



City of Richmond

Formal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, December 11, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council met in the Council Chamber on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 6:15 p.m.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Jeanne M. Pupke of First Unitarian Universalist Church RVA, 1000 Blanton Ave, Richmond, VA

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

Councilmembers Present

- The Honorable Chris Hilbert, President
- The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, Vice President
- The Honorable Andreas Addison
- The Honorable Parker Agelasto
- The Honorable Kim Gray
- The Honorable Michael Jones
- The Honorable Kristen Larson
- The Honorable Ellen Robertson
- The Honorable Reva Trammell

CHAMBER EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order and presided. 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.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Councilor Kim Gray moved that the following appointments and reappointment be approved:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Terms</u>
Clean City Commission (15 members)	Designee of the Director of Public Works	Darlene Mallory (reappointment)	12/11/2017 – 09/14/2019
Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration (15 members)	Representative of law enforcement nominated by Mayor Levar M. Stoney	James B. Killingsworth, Sr.	12/11/2017 – 12/10/2019
Ethics Reform Task Force (11 members)	Persons with experience and expertise concerning ethical standards in both the public sector and the private sector and concerning areas, such as human resources and procurement, that may be relevant to the consideration of appropriate ethical standards for a governmental organization *	Wilson Little	12/11/2017 – Terminating upon the completion of the Ethics Reform Task Force's duties
		Theodore Reynolds	12/11/2017 – Terminating upon the completion of the Ethics Reform Task Force's duties

* Applicants must reside or work in the city.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Councilwoman Reva Trammell, on behalf of City Council, recognized the Richmond Firefighters Association International Association of Firefighters, Local 995, for its work on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell, on behalf of City Council, recognized Fire Battalion Chief Lawrence E. Glidewell, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 40 years of dedicated service as a member of the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Councilor Michael Jones, on behalf of City Council, recognized Ms. Mary Gresham for her service and dedication to the community.

Councilor Michael Jones, on behalf of City Council, recognized Mr. Matthew L. Melvin, Sr., for his public and community service.

Councilor Parker Agelasto, on behalf of City Council, offered remembrance of Donald W. "Donnie" Corker, also known as "Dirtwoman", in commemoration of their passing earlier this year.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Gail Harris addressed Council regarding her concerns with the city's new fees and requirements for leaf pickup.

Joseph Rogers addressed Council regarding local autonomy noting that the state legislature limits localities' ability to govern.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Councilor Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2017-196

To designate The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust as a land bank entity for the purpose of assisting the City in addressing vacant, abandoned, and tax delinquent properties and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement setting the terms and conditions of such designation.

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2018

ORD. 2017-197

To amend and reordain ch. 2, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 10 (§§ 2-1002-2-1008) and a new div. 11 (§§ 2-1035-2-1041) and to amend ch. 12 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. V (§§ 12-201-12-218) for the purpose of establishing an Education, Health, and Human Services Grant Commission, a Visual and Performing Arts Grant Commission, and related grant programs for nonprofit organizations to be administered by each commission.

To be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018

ORD. 2017-214

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$4,900,000 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; borrowing Section 108 Loan Program funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the business of capitalizing a business loan as part of the City's Department of Economic and Community Development's Section 108 Loan Program; 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.

To be moved to the Regular Agenda

ORD. 2017-229

To amend Ord. No. 96-37-71, adopted May 13, 1996, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2007-315-282, adopted Dec. 10, 2007, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 3300 to 3332 Cutshaw Avenue, for the purpose of the installation of three additional freestanding accessory satellite dish antennas, to permit a modification to the dimension requirements pertaining to omnidirectional and whip antennas, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2018

ORD. 2017-232

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2318 Grove Avenue for the purpose of a day nursery for up to 30 children, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2018

RES. 2017-R076

To amend Ord. No. 96-37-71, adopted May 13, 1996, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2007-315-282, adopted Dec. 10, 2007, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 3300 to 3332 Cutshaw Avenue, for the purpose of the installation of three additional freestanding accessory satellite dish antennas, to permit a modification to the dimension requirements pertaining to omnidirectional and whip antennas, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018

RES. 2017-R086

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer establish and implement a policy and methodology to require that any residential development agreement to which the City is a party or involving City

financial incentives mandate that a minimum percentage of the new residential development's total units be designated as affordable housing.

