

# **Richmond City Council**

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## **Informal Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 8, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

#### **Council Members Present**

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President

The Honorable Katherine Jordan, Vice President (late arrival)

The Honorable Sarah Abubaker

The Honorable Andrew Breton

The Honorable Kenya Gibson

The Honorable Nicole Jones

The Honorable Ellen Robertson

The Honorable Reva Trammell

#### **Absent**

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch

### **Staff Present**

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal Laura Drewry, City Attorney Kiley Kesecker, Deputy City Clerk Candice Reid, City Clerk Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney RJ Warren, Council Chief of Staff

#### **Call to Order**

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and presided.

### **Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement**

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton provided information on the appropriate way to evacuate the Council Chamber in an emergency.

### **Docket Review**

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

### Consent Agenda:

- 1. Ord. 2024-312 retained on Consent Agenda
- 2. Ord. 2025-014 to be continued to Monday, October 14, 2025
- 3. Ord. 2025-025 to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
- 4. Ord. 2025-032 to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
- 5. Ord. 2025-046 to be amended and continued to Monday, September 22, 2025

#### Vice President Katherine Jordan arrived at 4:02 p.m. and was seated.

- 6. Ord. 2025-079 to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
- 7. Ord. 2025-080 retained on Consent Agenda
- 8. Ord. 2025-081 to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
- 9. Ord. 2025-113 to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
- 10. Ord. 2025-136 retained on Consent Agenda
- 11. Ord. 2025-148 to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
- 12. Ord. 2025-150 to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
- 13. Ord. 2025-155 retained on Consent Agenda
- 14. Ord. 2025-166 retained on Consent Agenda
- 15. Ord. 2025-167 retained on Consent Agenda
- 16. Ord. 2025-168 retained on Consent Agenda
- 17. Ord. 2025-169 retained on Consent Agenda
- 18. Ord. 2025-170 retained on Consent Agenda
- 19. Ord. 2025-171 retained on Consent Agenda
- 20. Ord. 2025-172 retained on Consent Agenda
- 21. Ord. 2025-173 to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025

- 22. Ord. 2025-174 retained on Consent Agenda
- 23. Ord. 2025-175 retained on Consent Agenda
- 24. Ord. 2025-176 retained on Consent Agenda
- 25. Ord. 2025-177 retained on Consent Agenda
- 26. Ord. 2025-178 retained on Consent Agenda
- 27. Ord. 2025-179 retained on Consent Agenda
- 28. Ord. 2025-180 retained on Consent Agenda
- 29. Ord. 2025-181 retained on Consent Agenda
- 30. Ord. 2025-182 retained on Consent Agenda
- 31. Res. 2025-R020 retained on Consent Agenda

### Regular Agenda:

32. Ord. 2024-188 - retained on Regular Agenda

Councilor Ellen Robertson raised concern regarding the proposed continuance of Ord. 2025-173 to the October 14, 2025 Council meeting, and stated that the delay could possibly risk the financing of low-income tax credits.

Councilor Kenya Gibson stated that she requested the continuance to allow an opportunity to have additional conversation within her district surrounding Ord. 2025-173.

After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to continue Ord. 2025-173, instead, to the September 22, 2025 Formal Session of Council.

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

### Other Discussion Item(s)

## Consideration of Civilian Review Board (CRB) Appointments

Pamela Nichols, Council Management Analyst, reviewed a list of recommended Civilian Review Board appointments provided by Joseph Lowery, CRB Senior Manager. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

CD.2025.265 Informal Board Vacancy Report - CRB

Councilor Kenya Gibson questioned the recommendation of appointing individuals currently serving or had previously served on other Council's boards and commissions. Councilor Gibson stated that she would have preferred giving individuals that had never served on a board an opportunity, while mentioning the possibility of a conflict of interest.

Vice President Katherine Jordan emphasized the need to appoint experienced individuals to serve on the Civilian Review Board, and motioned to forward the following suggested appointments for the specified term to the September 22, 2025 Formal Session of Council for appointment:

Council SelectionTermEvan Feinman3 yearsJannie "Yannie" Hawkins3 yearsAngela Fontaine2 yearsRafaella Sale1 year

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### **Docket Review (Cont.)**

Revisiting a docket review item, Councilor Ellen Robertson expressed gratitude for efforts regarding Ord. 2025-188, and stated that she will support the proposed legislation based on the future introduction of legislation addressing delinquent tax sales and funding allocation for affordable housing.

Councilor Reva Trammell requested an analysis of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund as well as the city's delinquent tax roll.

### **Adjournment**

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting, Councilor Kenya Gibson shared that several important emails had been forwarded to her junk mailbox, and she requested a resolution for the issue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.	
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