



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 23, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Sarah Abubaker
The Honorable Andrew Breton
The Honorable Kenya Gibson
The Honorable Nicole Jones
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Ellen Robertson (electronic participation)
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Katherine Jordan, Vice President

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal
Laura Drewry, City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Council Chief of Staff

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton provided information on the appropriate way to evacuate the Council Chamber in an emergency.

President Newbille announced that, pursuant to Rule III (D)(4)(b) of Council's Rules of Procedure, Councilor Ellen Robertson requested to participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams from her home due to a medical condition preventing her physical attendance.

Councilor Nicole Jones moved to allow Councilor Robertson to participate in the meeting by electronic communication means. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Robertson joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Docket Review

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2024-312 – to be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025
2. Ord. 2025-014 – to be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025
3. Ord. 2025-032 – to be continued to Monday, September 8, 2025
4. Ord. 2025-046 – to be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025

Councilor Kenya Gibson requested that Ord. 2025-046 be continued to allow an opportunity to include additional changes to the proposed legislation.

It was the consensus of Council to continue Ord. 2025-046 to the July 28, 2025 Council meeting.

5. Ord. 2025-078 – retained on Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2025-079 – to be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025
7. Ord. 2025-080 – to be amended and continued to Monday, July 28, 2025
8. Ord. 2025-081 – to be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025
9. Ord. 2025-084 – retained on Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2025-113 – to be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025
11. Ord. 2025-120 – to be continued to Monday, July 7, 2025

President Cynthia Newbille explained that a special meeting was needed to amend and introduce time-sensitive legislation since there is only one regularly scheduled Council meeting during the month of July. President Newbille polled her colleagues' availability to attend a special meeting on July 7, 2025, at 4 p.m., prior to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

12. Ord. 2025-121 – retained on Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2025-122 – retained on Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2025-123 – retained on Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2025-124 – retained on Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2025-125 – retained on Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2025-126 – retained on Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2025-127 – retained on Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2025-128 – retained on Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2025-129 – retained on Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2025-130 – retained on Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2025-131 – retained on Consent Agenda
23. Ord. 2025-132 – retained on Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2025-133 – retained on Consent Agenda
25. Ord. 2025-134 – retained on Consent Agenda
26. Ord. 2025-135 – retained on Consent Agenda
27. Ord. 2025-136 – to be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025
28. Ord. 2025-137 – retained on Consent Agenda
29. Ord. 2025-138 – to be continued to Monday, July 7, 2025

Prior to the start of the meeting, Councilor Sarah Abubaker requested that Ord. 2025-138 be continued to an anticipated July 7, 2025 special Council meeting.

30. Ord. 2025-139 – retained on Consent Agenda
31. Ord. 2025-140 – retained on Consent Agenda

- 32. Ord. 2025-141 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 33. Ord. 2025-142 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 34. Ord. 2025-143 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 35. Res. 2025-R023 – to be amended and considered
- 36. Res. 2025-R024 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 37. Res. 2025-R025 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 38. Res. 2025-R026 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 39. Res. 2025-R029 – retained on Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

- 40. Res. 2024-R041 – to be amended and considered

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

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