



City of Richmond

Formal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
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Monday, March 11, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Parker Agelasto (*via phone*)
The Honorable Kim Gray
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Andreas Addison

President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., and presided.

Invocation was offered by Father Nicholas G. Bacalis of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 30 Malvern Avenue, Richmond, VA.

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

President Newbille requested a moment of silence in memory of Jeffrey Goode, a former city of Richmond employee with the Department of Social Services, and prominent gospel singer.

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.

City Clerk Candice Reid notified members of Council and the audience that due to technical difficulties, only the online live audio would be available during the meeting.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

President Cynthia Newbille announced that pursuant to Rule III (D)(4)(b) of Council's Rules of Procedure, Councilor Parker Agelasto requested to participate in the meeting electronically from his home office, due to his need to remain at home with his young daughter and newborn son while his wife recovers from surgery.

President Newbille solicited a motion from the Council members physically present at the meeting, concerning Councilor Agelasto's participation in the meeting via electronic communication.

Councilor Kristen Larson moved to allow Councilor Agelasto to participate in the meeting telephonically. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Agelasto joined the meeting via phone.

Councilor Kim Gray requested clarification as to whether the meeting would be recorded and broadcasted at a later time, due to the previously stated technical difficulties.

City Clerk Candice Reid advised that the meeting will be recorded and re-run on television Channel 17 at a later date, and that the audio for the in progress meeting is available for live streaming online.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the following reappointments be approved:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name	Terms
Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks (13 members)	5 th District Resident	Ruth Morrison (reappointment)	03/11/2019 – 03/10/2022
	9 th District Resident	Eddie Archer (reappointment)	03/11/2019 – 03/10/2022
Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board (9 members)	City employee	E. Yvette Jones (reappointment)	02/08/2019 – 02/07/2022
	A resident of the city of Richmond who is a senior citizen	Charles Barker (reappointment)	02/08/2019 – 02/07/2022
	Caregiver of at least one senior citizen	Kimberly Adams (reappointment)	01/27/2019 – 01/26/2022
Social Services Advisory Board (9 members)	Citizen of the city of Richmond	Erin Delp (reappointment)	04/23/2019 – 04/22/2023

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no awards.

President Cynthia Newbille stated that Mayor Levar Stoney would be addressing Council with initial comments preceding the Office of Community Wealth Building's (OCWB) annual performance report presentation.

Mayor Levar Stoney addressed Council with an introduction for the OCWB's annual performance report presentation.

Valaryee Mitchell, director of the OCWB, provided current information highlighting the partnerships and achievements the department has made in the past year, as well as goals for the future. Karen Imes, an OCWB ambassador and former program participant, shared her experiences with Council.

A copy of the report provided has been filed.

President Newbille stated that any questions for the OCWB can be provided to council staff who will then follow up.

Councilor Michael Jones thanked Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Imes and the OCWB for services provided to citizens of the city. Councilor Michael Jones requested three suggestions regarding how Council can assist the OCWB within the next six, twelve, and eighteen months.

Councilor Ellen Robertson thanked the OCWB, Reggie Gordon and Thad Williamson for services provided in addition to the Citizens Advisory Board of which she is the chair.

Councilor Reva Trammell thanked Ms. Mitchell for the presentation and requested that Ms. Mitchell have the OCWB visit the Hickory Hill Community Center in the near future.

Councilor Kristen Larson thanked Ms. Mitchell and the OCWB for their current and future efforts and their collaboration with departments within the city.

Councilor Kim Gray requested that Ms. Mitchell provide a specific dollar amount concerning what the OCWB considers to be a living wage. Councilor Gray advised that she was contacted by a resource willing to provide child care services for up to ten participants of the OCWB's program.

President Newbille expressed appreciation to Ms. Mitchell and all affiliates of the OCWB for their efforts and accomplishments.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Butler Peterson, Richmond Public Schools (RPS), Department of Culture, Climate and Student Services attendance officer, addressed Council stating that the Attendance Division is essential to the wellbeing of students and the community and requested that Council allocate funding to continue the program.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Councilor Kim Gray stated that the Attendance Division's work is critical to the lives of children and the community within the city of Richmond.

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested to hear more from those with information on critical services that are at risk of being overlooked as it pertains to the RPS budget.

Councilor Michael Jones requested that the Chief of Police and Superintendent of RPS provide information with alternatives to the Attendance Division if the program were to be cut.

Councilor Reva Trammell and President Cynthia Newbille thanked Mr. Peterson for his service and comments.

James Minor addressed Council stating that in keeping with efforts towards racial reconciliation, there are several prominent individuals after which streets and buildings could be named or re-named within the city.

Kimberly Gomez addressed Council expressing her support for the increase in real estate taxes to fully fund RPS.

Johnathan Marcus addressed Council expressing his support for Interim Police Chief William Smith to become the permanent Chief of Police of Richmond. Mr. Marcus requested the Council to look at the current property tax rate and current public school services compared to surrounding localities, before approving the property tax increase.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Councilor Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2018-291

To amend City Code §§ 10-79, concerning the award of franchises and permits to operators of emergency medical service vehicles, and 10-83, concerning the suspension of authorization to operate emergency medical service vehicles, to make modifications to the City's regulations governing the operation of emergency medical service vehicles in the right-of-way.