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2018

RES. 2017-R089

To request that the Mayor petition the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide businesses in certain areas affected by the construction of the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit project with financial assistance to compensate for declining customer traffic and sales due to extended construction activities and impediments resulting from the construction of the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit project.

To be continued to Monday, January 22, 2018

ORD. 2017-208

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$91,136.00 from the County of Chesterfield; and to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund Budget by increasing anticipated revenues in the form of utility payments in lieu of taxes from the Water Utility by \$328,864.00 and the amount appropriated to the Parks Administration program by \$420,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring the property known as 8778 Rear West Huguenot Road for the public purpose of the expansion of Lewis G. Larus Park.

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2018

ORD. 2017-209

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a First Amendment to Amended Water Contract between the City of Richmond and the County of Chesterfield for the purpose of providing for the sale of additional water to the County of Chesterfield and for the construction, operation, and maintenance of new water capacity facilities by the County of Chesterfield on a portion of Lewis G. Larus Park located at 8850 West Huguenot Road in the city of Richmond.

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2018

ORD. 2017-221

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the real property known as 8778 Rear West Huguenot Road for the purpose of the expansion of Lewis G. Larus Park.

To be continued to Monday, January 8, 2018

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

ORD. 2016-264

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2007-251-209, adopted Sept. 24, 2007, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2008-117-93, adopted May 27, 2008, and Ord. No. 2013-117-113, adopted Jun. 24, 2013, concerning the establishment of a residential permit parking district in the Carver Neighborhood, for the purpose of adding certain streets and portions of streets to the Carver Residential Permit Parking District. (As Amended)

ORD. 2017- 177

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2016-232, adopted Oct. 10, 2016, which closed, to public use and travel, a portion of an alley and a turnaround bounded by Brookland Parkway, Brook Road, Sherwood Avenue, I-95/I-64, and Robin Hood Road, consisting of 6,557± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions, and authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to accept a dedication of property, consisting of 443± square feet, for a new turnaround for right-of-way purposes in the block bounded by Brookland Parkway, Brook Road, Sherwood Avenue, I-95/I-64, and Robin Hood Road, to modify the ordinance's indemnification provisions in recognition that the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority is a state institution. (As Amended)

ORD. 2017-203

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1302 Floyd Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling with up to four dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2017-205

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$2,600.00 from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Richmond Police Department by \$2,600.00 for the purpose of supporting traffic safety enforcement initiatives.

ORD. 2017-206

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$5,767.00 from the Richmond City Health District, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Social Services for the purpose of providing for the Department's Youth Empowerment Initiative.

ORD. 2017-207

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Hartford and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services by \$10,000.00 for the purpose of supporting the Fire Safety Education Program for fifth graders.

ORD. 2017-210

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 Downtown Traffic Signal Retiming project.

ORD. 2017-211

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 (West - North - East) project.

ORD. 2017-212

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 resurfacing of the westbound lane of North Huguenot Road between its intersection with Waxford Road and its intersection with the City's boundary with Chesterfield County to the south.

ORD. 2017-213

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 resurfacing of the eastbound lane of West Laburnum Avenue between its intersection with Brook Road and its intersection with Saunders Avenue.

ORD. 2017-215

To amend ch. 12 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. V (§§ 12-251—12-265) for the purpose of establishing policies concerning fund balances.

ORD. 2017-216

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 from GEICO Secure Insurance Company; and to appropriate the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget by increasing the estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Major Building Renovations project in the City Facility Maintenance and Improvements category by \$20,000.00 for the purpose of repairing the retaining wall and signage of a City-owned building located at 2932 Hawthorne Avenue.

