



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, June 27, 2016

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, June 27, 2016, in the Council Chamber located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Michelle Mosby, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Jon Baliles
The Honorable Kathy Graziano
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Charles Samuels (late arrival)
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Lou B. Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Lisa Braxton, Assistant City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Jean V. Capel, City Clerk
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, Deputy City Clerk

Council President Michelle Mosby called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Assistant 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.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Update

Lenora Reid, deputy chief administrative officer – Finance and Administration, provided Council with an update regarding the FY 2015 CAFR; she reported its completion and that the city is expecting an unmodified (clean) opinion from the external audit partner, Grant Thornton, LLP. Ms. Reid stated, however, that the financial report would not be released until both the FY 2015 Richmond Public Schools' CAFR and the FY 2014 single audit had been issued, which is expected to occur by June 30, 2016.

Docket Review

Assistant City Clerk Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2016-031 – to be amended and continued to Monday, July 25, 2016
2. Ord. 2016-033 – to be continued to Monday, September 12, 2016

3. Ord. 2016-091 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2016
4. Ord. 2016-133 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2016-144 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2016-146 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2016-148 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2016-149 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2016-150 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2016-151 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2016-152 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2016-153 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2016-154 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2016
14. Ord. 2016-155 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2016
15. Ord. 2016-156 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2016-157 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2016-158 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2016-159 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2016-160 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2016-161 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2016-162 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2016-163 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Nicholas Feucht, Economic and Community Development project management analyst, provided an introduction of Ords. 2016-148 thru 2016-163; he stated that Ords. 2016-154 and 2016-155 would probably be withdrawn due to program capacity issues.

Lenora Reid, deputy chief administrative officer – Finance and Administration, was also available to answer questions regarding proposed legislation.

City Attorney Allen Jackson informed Council that he would need to explore the possibility regarding whether or not external resources could be utilized to assist with the acquisition and conveyance of blighted properties process.

23. Ord. 2016-164 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2016-165 – retained on the Consent Agenda
25. Ord. 2016-166 – retained on the Consent Agenda

26. Ord. 2016-167 – retained on the Consent Agenda
27. Ord. 2016-168 – retained on the Consent Agenda
28. Ord. 2016-169 – retained on the Consent Agenda
29. Ord. 2016-170 – retained on the Consent Agenda
30. Ord. 2016-171 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2016

It was the consensus of Council to forward Ord. 2016-171 back to the City Planning Commission for further consideration.

Councilor Charles Samuels arrived at 4:29 p.m. and was seated.

31. Ord. 2016-172 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Public Works Deputy Director M. Khara provided an introduction of Ord. 2016-172. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Chris Beschler, Virginia Department of General Services director, and Will Scribner, SMBW Architects principal, were also available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2016-172.

32. Ord. 2016-173 – retained on the Consent Agenda
33. Ord. 2016-174 – retained on the Consent Agenda
34. Ord. 2016-175 – retained on the Consent Agenda
35. Ord. 2016-177 – retained on the Consent Agenda
36. Ord. 2016-178 – retained on the Consent Agenda
37. Ord. 2016-179 – retained on the Consent Agenda
38. Ord. 2016-180 – retained on the Consent Agenda
39. Ord. 2016-181 – moved to the Regular Agenda

Jay Brown, director of budget and strategic planning, introduced Ord. 2016-181.

Lenora Reid, deputy chief administrative officer – Finance and Administration, was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2016-181; she stated that the unassigned fund balance and/or revenue stabilization fund would not be utilized to offset the FY 2016 general fund budget if collected revenue, received through August 15, 2016, closed the current budget shortfall. Ms. Reid further stated, however, that Council needed to commit to the possible use of both funds prior to the end of the fiscal year, which would reflect positively to bond rating agencies.

Councilor Parker Agelasto stated that he cannot support Ord. 2016-181 due to city administration's lack of anticipating departmental budgetary deficits and presenting a corrective plan to Council in a timely fashion.

Vice President Chris Hilbert expressed frustration with the delay of the proposed legislation from the mayor, as required by the city code, to offset any anticipated budgetary shortfall; however, he stated that he will support Ord. 2016-181.

Chief Administrative Officer Selena Cuffee-Glenn also was available to answer additional questions regarding Ord. 2016-181.

It was the consensus of Council to move Ord. 2016-181 to the Regular Agenda.

40. Ord. 2016-183 – retained on the Consent Agenda
41. Ord. 2016-184 – retained on the Consent Agenda
42. Ord. 2016-185 – retained on the Consent Agenda
43. Res. 2016-R007 – to be continued to Monday, September 12, 2016
44. Res. 2016-R045 – to be continued to Monday, September 26, 2016
45. Res. 2016-R046 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2016

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

Regular Agenda:

46. Ord. 2015-192 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2016

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested that Ord. 2015-192 be continued to allow an opportunity to meet with city administration to review the proposed webpage.

47. Ord. 2016-137 – to be amended and continued to Monday, July 25, 2016
48. Ord. 2016-139 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2016
49. Ord. 2016-140 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2016
50. Ord. 2016-182 – moved to the Consent Agenda

Councilor Ellen Robertson provided an introduction of Ord. 2016-182.

Denise Lawus, Economic and Community Development deputy director, was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2016-182.

It was the consensus of Council to move Ord. 2016-182 to the Consent Agenda.

51. Res. 2015-R064 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2016
52. Res. 2016-R016 – to be continued to Monday, September 12, 2016

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

Closed Session Motion

At 5:43 p.m., Councilor Kathy Graziano moved that the City Council hold a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the purpose of discussing the performance of the city auditor, an appointee of the City Council.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Baliles, Graziano, Agelasto, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Hilbert, Mosby. Noes, None. Samuels was temporarily excused.

Councilor Kathy Graziano motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Councilors reconvened in open session at 6:48 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

June 27, 2016

WHEREAS, the Council has convened in closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certifying resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

WITNESS the following vote of Council members, as recorded by Jean V. Capel, City Clerk:

CERTIFYING:

Michelle R. Mosby, President
Christopher A. Hilbert, Vice President
Parker C. Agelasto
Jonathan T. Baliles
Katherine C. Graziano
Cynthia Newbille
Ellen F. Robertson
Charles R. Samuels
Reva M. Trammell

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.