate assessments and utility rates in the city. Ms. Harvey also stated that the cost of living in the city was contributing to the number of citizens experiencing homelessness.

Deborah Fisk addressed Council and stated that she believed the city's recent real estate assessments were unfair and not fair market value. Ms. Fisk also stated that many of her neighbors were residents over the age of 55 that lived on a fixed income. Ms. Fisk further stated that the rise in taxes, due to the recent assessments, would make it difficult for her neighbors to continue living there.

Agenda Review and Amendments

The following agenda amendments were considered:

1. [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, October 10, 2022

2. [ORD. 2022-214](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 309 West Hooper Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, October 10, 2022

5. [ORD. 2022-232](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3301 Park Avenue and 3303 Park Avenue for the purpose of four single-family attached dwellings, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, October 10, 2022

7. [ORD.](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1701 Roseneath
[2022-234](#) Road for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing dwelling units,
amenity space, commercial space, and structured parking spaces,
upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, October 10, 2022

35. [ORD.](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1500 North
[2021-097](#) Lombardy Street for the purpose of four wall signs, upon certain terms
and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request) and Mr. Jones

To be continued to Monday, October 10, 2022

36. [RES.](#) To make an assignment of the calculated general fund surplus for Fiscal
[2022-R049](#) Year 2021-2022 for the costs associated with the City's Safe Streets
and Roads for All program.

Patrons: Mr. Addison and Ms. Lynch

To be stricken

37. [RES.](#) To make an assignment of the calculated general fund surplus for Fiscal
[2022-R050](#) Year 2021-2022 for any costs to the City associated with joining the
Virginia Retirement System.

Patrons: Mr. Addison and Ms. Lynch

To be stricken

Councilor Andreas Addison moved to override the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee's recommendation that RES. 2022-R049 and RES. 2022-R050 be stricken, and that RES. 2022-R049 and RES. 2022-R050 be referred to the October 3, 2022 Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting for additional review, and continued to Monday, October 10, 2022 Council meeting, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None. Lambert had not yet arrived.

Councilor Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as proposed, with the exception of RES. 2022-R049 and RES. 2022-R050, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None. Lambert had not yet arrived.

Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

3. [ORD. 2022-229](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 501 North Allen Avenue for the purpose of a hotel use and ground floor commercial use, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 98-115-182, adopted Jun. 8, 1998. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

4. [ORD. 2022-231](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3001 Midlothian Turnpike for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings and a single-family detached dwelling, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

6. [ORD. 2022-233](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3122 Parkwood Avenue for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

8. [ORD. 2022-238](#) To amend City Code §§ 26-601, concerning definitions, 26-604, concerning application for partial exemption of rehabilitated commercial or industrial structures, or other improvements, and 26-605, concerning the amount of exemption for rehabilitated commercial or industrial qualified structures, for the purpose of clarifying that residential property is not eligible for the partial real estate tax exemption for rehabilitated commercial or industrial structures and to increase the time period to qualify for the partial real estate tax exemption from two to three years.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

9. [ORD. 2022-239](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the deeds and other documents necessary to effect the vacation of certain permanent easements approved by Ord. No. 2015-93-76, adopted May 11, 2015, on the parcel of real property located at 5005 Riverside Drive, for the purpose of establishing a portion of the parcel of real property located at 5005 Riverside Drive as a permanent part of the James River Park System.

(4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

10. [ORD. 2022-240](#) To name the baseball field associated with the Calhoun Community Center and located at 300 Calhoun Street in the city of Richmond as “William ‘Bo’ Jiggetts Field.”

Patrons: Ms. Lambert and Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was adopted.

11. [ORD. 2022-241](#) To designate the 1100 block of Front Street in honor of Kirby David Carmichael.

Patrons: City Council

This ordinance was adopted.

12. [ORD. 2022-242](#) To designate and establish certain City-owned properties along Idlewood Avenue, South Belvidere Street, Albemarle Avenue, Spring Street, and China Street as an official City park named “Samuel Pleasants Parsons Linear Park,” and to repeal Res. No. 2003-R37-32, adopted Feb. 24, 2003, which named a portion of the property known as Linear Park as “Samuel P. Parsons Park.”

Patrons: Ms. Lynch and Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was adopted.