ORD. 2017-217

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$210,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation; to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget by establishing a new project in the Transportation category called the North Huguenot Road Resurfacing project; and to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' new North Huguenot Road Resurfacing project by \$210,000.00 for the purpose of resurfacing North Huguenot Road between its intersection with Waxford Road and its intersection with the City's boundary with Chesterfield County to the south.

ORD. 2017-218

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Health and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Utilities' Water Utility by \$500,000.00 for the purpose of funding full lead service line replacements in the city of Richmond.

ORD. 2017-219

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$616,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation; to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget by establishing a new project in the Transportation category called the West Laburnum Avenue Resurfacing project; and to appropriate the amount of \$616,000.00 to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Public Works' West Laburnum Avenue Resurfacing project by \$616,000.00 for the purpose of resurfacing West Laburnum Avenue between Brook Road and Saunders Avenue.

ORD. 2017-220

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$800,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation; to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget by establishing a new project in the Transportation category called the Downtown Traffic Signal Retiming project; and to appropriate the amount of \$800,000.00 to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Public Works' Downtown Traffic Signal Retiming project by \$800,000.00 for the purpose of retiming signalized intersections located within certain areas of downtown Richmond.

ORD. 2017-222

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition by gift, purchase, condemnation, or otherwise of certain fee simple interests, temporary construction easements, permanent drainage easements, permanent slope easements, and permanent utility easements, for the purpose of constructing transportation improvements as part of the Deepwater Terminal Road to Goodes Street project in the Transportation category of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget.

ORD. 2017-223

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain fee simple and easement interests in 3101 East Main Street for the purposes of providing vehicular access to 3101 Wharf Street, of the maintenance of the vehicular bridge crossing Gillies Creek and as otherwise needed to construct and maintain improvements to and across Gillies Creek, and of utilities, roadway maintenance, and the maintenance of a bus rapid transit station.

ORD. 2017-224

To declare surplus and direct the conveyance of a portion of the City-owned real estate known as 3101 Wharf Street, consisting of 6,009± square feet, for nominal consideration to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond.

ORD. 2017-225

To close, to public use and travel, two portions of right-of-way known as East Main Street, consisting of 4,859± square feet and 18,935± square feet, respectively, located between its intersection with Gillies Creek and its intersection with Nicholson Street, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2017-226

To close, to public use and travel, a portion of right-of-way known as Water Street between its intersection with Gillies Creek and its intersection with East Main Street and Nicholson Street, consisting of 24,946± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2017-227

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 75-309-302, adopted Dec. 15, 1975, as most recently amended by Ord. No. 2015-23-40, adopted Feb 23, 2015, pertaining to the "Stony Point Community Unit Plan," for the purpose of amending the development standards, as they pertain to Map Sections A and D of the Southern Portion of the Plan, to allow for additional signage.

ORD. 2017-228

To amend Ord. No. 2016-016, adopted Feb. 22, 2016, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2016-316, adopted Jan. 9, 2017, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 105 East Duval Street, 701 North 1st Street, and 708, 708 A, 710, 712, 714, 718, 722, 724, 728, 730, 732, 736 and 744 North 2nd Street for up to 194 multifamily dwelling units, commercial uses, and accessory off-street parking, to authorize up to 154 multifamily dwelling units, additional permitted uses, and a reduction in the height and mass of the proposed building, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2017-230

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 72-151-158, adopted Jul. 24, 1972, as previously amended by Ord. No. 87-50-51, adopted Mar. 23, 1987, and Ord. No. 91-376-92-223, adopted Jun. 23, 1992, which authorized the special use of the property known as 410-414 Libbie Avenue for the purpose of modifications to the signage and parking requirements, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2017-231

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2128 West Cary Street for the purpose of permitting a multifamily dwelling containing up to three dwelling units and uses permitted in the UB Urban Business District, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2017-233

To authorize the special use of the property known as 508 St. James Street for the purpose of permitting a multifamily dwelling containing up to four dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2017-237

To amend Ord. No. 2017-036, adopted May 15, 2017, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund Budget by re-appropriating a \$2,400,000.00 portion of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 fund balance excess, assigned by Res. No. 2017-R070, adopted Oct. 9, 2017, to the General Employee Bonus Reserve, to various departments and agencies as shown on the attachment to provide for a one-time bonus to eligible City employees generally as described in Res. No. 2017-R070, adopted Oct. 9, 2017.

