



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26, 2022

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Michael Jones (late arrival)
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Kristen Nye
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst
Haskell Brown, City Attorney
Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:10 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. 2022-205 – to be continued to Monday, October 10, 2022
2. Ord. 2022-214 – to be continued to Monday, October 10, 2022
3. Ord. 2022-229 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2022-231 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2022-232 – to be continued to Monday, October 10, 2022
6. Ord. 2022-233 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2022-234 – to be continued to Monday, October 10, 2022
8. Ord. 2022-238 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2022-239 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2022-240 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2022-241 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2022-242 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2022-245 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2022-246 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2022-247 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2022-248 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2022-249 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2022-250 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2022-251 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2022-252 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2022-253 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2022-254 – retained on the Consent Agenda

- 23. Ord. 2022-255 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 24. Ord. 2022-256 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 25. Ord. 2022-257 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 26. Ord. 2022-258 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 27. Ord. 2022-259 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 28. Ord. 2022-260 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 29. Res. 2022-R052 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 30. Res. 2022-R056 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 31. Res. 2022-R057 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 32. Res. 2022-R058 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 33. Res. 2022-R059 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 34. Res. 2022-R060 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

- 35. Ord. 2021-097 – to be continued to Monday, October 10, 2022
- 36. Res. 2022-R049 – to be stricken
- 37. Res. 2022-R050 – to be stricken

Councilor Andreas Addison urged his colleagues to override the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee’s recommendation to strike Res. 2022-R049 and 2022-R050, and instead continue both items to a different standing committee for further discussion.

City Attorney Haskell Brown provided clarity regarding Council’s Rules of Procedure and stated five affirmative votes are required to override a standing committee’s recommendation.

Councilor Michael Jones arrived at 4:21 p.m. and was seated.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch expressed her support for Councilor Addison’s request.

Councilor Michael Jones explained the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee's vetting of Res. 2022-R049 and 2022-R050 and emphasized Council's Rules of Procedure regarding procedures for committee referrals.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to allow for the overriding of the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee's recommendation to strike Res. 2022-R049 and 2022-R050, and continue the legislation to the October 3rd Organizational Development Standing Committee, and October 10th Council meetings for further consideration, later that evening during the Formal Session of Council.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell expressed her concern with the proposed adoption of Res. 2022-R057 and suggested certain current Greater Richmond Transit Company board directors be allowed to continue serving on the board.

38. Res. 2022-R051 – retained on the Regular Agenda

39. Res. 2022-R055 – retained on the Regular Agenda

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

Other Discussion Item(s)

Soil and Water Conservation District Agreement with Richmond and the James River Conservation District

Councilor Kristen Nye informed Council of next steps for accessing resources through a soil and water conservation district and requested the scheduling of a special meeting for the introduction of a proposed memorandum of understanding (MOU) agreement between the city and the James River Conservation District, which will allow residents to take advantage of Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) grants. Councilor Nye also informed of the proposed MOU's required adoption date, which is no later than October 31, 2022.

Interim Council Chief of Staff Joyce Davis specified that the MOU agreement will also be established with the Capital Region Land Conservancy and suggested meeting dates for the MOU's introduction, consideration and adoption.

Blair Blanchette, VCAP coordinator with Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, was available to answer questions pertaining to the proposed conservation efforts.

Councilors Katherine Jordan and Stephanie Lynch expressed their support for the proposed soil and water conservation MOU agreement.

Parker Agelasto, former 5th District council representative and Capital Region Land Conservancy executive director, addressed and thanked Council for their efforts to advance the city's conservation goals.

It was the consensus of Council to hold a special meeting on October 3rd for the introduction of legislation for the proposed soil and water conservation MOU agreement.

Other Discussion

Councilor Stephanie Lynch and Interim Council Chief of Staff (CCOS) Joyce Davis provided an update regarding the tentative scheduling and agenda of Council's annual retreat and asked councilors to forward any additional feedback to them or Councilor Jordan.

Interim CCOS Davis also informed Council of the following future meeting agenda discussion items:

- General Assembly delegation legislative summit
- Virginia Commonwealth University report
- CCOS Office staff recruitment efforts

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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