



# City of Richmond

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## Minutes

### Governmental Operations Standing Committee

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Thursday, January 23, 2020

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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#### Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair  
The Honorable Michael Jones – Vice Chair (*late arrival*)  
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille – Member  
Samson Anderson, Council Budget Analyst  
Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney  
Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst  
Jamie Isley, Assistant City Clerk  
Candice Reid, City Clerk  
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

#### Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m., and presided.

#### Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the Chair's request, Assistant City Clerk Jamie Isley 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.

#### Public Comment

There were no public comments.

#### Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of Thursday, November 14, 2019, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

#### Board Vacancies

City Clerk Candice Reid reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

**Member Cynthia Newbille moved to forward the following appointments to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Newbille, Addison. Noes None. Jones had not yet arrived.**

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
City Personnel Board (10 members)	Resident (1 vacancy)	Linda Carole Jackson-Shaw (3rd District Resident)
	Members of the classified system of the city of Richmond (1 vacancy)	Rickie Chavis

Vice Chair Michael Jones arrived at 12:08 p.m.

Leo Griffin, Richmond Retirement System (RRS) executive director, stated that all applicants were interviewed and the panel recommended Treseat Frederick to be appointed to the classified service representative vacancy, Jesse Ellington as a reappointment for the city retiree vacancy and Chung Ma to be appointed to fill the vacancy for a resident or employee of the city.

City Clerk Candice Reid explained that none of the current applicants to the RRS are city retirees.

Mr. Griffin informed the committee of issues maintaining a quorum at RRS meetings and filling the city retiree vacancy. He suggested the committee select Ms. Frederick, Mr. Ellington and Mr. Ma and consider the city retiree vacancy at a later date.

Chair Andreas Addison informed Mr. Griffin that the intent of RES. 2017-R092 was to give a voice to city retirees and expressed apprehension with double filling a position when there is an upcoming vacancy in October. He requested information regarding past applications to the RRS city retiree vacancy and suggested the topic be addressed at the February 27, 2020, Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting.

**Member Cynthia Newbille moved forward the following appointment and reappointment board applications to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:**

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Richmond Retirement System (7 members)	Classified Service Representative (1 vacancy)	Treseat Frederick
	* (1 vacancy)	Jesse Ellington (1st District Resident) (reappointment)

\*Applicants must reside and/or work in the city

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

### Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

### Papers for Consideration

**The following ordinance was considered:**

#### ORD. 2020-012

To amend City Code §§ 26-819, concerning the composition of dog and cat licenses and tags, 26-820, concerning dog and cat licenses required annually and vaccinations, and 26-823, concerning false statements to secure a dog or cat license and penalty for failure to obtain a dog or cat license, for the purpose of facilitating the efficient issuance of animal licenses.

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney

*Christie Chipps Peters, Richmond Animal Care and Control director, introduced ORD. 2020-012 and informed the committee that the intent of ORD. 2020-012 is to make minor adjustments to City Code.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Cynthia Newbille moved to forward ORD. 2020-012 to the January 27, 2020, Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

ORD. 2020-013

To amend City Code § 4-1, concerning definitions for animal control, for the purpose of revising certain definitions.

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney

*Christie Chipps Peters, Richmond Animal Care and Control director, introduced ORD. 2020-013 and stated that the ordinance would ensure City Code reflects the Code of Virginia.*

There were no comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2020-013 to the January 27, 2020, Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

ORD. 2020-014

To amend City Code §§ 28-880, concerning general terms of permits, and 28-881, concerning the issuance of permits, for the purpose of modifying certain requirements and limitations for the installation of wireless facilities on City-owned utility poles.

**Patron:** Mr. Addison

*Chair Andreas Addison introduced ORD. 2020-014, and clarified that there were two verbiage changes within the ordinance to align with Commonwealth of Virginia legal requirements and to lengthen permit terms.*

*Alfred Scott, Department of Public Works deputy director of natural gas and streetlights, expressed concern regarding the city switching to smart city technology and Verizon Wireless's use of the utility poles.*

*Chair Addison expressed intent to create a smart city council to address needs as they arise throughout the process of turning Richmond into a fifth generation cellular wireless city.*

**Support**

**Steven Romine, Williams Mullen partner representing Verizon Wireless,** expressed support of ORD. 2020-014 and stated that the agreement is similar to other Verizon Wireless public-private partnerships across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Garrett McGuire, AT&T representative,** spoke in support of ORD. 2020-014 and stated that AT&T has several areas of concern to address in the future.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Cynthia Newbille moved to forward ORD. 2020-014 to the January 27, 2020, Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following resolution was considered:**

RES. 2020-R007

To amend Res. No. 2018-R105, adopted Jan. 14, 2019, which expressed the Council's support of ratification by the General Assembly of Virginia of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution, for the purpose of urging the General Assembly of Virginia to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution during its 2020 session.

**Patron:** Mr. Addison

*Chair Andreas Addison introduced RES. 2020-R007 and informed the committee that the resolution would demonstrate Council's support for the Commonwealth of Virginia to become the 38<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.*

*Member Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as a co-patron to RES. 2020-R007.*

*Vice Chair Michael Jones requested to be added as a co-patron to RES. 2020-R007.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Cynthia Newbille moved to forward RES. 2020-R007 to the January 27, 2020, Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**Discussion Item(s)**

There were no items for discussion.

**Staff Report**

Joyce Davis, Council policy analyst, provided the committee with the January staff report.

*A copy of the report provided has been filed.*

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.