13. [ORD. 2022-245](#) To amend and reordain City Code §§ 30-451.1, concerning the intent of the RP Research Park District, 30-451.2, concerning principal and accessory uses, 30-451.5, concerning yard requirements, 30-451.6, concerning screening requirements, 30-451.7, concerning requirements for areas devoted to parking or circulation of vehicles, 30-451.8, concerning height limits, 30-522, concerning sign regulations for the RP Research Park District, 30-630.1, concerning required yards on lots having more than one street frontage, 30-698.2, concerning emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing regulations, and 30-710.2:1, concerning special off-street parking requirements in the RP Research Park District; and to amend ch. 30, art. IV, div. 27.1 of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 30-451.2:1, 30-451.7:1, and 30-451.9.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

14. [ORD. 2022-246](#) To rezone certain properties in the area generally north of East Broad Street, south and west of Interstates 64 and 95, and east of North 3rd Street from the CM Coliseum Mall District, B-4 Central Business

District, and RO-3 Residential-Office District to the RP Research Park District, and to designate certain street blocks as “priority streets” and certain street blocks as “street-oriented commercial streets” along and near East Broad Street.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

15. [ORD. 2022-247](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a YMCA of Greater Richmond grant contract between the City of Richmond and the Young Men’s Christian Association of Greater Richmond, for the purpose of operating after-school childcare programs at two preschool centers administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond during the 2022-2023 school year.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

16. [ORD. 2022-248](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2022-195, adopted Jul. 25, 2022, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Friends Association Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Friends Association for Children Endowment Fund, Inc., for the purpose of stabilizing the Friends Association for Children Endowment Fund, Inc.’s child care and preschool programs, to modify the agreement to reflect the grant recipient’s legal name as “The FRIENDS’ Association for Children.”

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

17. [ORD. 2022-249](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-060, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Internal Service Fund Budgets, by re-appropriating \$6,700,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Information Technology fund balance to the Department of Information Technology Internal Service Fund to fund necessary equipment replacement expenses.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

18. [ORD. 2022-250](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$74,000.00 from NextFifty Initiative, to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services called the Next Fifty Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing

estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services' Next Fifty Special Fund by \$74,000.00 for the purpose of funding a community assessment for older adults to be conducted by the City.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

19. [ORD.](#)
[2022-251](#)

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$4,000,000 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; 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 ("EDA") to be used by the EDA to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development; 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

This ordinance was adopted.

20. [ORD.](#)
[2022-252](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of a spay and neuter trailer valued at approximately \$140,300.00 from the Richmond Animal Welfare Foundation for the purpose of providing sterilization and other non-emergency surgical procedures for animals by the Office of Animal Care and Control.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

21. [ORD. 2022-253](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-057, adopted May 9, 2022, which (i) accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and the four fiscal years thereafter, (ii) adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and (iii) determined a means of financing the same, by increasing anticipated revenue from general obligation bonds by \$4,000,000.00 and by appropriating \$4,000,000.00 to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' Replacement of Fire Station 12 project in the Public Safety category for the purpose of providing additional funding for the construction of a replacement fire station for Fire Station 12. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

22. [ORD. 2022-254](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$1,765,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, 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 establishing a new project for the Department of Public Works in the Transportation Category called the Richmond Signal System Retiming Improvements project, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal year 2022-2023 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Richmond Signal System Retiming Improvements project in the Transportation Category by \$1,765,000.00 for the purpose of funding the implementation of the Richmond Signal System Retiming Improvements project at various locations throughout the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was adopted.

23. [ORD. 2022-255](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$1,357,809.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amounts appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Complete Streets Project line item in the Transportation category by \$1,357,809.00, for the purpose of appropriating funding received from the Virginia Department of

Transportation's Primary Extension/State of Good Repair (SGR) Paving Funding program for various resurfacing projects along Belt Boulevard and Broad Rock Boulevard.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

24. [ORD. 2022-256](#) To vacate the full width utility easement and full width maintenance easement previously retained in the closing to public use and travel of Bunche Place by Ord. No. 97-183, adopted Jun. 23, 1997, consisting of 1,980± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

25. [ORD. 2022-257](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$2,358,999.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, to amend Ord. No. 2022-055, 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, to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal year 2022-2023 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to certain Department of Public Works' Highway Safety Improvement Program projects in the Transportation Category by \$2,358,999.00 for the purpose of funding the implementation of various pedestrian safety improvements throughout the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

26. [ORD. 2022-258](#) To direct the sale of the City-owned real estate located at 2200 Ingram Avenue, consisting of 5.108 ± acres, for \$500,000.00 to Oak Grove Partners, LLC for the purpose of facilitating the construction of an affordable multifamily residential development. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

27. [ORD. 2022-259](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Virginia Transit Association Cooperation Agreement between the Virginia Transit Association and the City of Richmond, for the purpose of funding the City's proposed Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Van-Share project to provide eligible Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority residents with flexible transportation for employment and associated

childcare.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

28. [ORD.](#)
[2022-260](#) 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 Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the Richmond Signal System -Phase IV project for the purpose of completing upgrades to the City's traffic signal communication network to improve traffic flow and safety.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was adopted.