To be continued to Monday, April 8, 2019

ORD. 2019-012

To authorize the special use of the property known as 602 Libbie Avenue for the purpose of an office use, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be amended and continued to Monday, April 8, 2019

ORD. 2019-031

To authorize the special use of the property known as 521 Craigie Avenue for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, April 8, 2019

ORD. 2018-243

To close, to public use and travel, a portion of Northumberland Avenue located between the south line of West Roberts Street and the southern terminus of Northumberland Avenue, consisting of 16,355± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, April 8, 2019

ORD. 2018-245

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2009 Brook Road, 2011 Northumberland Avenue, and a portion of Northumberland Avenue for the purpose of multifamily dwellings containing up to 224 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

To be continued to Monday, April 8, 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, April 8, 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 25, 2019

The motion to amend the agenda was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Trammell, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None. Gray was excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2019-030

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 91-324-301, adopted Oct. 28, 1991, which authorized the special use of the property known as 412 West Marshall Street for the purpose of converting an existing two-family dwelling into a three-family dwelling, to authorize a dwelling unit within an accessory building, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-032

To authorize the special use of the property known as 815 North 22nd Street for the purpose of a building with commercial uses on the first floor and one dwelling unit, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-033

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2119 East Broad Street for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building, upon certain terms and conditions.

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.

There were no comments or discussions and the **Consent Agenda was adopted:** Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Trammell, Hilbert, and Newbille. Noes None. Gray was excused.

REGULAR AGENDA

There were no Regular Agenda items for consideration.

MOTIONS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the ordinance entitled:

ORD. 2019-012

To authorize the special use of the property known as 602 Libbie Avenue for the purpose of an office use, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be amended and continued to Monday, April 8, 2019, as follows:

Page 3, Line 8

After the word "Virginia", insert a comma

Page 3, Line 9

After the comma following the word "Studio", strike the word "and"

After the comma following the year "2018", insert the text "and last revised February 18, 2019" followed by a comma

Page 3, Line 22

After the word "three", strike the phrase "on-site"

Page 3, Line 23

After the word "Plans", insert a comma followed by the text "provided that the Director of Planning and Development Review may approve a different configuration for the parking spaces from that shown on the Plans if the Owner requests"

Page 4, Line 6

After the word “Any”, insert the word “such”

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

Councilwoman Reva Trammell moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

RES. 2019-R010

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit an application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Industrial Revitalization Fund on behalf of Virginia Union University for a grant of \$600,000 for the purpose of the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of approximately 6,970 square feet of the educational facility known as Industrial Hall, including classroom, gallery, and artifact preservation space, as part of an approximately \$4,700,000 restoration of the property located at 1500 North Lombardy Street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

which was seconded and approved – Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Trammell, Hilbert, and Newbille. Noes None. Gray was excused.

Maurice Campbell, senior vice president of Virginia Union University, provided an explanation of RES. 2019-R010.

Councilor Kristen Larson requested clarification on whether there would be any fiscal impact to the city if the proposed resolution is adopted.

Douglas Dunlap, interim deputy chief administrative officer – Economic Development, advised that there would be no fiscal impact to the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2019-R010 was adopted:** Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Trammell, Hilbert, and Newbille. Noes None. Gray was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to approve the following Richmond City Council meeting minutes: Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., respectively.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

ORD. 2019-076

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition from Virginia Commonwealth University of a perpetual, non-exclusive easement located in the block bounded by East Leigh Street, North 11th Street, East Clay Street, and North 10th Street for the public purpose of laying, erecting, constructing, operating, maintaining, and repairing a 12-inch sewer line and all equipment, accessories, and appurtenances necessary in connection therewith, and to vacate two sewer easements located in such block.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2019-077

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Fourth Amendment to Lease between the City of Richmond, as lessee, and Saul Subsidiary I Limited Partnership, as lessor, for the purpose of enabling the City to continue using 52,411± square feet of the property located at 4100 Hull Street Road for the Department of Social Services and other City functions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2019-078

To designate Birdwood Road in honor of retired Fire Chief Ronald C. Lewis.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell, Ms. Robertson, President Newbille, Mr. Jones, Ms. Larson, Vice President Hilbert, Mr. Agelasto and Ms. Gray

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2019-R011

To appoint James Osuna to serve as Inspector General.

Patron: President Newbille

This resolution was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(2).

RES. 2019-R012

To set the rate of personal property tax relief for qualifying vehicles for the 2019 tax year pursuant to City Code §§ 26-495-26-497.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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 ordinances on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2019-079

To amend Ord. No. 2011-211-2012-6, adopted Jan. 23, 2012, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 535½, 537, and 541 North 2nd Street, now known as 537 North 2nd Street, for the purpose of waiving parking, building height, maximum residential floor area, and setback requirements for the construction of a mixed-use building with up to 31 dwelling units and uses permitted in the underlying zoning district, to remove a condition requiring a non-commercial mural, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

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

ORD. 2019-080

To authorize the special use of the property known as 326 East Broad Street for the purpose of permitting signs with an aggregate area exceeding that permitted by the underlying zoning regulations, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

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

ORD. 2019-081

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1809 and 1815 East Franklin Street for the purpose of uses allowed in the B-5 Central Business District, including dwelling units on the ground floor without the application of certain requirements of City Code § 30-442.1(6), upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

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

ORD. 2019-082

To amend Ord. No. 2017-194, adopted Nov. 13, 2017, which authorized the special use of the property known as 3138 Grayland Avenue, now the properties known as 3136 Grayland Avenue and 3138 Grayland Avenue, for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, to modify the setback requirements pertaining to 3136 Grayland Avenue, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 1, 2019, at 1:30 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 Jones, Councilor Robertson, Councilor Larson, Councilwoman Trammell, Councilor Gray (on behalf of Councilor Agelasto), Councilor Gray, Vice President Hilbert and President Newbille.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

CITY CLERK