ORD. 2017-238

To amend Article I, § 2A of the pay plan adopted by Ord. No. 93-117-159 on May 24, 1993, as previously amended, for the purpose of awarding a one-time bonus to eligible City employees during Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

RES. 2017-R084

To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$500.00 from the Council Districts Funds for the Third District to make a donation to Brookland Park Area Association, Inc. to assist with the costs associated with the Brookland Park Area Association Thanksgiving Basket Drive.

RES. 2017-R085

To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$2,700.00 from the Council District Funds for the Ninth District to pay Marion Marketing Global, LLC, for the design, printing, and mailing of the Ninth District August 2017 Newsletter.

RES. 2017-R087

To approve and adopt the Richmond-Crater Hazard Mitigation Plan 2017.

RES. 2017-R088

To adopt a new debt policy for the City of Richmond.

RES. 2017-R091

To endorse, for the City of Richmond, legislative proposals set forth within the document entitled "2018 Richmond Legislative Proposals: For the 2018 Virginia General Assembly Legislative Session;" to request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to take legislative action consistent with and in vigorous support of such recommendations; to support other legislative action recommendations and to encourage other organizations and individuals to support such recommendations.

Councilor Parker Agelasto stated that he supports the special use permit requested in ORD. 2017-231; Councilor Agelasto also stated that he supports proposed ORD. 2017-215 and thanked his Council colleagues who signed on as co-patrons.

Councilor Kim Gray expressed gratitude to the owners of the property at 508 St. James Street for restoring the historic dwelling once considered a blighted property.

There were no further comments or discussions and **the Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted with the exception of ORDS. 2017-228 and 2017-233 which were also adopted:** Ayes 8 – Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell, Addison and Newbille. Abstentions 1 – Hilbert (Conflict of Interest on ORDS. 2017-228 and 2017-233).

REGULAR AGENDA

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2017-R075

To express the sense of the City Council that the General Assembly of Virginia should grant the City Council the authority to cause the removal of memorials and monuments such as the statues commemorating J.E.B. Stuart, Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, and Matthew Fontaine Maury located on Monument Avenue between its intersections with Belmont Avenue and Lombardy Street so that the City Council may take such action as may be necessary to cause these statues to be removed.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that the proposed resolution would allow Council the authority to control the city's own destiny by removing the historical and moral wrongs of the Confederate statues.

Opposition

H. V. Traywick, Jr., spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation and stated that the controversy over the Confederate monuments is based on a myth that the Civil War started because of slavery.

Bill Gallasch, president of the Monument Avenue Preservation Society, spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation asking why a governing body would want to destroy a vibrant neighborhood that attracts tourists and has the highest value of real estate in the city.

Patrick Sweeney spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation stating that he has been fighting for historic preservation since 1968 and there are no reasonable grounds upon which to remove the statues.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Ron Warren spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation stating that he rejects any attempt to alter or remove the historic statues.

Michael Fan, spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation noting that the monuments represent history and everyone should be allowed to see and know the history of the statues.

G. William Thomas spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation and stated that lives end the day people stop talking about the things that matter and everyone should work together to save the monuments.

Helen Marie Taylor spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation stating that removing the statues is unlawful and we should be building up the city's history instead of tearing it down.

Ned Ruffin spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation stating that the unique thing about Richmond is it was formerly the capitol of the Confederacy and tearing down the statues is not going to solve the city's problems.