29. [RES.](#)
[2022-R052](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the preparation of an analysis for public review of the existing infrastructure along the proposed "North/South BRT" corridors for the purpose of ensuring that residents residing south of the James River have safe and serviceable access to existing and future public transit networks.

Patrons: Mr. Addison, Ms. Lynch, Vice President Robertson, Mr. Jones, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Jordan

This resolution was adopted.

30. [RES.](#)
[2022-R056](#) To amend Res. No. 2021-R073, adopted Oct. 11, 2021, which approved the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority's performance contract for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023, to amend the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority's performance contract for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023.

Patrons: President Newbille

This resolution was adopted.

31. [RES.](#)
[2022-R057](#) To provide for the nomination of Andreas D. Addison, Ellen F. Robertson, and J. E. Lincoln Saunders as the City of Richmond's three Directors and the election of the Board of Directors of the Greater Richmond Transit Company for the period commencing upon election and qualification of these nominees as Directors and terminating on the date of the 2023 annual meeting of shareholders upon the election and qualification of the successors to these Directors.

Patrons: President Newbille

This resolution was adopted.

32. [RES.](#)
[2022-R058](#) To declare the City's commitment to ensuring equitable access to extracurricular programming, recreational opportunities, and public spaces for the children, young adults, and residents of the city of

Richmond; honoring the legacy of Arthur Ashe, Jr. as an element of the overall design of the proposed Diamond District redevelopment; pursuing opportunities for providing the recreational and organizational opportunities previously served by the Arthur Ashe, Jr. Athletic Center on sites in the general proximity of the proposed Diamond District redevelopment prior to the transfer and demolition of the Center; and intending to prioritize the appropriation of funds to support and expand recreational and extracurricular opportunities for the youth, young adults, and residents of the city of Richmond through the development and maintenance of community centers, athletic fields, public parks, and other facilities that provide safe and healthy enrichment opportunities.

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

This resolution was adopted.

33. [RES. 2022-R059](#) To express the City Council's support for the City's participation in the United States Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program to aid the restoration of communities hindered from economic progress by transportation infrastructure for the purpose of funding the City's "Reconnect Jackson Ward project."

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

This resolution was adopted.

34. [RES. 2022-R060](#) To amend Res. No. 2022-R010, adopted Feb. 28, 2022, which expressed the City Council's support for and request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board provide funding for the City's SMART SCALE candidate projects for 2022, to expand the City's SMART SCALE candidate projects for 2022 to include projects for which joint applications have been submitted on behalf of the City by the County of Henrico and the County of Chesterfield.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Jordan

This resolution was adopted.

Public Hearing

Barbara Starkey-Goode, Oak Gove Civic Association president, spoke in opposition to ORD. 2022-258, and requested that consideration of the ordinance be continued because she did not believe Oak Grove residents were sufficiently notified about the proposed development referenced in ORD. 2022-258.

Arlene Dickson spoke in opposition to ORD. 2022-233, and stated that additional multifamily developments should not be constructed in her neighborhood. Ms. Dickson also stated her concerns with the city's ability to provide city services to the expanded properties in her neighborhood.

Charles Willis, United Communities Against Crime executive director, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-241, and the designation of the 1100 block of Front Street in honor of Kirby David Carmichael. Mr. Willis also spoke in support of ORD. 2022-258 and the proposed development in the Oak Grove neighborhood.

Mark Baker, Baker Development Resources owner, on behalf of the 3122 Parkwood Avenue property owner and ORD. 2022-233 special use applicant, spoke in support of the special use permit, and provided additional information regarding the proposed development on Parkwood Avenue. Mr. Baker stated that he believed the proposed development adhered to the city's Richmond 300 Master Plan.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch requested additional information regarding ORD. 2022-233 and the proposed development.

