



# City of Richmond

## Formal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, February 25, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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### **Councilmembers Present**

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

### **Absent**

The Honorable Reva Trammell

President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and presided.

### **CHAMBER EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES**

Upon the 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 along with citizen speaker guidelines.

Invocation was offered by Reverend William E. Jackson, Sr., Fourth Baptist Church, 2800 P Street, Richmond, VA.

Members of Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

*President Newbille requested a moment of silence in memory of Ronald C. Lewis, Richmond's first African-American Fire Chief.*

### **APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Councilor Michael Jones, on behalf of Richmond City Council, recognized Richmond Police Captain Michael Snawder for his work as the recent Precinct Commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

There were no citizen comment speakers.

## AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

**Councilor Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:**

ORD. 2017-242

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, which approved the "Shops at Stratford Hills Community Unit Plan," for the purpose of increasing the area subject to the community unit plan by 3.4 acres to 67.9± acres and modifying the development standards, under certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

**To be continued to Monday, March 25, 2019**

ORD. 2018-254

To amend Ord. No. 2018-057, adopted May 14, 2018, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the Office of Community Wealth Building's Workforce Development program and re-appropriating these transferred funds to a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency called the "Owens & Minor Medical, Inc. On the Job Training Grant through the EDA" line item for the purpose of making a grant to Owens & Minor Medical, Inc., to subsidize certain job training activities by Owens & Minor Medical, Inc.

**To be continued to Monday, March 25, 2019**

ORD. 2018-289

To amend ch. 24, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new § 24-4 for the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Works to conduct a study of the conditions of all streets, roads, and bridges in the city and to provide a report to City Council by no later than Feb. 1, 2019, and by no later than Feb. 1 each year thereafter.

**To be continued to Monday, March 25, 2019**

ORD. 2019-018

To rezone the property known as 1206 Dinwiddie Avenue from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District.

**To be continued to Monday, April 22, 2019**

ORD. 2018-231

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 26-397, concerning definitions, 26-399, concerning the eligibility criteria for partial exemption of rehabilitated residential and multifamily structures or other improvements from real estate taxation, and 26-401, concerning the amount of exemption for rehabilitated residential and multifamily qualified structures, and to amend ch. 26, art. V, div. 3 by adding therein new §§ 26-398.1, concerning the evaluation of such program, and 26-401.1, concerning affordable housing certification, for the purpose of revising the City's partial tax exemption program for residential and multifamily structures by defining certain terms and modifying the qualification requirements for the receipt and duration of partial exemption from real estate taxation.

**To be continued to Monday, March 25, 2019**

ORD. 2018-236

To amend ch. 26, art. V, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein new sections 26-370-26-374, concerning a real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling, for the purpose of establishing a new real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling.

**To be continued to Monday, March 25, 2019**

RES. 2018-R092

To declare a public necessity to amend the City's zoning ordinance and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to require that certificates of zoning compliance and letters of zoning confirmation be reviewed by the City Attorney prior to issuance.

**To be continued to Monday, March 11, 2019**

RES. 2018-R103

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Planning and Development Review to develop a process for preparing school impact statements for new developments in the city of Richmond.

**To be continued to Monday, March 11, 2019**

**The motion to amend the agenda was seconded and approved:** Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Gray, Addison, Newbille. Hilbert had not yet arrived.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**The following ordinances and resolution were considered:**

ORD. 2018-307

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1204 North 30th Street for the purpose of up to four two-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

ORD. 2018-308

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1301 North 30th Street for the purpose of a building with commercial uses on the first floor and up to two dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

ORD. 2019-013

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1802 Semmes Avenue for the purpose of up to 111 single-family attached dwellings as well as the principal and accessory uses permitted in the B-6 Mixed-Use Business District, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

ORD. 2019-019

To rezone the properties known as 1809 and 1815 East Franklin Street and 6 and 14 North 19th Street from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the B-5 Central Business District.

ORD. 2019-021

To amend Ord. No. 2018-057, adopted May 14, 2018, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring and re-appropriating \$45,581.00 from the Department of Police's Police-Administration program to the School Board of the City of Richmond's RPS-Public Schools program with the intent of assisting with the costs of the school crossing guard program.

ORD. 2019-022

To amend Ord. No. 2018-060, adopted May 14, 2018, which appropriates and provides funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019.

ORD. 2019-023

To amend Ord. No. 2018-057, adopted May 14, 2018, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring and re-appropriating \$516,736.00 from the Non-Departmental agency, Employee Salary Adjustments- Compensation/Classification Study

line item, to various departments to fund the estimated costs of increasing salaries of specific employees to the minimum of new pay ranges and to increase the salaries of those employees earning less than a living wage.

ORD. 2019-024

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Supreme Court of Virginia and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Justice Services' Juvenile Behavioral Health Docket Special Fund by \$50,000.00 for the purpose of providing enhanced behavioral health treatment services through the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the City of Richmond's juvenile behavioral health docket program.

ORD. 2019-025

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$46,950.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the Sheriff of the City of Richmond's 2019 JAG for Staff Recruitment Special Fund by \$46,950.00 for the purpose of funding advertising, equipment, supplies, and travel expenses related to staff recruitment and crisis intervention team training for the Office of the Sheriff of the City of Richmond.

ORD. 2019-026

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$24,129.00 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, and to appropriate the funds received to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' State Fire Programs Special Fund by \$24,129.00 for the purpose of funding new and additional equipment for all emergencies and specialized training for Department of Fire and Emergency Services' fire suppression personnel.

ORD. 2019-027

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the real property known as 1617 Brook Road for the purpose of housing the City's parking enterprise operations.