Whitney Kramer spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation stating that tourists from around the world come to see the statues and suggested that the city use resources to restore and maintain the city's African American cemeteries.

Teresa Roane spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation stating that the Monument Avenue statues are part of a 1.7 million-dollar tourist industry and asked how the city expects to make up the revenue loss if the statues are removed.

Support

Mary Atkins spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the monuments are a symbol of hate and should be moved elsewhere.

Ashley Collier spoke in support of the proposed legislation and stated that the monuments represent white supremacy and intimidation and she supports their removal.

Earl Bradley spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the legislation begins a much needed dialog within the community.

Joseph Rogers spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that it has allowed for open dialog and without considering every available option, the conversation cannot move forward.

Nathaniel Rebney spoke in support of the proposed legislation noting that he is in support of any dialog that will remove the monuments as they represent slavery and hate.

Rebecca Turner spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the monuments should be located in a place where contextual discussions about them can occur.

Omari Al-Qaddafi, Leaders of the New South founder, spoke in support of the proposed legislation noting that he agrees that the Confederate monuments should be removed.

LaShawn Green spoke in support of the proposed legislation and stated that turning cemeteries into tourist attractions does not take away the feelings some African Americans have when they see the monuments.

Austin Ross spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the statues were erected during the Jim Crow era, not immediately following the Civil War, and the monuments mean something negative about the city if they continue to stand.

Arthur Lewis Burton spoke in support of the proposed legislation and stated that, to have a just and equal city, the statues need to be removed.

Phil Wilayto, editor of the Virginia Defender Newspaper, spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that many Richmonders have been calling for the removal of the Confederate monuments since 2006.

Shana Rapallo spoke in support of the proposed legislation and thanked Councilor Jones for drafting the resolution.

Marty Jewell spoke in support of the proposed legislation and thanked Councilor Jones for having the courage to put the proposal before Council.

Councilor Kim Gray stated that the evening's citizen input was meaningful and she is going to vote against the resolution to allow for additional dialog that will include many different perspectives on the matter.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille stated that the Monument Avenue statues represent a tragic and horrific history for many and asked Councilor Jones to consider continuing the resolution to allow for more discussion and a larger public hearing.

Councilor Andreas Addison requested that Council allow the mayor's Monument Avenue Commission to complete its mission and to continue the proposed resolution in the meantime.

Councilor Kristen Larson thanked citizens for their comments and stated that the proposed resolution is not the answer, and she would like more constructive dialog to understand the request of citizens and how it will impact the city.

Councilor Ellen Robertson thanked those in attendance and stated that she asked Councilor Jones, if the statues are removed, will their removal positively impact schools, poverty and affordable housing in the city. Councilor Robertson also stated that she appreciates Councilor Jones' courage and determination to move the resolution forward and will support it.

Councilor Parker Agelasto stated that he believes the Monument Avenue Commission was formed to start an important conversation and he is looking forward to reviewing the commission's recommendations.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated that the statues have been up for over 100 years and Council should be more concerned with creating jobs and facilitating economic development in the city. Councilwoman Trammell also stated that she cannot support the resolution until there is more community engagement.

President Chris Hilbert stated that he believes the true monuments of slavery are the segregated school system and the wealth disparity in the city. President Hilbert also stated that Council needs to work on bettering the school system, lessening crime, spurring economic development and creating wealth for all Richmond citizens.

Councilor Michael Jones remarked that he appreciated the discussion and whether the Monument Avenue Commission recommends that the city add context to the monuments or that it removes the statues, the city would still need approval from the General Assembly.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2017-R075 was rejected:** Ayes 2 – Jones, Robertson. Noes 6 – Larson, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert. Abstentions 1 – Newbille.

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maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Economic and Community Development (ECD) Lee Downey introduced ORD. 2017-214 noting that ECD is requesting to invest \$4.9 million into a housing development project underway in the city's East End.