Mr. Baker provided additional information regarding 3122 Parkwood Avenue and related zoning requirements for the proposed development.

Jermaine O'Neal spoke in support of ORD. 2022-240, and informed Council about the impact William "Bo" Jiggetts had on the city and its youth.

Rodney Taylor spoke in support of ORD. 2022-240, and informed Council that William "Bo" Jiggetts had a positive impact on his life.

George Johnson spoke in support of ORD. 2022-240, and informed Council about the impact William "Bo" Jiggetts had on the city's youth. Mr. Johnson also stated individuals that volunteer to coach the city's youth would greatly appreciate the naming of the baseball field associated with the Calhoun Community Center as "William 'Bo' Jiggetts Field."

Brian K. Jackson, Hirschler Law Firm partner, on behalf of the ORD. 2022-258 special use applicant, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-258, and provided additional details regarding the proposed development referenced in the ordinance.

Taylor Harris, University of Richmond student, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-247, and stated that the city was in need of the childcare services provided by the proposed ordinance.

Emmett Wimbush spoke in support of ORD. 2022-241, and informed Council that Kirby Carmichael was known for establishing youth programming that provided a safe haven for children.

Bill Bevins spoke in support of ORD. 2022-241, and informed Council of his positive experience working with Kirby Carmichael.

James Johnston spoke in support of ORD. 2022-241, and stated that Kirby Carmichael deserved the street designation referenced in the proposed ordinance.

James J.J. Minor spoke in support of ORD. 2022-241, and stated that he considered Kirby Carmichael to be a hero and legend.

Sandra Antoine spoke in support of ORD. 2022-241, and asked that Council approve the street designation in honor Kirby Carmichael.

Walter Almond spoke in support of ORD. 2022-241, and stated that Kirby Carmichael deserved the street designation referenced in the proposed ordinance.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her appreciation for Kirby Carmichael and his impact on her life.

Kirby Carmichael addressed Council and stated his appreciation for the proposed street designation in his honor.

President Cynthia Newbille stated her appreciation for Kirby Carmichael's impact on the city.

Councilor Katherine Jordan requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2022-241, ORD. 2022-240, and ORD. 2022-242.

Councilors Kristen Nye, Andreas Addison, Stephanie Lynch, Reva Trammell, Michael Jones and President Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as co-patrons of ORD. 2022-241.

Councilor Kristen Nye stated her appreciation for the property owners referenced in ORD. 2022-239 for agreeing to an easement of property to the James River Park System.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her appreciation for the parties involved with the proposed development located in the Oak Grove neighborhood and referenced in ORD. 2022-258.

There were no further comments or discussions and the Consent Agenda was adopted: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None. Lambert had not yet arrived.

Regular Agenda

The following resolution was considered:

38. [RES. 2022-R051](#) To reverse the decision of the Commission of Architectural Review striking from its docket and denying an application for a certificate of appropriateness to install new lights on the Vann Memorial Tower, located at 1500 North Lombardy Street in the city of Richmond, in the shape of the Virginia Union University emblem by fully approving such application.
(3rd District)

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

There were no comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R051 was adopted: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None. Lambert had not yet arrived.

The following resolution was considered:

39. [RES. 2022-R055](#) To select RVA Diamond Partners LLC as the developer of the Diamond District and express the Council's support for certain proposed minimum business terms and conditions in relation to the development of the Diamond District.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and City Council

Leonard Sledge, Department of Economic Development director, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding RES. 2022-R055.

Public Hearing

Janus Parks Libron spoke in opposition to RES. 2022-R055, and she stated her concerns with the proposed Diamond District development. Ms. Libron informed Council that her primary concern was the selection of RVA Diamond Partners LLC as the developer of the Diamond District and the potential demolition of the Arthur Ashe, Jr. Athletic Center.

President Cynthia Newbille requested that city administration provide Ms. Libron additional information related to plans to honor Arthur Ashe, Jr. in the proposed Diamond District development and the potential demolition of the Arthur Ashe, Jr. Athletic Center.

Sara Marie Maddox spoke in opposition to RES. 2022-R055, and she stated her concerns that the proposed Diamond District development did not include plans to address facilities available for women's athletics, including softball. Ms. Maddox also stated that if public funds were to be used for the development, then women's facilities should also be included for women.

Jerome Legions spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and he stated that the development would provide additional diverse housing opportunities similar to the Carver neighborhood. Mr. Legions also stated that the development would provide opportunities for home ownership for citizens.