ORD. 2019-028

To declare surplus and to direct the sale of City-owned real estate located at 1900 Cool Lane and 2011 Mechanicsville Turnpike for nominal consideration to Virginia Supportive Housing for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment thereof.

ORD. 2019-029

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 26-364 and 26-365, concerning tax relief for elderly and permanently and totally disabled persons, for the purpose of revising the income ranges and corresponding exemption percentages for qualification of elderly and permanently and totally disabled persons for tax relief.

RES. 2019-R006

To request that the Mayor include in the budget he prepares for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 proposed appropriations in the amount of \$150,000.00 for consulting services to advise and provide the City Council with analysis on such matters as the City Council may deem to be in the best interests of the City.

**Opposition**

**William Samuels** spoke in opposition of ORD. 2019-013 stating that while he supports the residential development, he was concerned about the potential use of vinyl siding. Mr. Samuels urged Council to continue ORD. 2019-013 to allow further discussion regarding exterior materials.

**Janice Carter-Lovejoy, speaking on behalf of the Springhill Neighborhood Association,** spoke in opposition of ORD. 2019-013 urging Council to get clarification on the type of exterior materials for the front elevations and to ensure traffic and pedestrian safety were addressed prior to its consideration of the proposed request.

## Support

**Preston Lloyd, William Mullens partner and applicant representative**, spoke in support of ORD. 2018-013 stating that the traffic study connected with the project was approved by the Department of Public Works and the residential development will generate less traffic than other uses permitted under the current zoning.

*Councilor Parker Agelasto asked for assurance that the project's front elevations along Semmes Avenue will consist of high composite durable materials.*

Mr. Lloyd explained that the developer has indicated intent to use durable cementitious material for portions of the front elevations; however, the developer would like to maintain options for exterior materials to include vinyl siding.

*Vice President Chris Hilbert arrived and was seated at 6:34 p.m.*

*Councilor Kim Gray inquired about the project's impact on area schools, and stressed that traffic, schools and public safety impacts should be components of the city's review of new residential developments.*

There were no further comments or discussions and the **Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted with the exception of ORD. 2019-028, which was also adopted:** Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Gray, Addison, Newbille. Abstentions 1, Hilbert (conflict of interest).

*Councilor Parker Agelasto explained that with Council's adoption of ORD. 2019-029, more of the city's elderly and permanently and totally disabled citizens could be eligible to apply for Real Estate Tax Relief effective July 1, 2019.*

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

There were no Regular Agenda items for consideration.

**Councilor Andreas Addison moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and unanimously approved:**

### RES. 2019-R007

To amend the Rules of Procedure adopted by Res. No. 2017-R001, adopted Jan. 3, 2017, as previously amended by Res. No. 2017-R013, adopted Mar. 27, 2017, Res. No. 2017-R017, adopted Mar. 27, 2017, Res. No. 2017-R032, adopted Jun. 26, 2017, and Res. No. 2018-R090, adopted Oct. 8, 2018, for the purpose of changing the order of the formal meeting to provide for introduction of ordinances and resolutions before the reading of the reports and announcements of Council members.

*Patron: President Newbille*

*President Cynthia Newbille provided an explanation of RES. 2019-R007.*

*Councilor Kim Gray expressed support of RES. 2019-R007.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2019-R007 was unanimously adopted.**

**Councilor Kristen Larson moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and unanimously approved:**

RES. 2019-R008

To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$3,290.00 from the Council District Funds for the Ninth District to pay Marion Marketing Global, LLC for printing and mailing 5,570 flyers providing announcements and information for 2019 to residents of the Ninth District.

*Patron: Mr. Jones*

*Councilor Michael Jones introduced RES. 2019-R008.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2019-R008 was adopted:** Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Agelasto was excused.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Councilor Kim Gray moved to approve the following Richmond City Council meeting minutes:** Informal Council Session held on Monday, February 11, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

**The motion was seconded and approved:** Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None. Agelasto was excused.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**

**City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinance on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.:**

ORD. 2019-034

To amend and reordain City Code § 2-1177, concerning the duties of the History and Culture Commission, for the purpose of requiring the History and Culture Commission to comply with the provisions of City Code §§ 8-7 through 8-10 when making any recommendations to name or rename any City facility.

*Patron: Mr. Addison*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.**

**City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, March 25, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.:**

ORD. 2019-035

To rezone the property known as 3516 Belt Boulevard from the R-4 Single-Family Residential District to the M-1 Light Industrial District.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2019-036

To authorize the special use of the property known as 507 North 30th Street for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building, upon certain terms and conditions.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2019-037

To authorize the special use of the property known as 700 North 31st Street for the purpose of up to six single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2019-038

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1113 North 32nd Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

*Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2019-039

To authorize the special use of the property known as 6807 Midlothian Turnpike for the purpose of permitting certain signs, upon certain terms and conditions.

*Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**

RES. 2019-R009

To establish a policy that the City Council intends to appropriate the greater of 55.4 percent of estimated receipts from real estate taxes or the percentage of estimated receipts from real estate taxes reflected in the adopted Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Budget annually for school operating expenses subject to certain conditions.

*Patron: Ms. Larson*

**This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.**

**City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinance on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.:**

ORD. 2019-040

To reduce the speed limit on Forest Hill Avenue between its intersection with West Roanoke Street and its intersection with Prince George Road from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour.

*Patron: Ms. Larson*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.**

## REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities were provided by the following council members: Councilor Addison, Councilor Gray, Councilor Larson, Councilor Agelasto, Councilor Robertson, Councilor Jones, Vice President Hilbert and President Newbille.

*President Cynthia Newbille recognized the VCU Academic Scholars Program in Real Environments (ASPiRE) students and the ASPiRE Community Partnerships Coordinator Nanette Bailey in attendance at the Formal Session of Council.*

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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