Opposition

Earl Bradley spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation noting that ECD is asking for an additional funding knowing that it is has not fulfilled contractual obligations; therefore, the contact should be voided.

Omari Al-Qadaffi spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation noting that relocating residents from public housing does not fight poverty and asked that Council investigate ECD and not provide additional funding for the development.

Lynnetta Thompson spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation stating that, if Council votes to provide ECD with additional funding, the body does not represent its constituents because the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) has a history of money mismanagement and fraud.

Arthur Lewis Burton spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation and noted that, for communities to be transformational, the city must change its economic face and transfer wealth.

Marty Jewell spoke in opposition of the proposed legislation stating that RRHA mismanages funds and there should be more accountability for its usage of funding.

Support

Robert Adams, RRHA Board of Directors chair, spoke in support of the proposed legislation and asked for Council's support stating that the project has been in the works for four years and the project requires many sources of capital.

Juan Powell, The Community Builders director of development for the Mid-Atlantic region, spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the city previously committed to providing the referenced funds.

T. K. Somanath, RRHA chief executive officer, spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the project has been ongoing for over four years and asked Council for its support to move it forward.

Earl Bradley commented that, if the proposed ordinance is approved, Council should ensure federal compliance and that the project is feasible for the targeted community.

Councilor Kim Gray expressed concerns regarding ORD. 2017-214 and the upcoming proposed expedited resolution requesting \$6,000,000; she asked for additional time to review all finances associated with the project.

T.K. Somanath and Anne Saunders, bond counsel for McGuire Woods, answered questions regarding ORD. 2017-214.

Councilor Kim Gray moved to continue ORD. 2017-214 to the Monday, January 8, 2018, Council meeting, which was seconded.

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested an updated project evaluation showing the various financial resources and how those resources are being used.

Councilor Ellen Robertson asked what the impact would be if the proposed legislation is continued.

Lee Downey responded that continuing the proposed ordinance would be detrimental to the project as there are deadlines.

Mr. Somanath noted that the project received federal low income housing tax credits from the Virginia Housing Development Authority and deadlines must be met or it will lose funding and face penalties.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille stated that it is critical that Council approve the proposed ordinance noting that the body was provided with information answering many of the questions raised. Ms. Newbille also stated that, for future similar projects, detailed budgets for each phase should be provided to Council in advance.

Grace Washington, Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 3 coordinator for the project, stated that there has been much community involvement and outreach related to the East End development.

Following debate on Councilor Gray's motion, **the motion failed:** Ayes 2 – Gray, Agelasto. Noes – 7 Jones, Robertson, Larson, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert.

Chief Administrative Officer Selena Cuffee-Glenn was present to answer questions regarding ORD. 2017-214 and stated that the development is very important to the city and to the citizens who will be impacted by it.

There were no further comments or discussions and **ORD. 2017-214 was adopted:** Ayes 7 – Jones, Robertson, Larson, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes – 1, Gray. Abstentions – 1, Agelasto.

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2017-R090

To request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to introduce and support the enactment of legislation to amend various provisions of the Charter of the City of Richmond.

Councilor Parker Agelasto stated that the proposed resolution requests that the General Assembly amend the Richmond City Charter to reflect separate offices and functions of the city auditor and the inspector general.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell inquired if the request could be delayed until after Council appoints a permanent city auditor.

President Hilbert responded that the request could not be delayed and noted that the charter amendment would separate the duties of the Office of Inspector General and the Office of the City Auditor after July 1, 2018.

It was requested that all members of Councils be added as co-patrons to the proposed resolution.

There was no further discussion and **RES. 2017-R090 was unanimously adopted.**

MOTIONS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

RES. 2017-R095

To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount up to \$6,000,000.00 for the acquisition, construction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of an approximately 45-unit multifamily residential rental housing project to be known as Church Hill North Phase 1B located at 1611 North 31st Street in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Vice President Newbille

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8 – Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes 1 – Gray.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille introduced Res. 2017-R095 and noted that the funding request will not max out the city's debt ceiling in any way.