Ishmael Tuan, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 980 member, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated it would help create jobs in the city.

Shemicia Bowen, Black Restaurant Experience partner, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated that the proposed development would help promote the city's Black businesses.

Frederick Patron spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated that the proposed development would help establish job opportunities for city residents.

Robert Addison, IBEW Local 666 member, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated that the proposed development would provide union represented construction jobs for the city's workforce.

Kerry Preston, IBEW Local 666 apprentice, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated the proposed development would provide citizens with additional opportunities to obtain union construction jobs. She also stated that the development would provide opportunities for the city's workforce to obtain healthcare coverage.

William Forrester, Richmond Metropolitan Junior Baseball League executive director, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and addressed the history of Minor League Baseball in the city. Mr. Forrester stated that the city should do all it can to ensure that the Richmond Flying Squirrels remain in the city.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert arrived and was seated at 7:38 p.m.

Kat Harville, Carpenters Local 205 member, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated it would ensure labor protected employment on the Diamond District development. Ms. Harville also stated that she wanted more work opportunities available in the city.

Tyrone Kee, Carpenters Local 205 member, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated Council support a project labor agreement related to labor unions that work on the proposed Diamond District Development. .

Taft Magnus, Mid-Atlantic Regional Laborers' International Union of North America representative, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and addressed the benefits of residents obtaining union represented jobs related to the proposed development project.

Carol Reese spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated that the project would help provide living wage jobs to city residents.

Grace Washington, J&G Workforce Development Services, LLC workforce coordinator, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated that the project would create career pathways for residents in construction and hospitality services.

Brian Anderson, ChamberRVA president and chief executive officer, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated that the ChamberRVA supports the proposed project. Mr. Anderson also stated that the project would create job opportunities for residents and help the city compete against other regions regarding tourism.

Todd "Parney" Parnell, Richmond Flying Squirrels chief executive officer, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated that the Richmond Flying Squirrels would benefit from the development of a new baseball stadium. Mr. Parnell also stated that the Flying Squirrels provide several non-baseball related services to the city's residents, and that the development of a new stadium would allow the organization to remain in Richmond and continue to provide such services.

Ervin Clarke, Central Virginia African American Chamber of Commerce chairman, spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated that the project would work to include African American and other minority owned business participation in the development.

Charles Willis spoke in support of RES. 2022-R055, and stated the project would help the city continue to grow.

Charles Skelly, Richmond Building Trades president, IBEW Local 666 business manager, spoke in support of RES. 2022-055, and stated that the city would benefit from the proposed project. Mr. Skelly also stated that the project would provide living wage jobs that would help residents ascend to the middle class.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated that she had difficulty coming to a decision on the proposed resolution. Councilwoman Trammell also stated that after receiving additional information regarding the project, that she now supported the selection of RVA Diamond Districts LLC as the developer of the Diamond District. Councilwoman Trammell requested to be added as a co-patron of RES. 2022-R055 and informed members that she would vote to adopt the resolution.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her appreciation for individuals involved throughout the process of selecting RVA Diamond Partners LLC as the developer of the Diamond District.

Councilor Michael Jones stated his appreciation for the involvement of labor unions in the proposed Diamond District development and the positive impact that unions could have on the city's workforce.

Councilor Kristen Nye stated her appreciation for the information provided by city administration regarding the proposed project, and she also stated that she was apprehensive about the timeline for reviewing RES. 2022-R055. Councilor Nye further stated that though she had concerns, she would vote to adopt RES. 2022-R055, and she requested to be added as a co-patron of the resolution.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated that he believed the proposed project would create living wage jobs, while it would also address affordable housing issues in the city.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch addressed the history of a potential baseball stadium development in the city, and she stated that she had faith in the proposed project due to the work provided by city administration.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated her appreciation for individuals that participated throughout the review and selection process for a developer of the Diamond District. Councilor Jordan also stated her approval of the project's proposals to provide job training for city residents.

President Cynthia Newbille stated her appreciation for individuals of the public and city administration that participated in the effort to select RVA Diamond Partners LLC as the developer of the Diamond District. President Newbille also stated she was excited about the potential economic benefits from the project.

There were no comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R055 was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None.