Councilor Kim Gray stated that she supports the efforts of the proposed resolution and wishes it great success; however, without seeing the entire project budget, she cannot support it.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2017-R095 was adopted:** Ayes 8 – Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes 1 – Gray.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Kristen Larson moved to approve the following Richmond City Council meeting minutes: Special Council Meeting held on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., Informal Council Session held on Monday, November 13, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., Formal Council Session held on Monday, November 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., and the Budget Retreat held on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, January 8, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2017-240

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$1,790.81 from the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond, Virginia and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount

appropriated to the Department of Social Services by \$1,790.81 for the purpose of supporting the Department of Social Services' Healthy Families Richmond program.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

ORD. 2017-241

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$206,150.00 from the City of Richmond Public Library Foundation and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Richmond Public Library by \$206,150.00 for the purpose of designing and developing young adult space, digital media space, and collaborative space at the Main Library as part of the second phase of the Richmond Public Library's 2008 Facilities Master Plan.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

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.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, December 18, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2017-243

To amend and reordain City Code § 30-930.3, concerning the Commission of Architectural Review, for the purpose of reflecting certain compositional changes by (i) eliminating the requirement that one member be appointed from a list of nominations by the Better Housing Coalition and (ii) adding the requirement that at least one member of the Commission be a resident of a historic district.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2017-244

To close, to public use and travel, a portion of West Marshall Street located between the west line of Hermitage Road and the eastern boundary of the property known as 2220 West Broad Street, consisting of 41,468± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept a dedication of a public access easement, consisting of 60,074± square feet, over certain parcels adjacent to the closed portion of West Marshall Street, in connection with vehicular and pedestrian access to a proposed mixed-use development in the area.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2017-245

To close, to public use and travel, an alley bounded by McDonough Street, West 12th Street, Perry Street, and West 13th Street, consisting of 1,219± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2017-246

To authorize the special use of the property known as 225 Plazaview Road for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2017-247

To authorize the special use of the property known as 909 North 27th Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2017-248

To amend Ord. No. 85-193-244, adopted Oct. 28, 1985, as previously amended by Ord. No. 88-210-196, adopted Sep. 12, 1988, Ord. No. 92-367-314, adopted Oct. 12, 1992, and Ord. No. 2011-13-26, adopted Feb. 28, 2011, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 1090 and 1100 German School Road for use as an elderly housing facility, to authorize an increase in the number of units within the elderly housing facility from 121 to 133, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

RES. 2017-R096

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement refunding bonds of the City of Richmond, Virginia in the maximum principal amount of up to \$8,600,000 to refund all or portions of certain general obligation bonds previously issued by the City; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such refunding bonds for such purposes; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement refunding bonds.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, January 22, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2017-249

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 1319 North 27th Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$3,565.00 to the Better Housing Coalition for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2017-250

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2301 Venable Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$2,055.00 to The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2017-251

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 418 North 23rd Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$2,556.00 to The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2017-252

To authorize 2035 Broad, LLC, to encroach upon the public right-of-way with a proposed outdoor dining area encroachment on the south line of West Broad Street between Allison Street and North Meadow Street in front of 2035 West Broad Street, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2017-253

To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law, of the lease, franchise, right and privilege to use and maintain certain property located at 8850 West Huguenot Road for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a water pump station and ground storage tank in accordance with a certain Deed of Ground Lease.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2017-254

To grant to the County of Chesterfield, Virginia three temporary construction easements upon, over, under, and across portions of the City-owned real estate known as 8850 West Huguenot Road.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2017-R097

To direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents to place Lewis G. Larus Park under the protection of a conservation easement as state law defines that term and to present such documents to the Council as soon as possible after receipt of the requisite grantee name, legal description, and drawings depicting the metes and bounds of Lewis G. Larus Park.

Patron: Ms. Larson

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

CITY CLERK