Motion for Expedited Consideration

Councilor Michael Jones moved to expedite consideration of the following resolutions:

40. [RES. 2022-R063](#) To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount up to \$14,300,000.00 for the acquisition, construction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of an approximately 161-unit multifamily residential rental housing project, consisting of 49 buildings, a property office, and maintenance buildings, to be known as the Townes at River South Apartments located at East 9th Street and Everett Street in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Vice President Robertson

41. [RES. 2022-R064](#) To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount up to \$10,000,000.00 for the acquisition, construction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of an approximately 112-unit multifamily residential rental housing project, consisting of 14 buildings, a property office, and maintenance buildings, to be known as South Gate Apartments located at the intersection of East 36th Street and Maury Street in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell

42. [RES. 2022-R065](#) To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount up to \$15,000,000.00 for the acquisition, construction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of an approximately 121-unit multifamily residential rental housing project to be known as Guardian Place I Apartments located at 1620 North Hamilton Street in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Ms. Jordan

43. [RES. 2022-R066](#) To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount up to \$15,000,000.00 for the acquisition, construction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of an approximately 115-unit multifamily residential rental housing project to be known as Guardian Place II Apartments located at 3840 Mastin Lane in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Ms. Jordan

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

Councilor Kristen Nye inquired why expedited consideration was necessary for the four resolutions.

Michael Graff, McGuireWoods partner, representing the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, provided Council with additional information regarding the need for expedited consideration. Mr. Graff stated that the competition to receive project funding against other localities in Virginia was the primary reason for the need to expedite consideration.

Sherrill Hampton, Housing and Community Development director, informed Council that funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act were also involved with the proposed developments referenced in the expedited legislation.

There were no comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R063, RES. 2022-R064, RES. 2022-R065, and RES. 2022-R066 were adopted: Ayes 6, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None. Jordan and Lynch were excused.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2022.331](#) September 29, 2022 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:

44. [ORD. 2022-272](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$480,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs 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 Fire and Emergency Services by \$480,000.00 for the purpose of the construction of the City's burn building to enhance the safety of fire service personnel while conducting live fire training.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

45. [ORD. 2022-273](#) To (i) declare surplus and direct the sale of a portion of the City-owned real estate known as 2101 Commerce Road, consisting of 1.546 acres ±, for nominal consideration to 2107 West Commerce LLC and (ii) retain certain easements for the purpose of providing access from the public right-of-way to an adjacent parcel of real estate known as 2107 Commerce Road. (As Amended) (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

46. [ORD. 2022-274](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of six parcels of real estate owned by West Commerce Properties LLC and known as 2101Rear Commerce Road, 2114 Rear Bellemeade Road, 2600 Rear Lynhaven Avenue, 2215 Concord Avenue, 2237 Concord Avenue, and 2110 Lumkin Avenue for the purpose of facilitating the expansion of Broad Rock Creek Park. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

47. [RES. 2022-R067](#) To approve and adopt the Richmond-Crater Multi-Region Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:

48. [ORD. 2022-275](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Legacy Nexus Foundation Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the Legacy Nexus Foundation, for the purpose of implementing a skilled trades training credentialing program.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

49. [ORD. 2022-276](#) To rename the bridge in the city of Richmond known as the Robert E. Lee Memorial Bridge as "Belvidere Bridge," and to repeal Res. No. 2020-R043, adopted June 22, 2020.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

50. [ORD. 2022-277](#) To amend Ord. No. 2014-28-35, adopted Mar. 24, 2014, which granted a conservation and open-space easement on the property generally known as Bandy Field Park to the Friends of Bandy Field, Inc., to amend the conservation and open-space easement on the property generally known as Bandy Field Park to the Friends of Bandy Field, Inc., for the purpose of

adding the Capital Region Land Conservancy as a grantee to the Bandy Field conservation and open-space easement.

Patrons: Mr. Addison

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

51. [ORD. 2022-278](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 26-355, concerning the levy of tax on real estate, to establish a tax rate of \$1.10 for the tax year beginning Jan. 1, 2023, pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-3321(b), and increasing such rate from the Rolled Back Tax Rate of \$1.072 as computed in accordance with Va. Code § 58.1-3321(a).

Patrons: Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

52. [RES. 2022-R068](#) To approve the City of Richmond Plan of Services under the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

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, September 12, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2022.314](#) September 12, 2022 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2022.320](#) September 12, 2022 Formal Meeting Minutes

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 8:45 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

CITY CLERK