



Richmond City Council

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Council Members Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Katherine Jordan, Vice President (late arrival)
The Honorable Sarah Abubaker
The Honorable Andrew Breton
The Honorable Kenya Gibson
The Honorable Nicole Jones
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal
Laura Drewry, City Attorney
Kiley Kesecker, Deputy City Clerk
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 4:01 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.

Docket Review

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2024-312 – retained on Consent Agenda
2. Ord. 2025-014 – to be continued to Monday, October 14, 2025
3. Ord. 2025-025 – to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
4. Ord. 2025-032 – to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
5. Ord. 2025-046 – to be amended and continued to Monday, September 22, 2025

Vice President Katherine Jordan arrived at 4:02 p.m. and was seated.

6. Ord. 2025-079 – to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
7. Ord. 2025-080 – retained on Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2025-081 – to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
9. Ord. 2025-113 – to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
10. Ord. 2025-136 – retained on Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2025-148 – to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
12. Ord. 2025-150 – to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025
13. Ord. 2025-155 – retained on Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2025-166 – retained on Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2025-167 – retained on Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2025-168 – retained on Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2025-169 – retained on Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2025-170 – retained on Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2025-171 – retained on Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2025-172 – retained on Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2025-173 – to be continued to Monday, September 22, 2025

- 22. Ord. 2025-174 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 23. Ord. 2025-175 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 24. Ord. 2025-176 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 25. Ord. 2025-177 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 26. Ord. 2025-178 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 27. Ord. 2025-179 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 28. Ord. 2025-180 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 29. Ord. 2025-181 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 30. Ord. 2025-182 – retained on Consent Agenda
- 31. Res. 2025-R020 – retained on Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

- 32. Ord. 2024-188 – retained on Regular Agenda

Councilor Ellen Robertson raised concern regarding the proposed continuance of Ord. 2025-173 to the October 14, 2025 Council meeting, and stated that the delay could possibly risk the financing of low-income tax credits.

Councilor Kenya Gibson stated that she requested the continuance to allow an opportunity to have additional conversation within her district surrounding Ord. 2025-173.

After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to continue Ord. 2025-173, instead, to the September 22, 2025 Formal Session of Council.

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

Other Discussion Item(s)

Consideration of Civilian Review Board (CRB) Appointments

Pamela Nichols, Council Management Analyst, reviewed a list of recommended Civilian Review Board appointments provided by Joseph Lowery, CRB Senior Manager. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

[CD.2025.265](#) Informal Board Vacancy Report - CRB

Councilor Kenya Gibson questioned the recommendation of appointing individuals currently serving or had previously served on other Council's boards and commissions. Councilor Gibson stated that she would have preferred giving individuals that had never served on a board an opportunity, while mentioning the possibility of a conflict of interest.

Vice President Katherine Jordan emphasized the need to appoint experienced individuals to serve on the Civilian Review Board, and motioned to forward the following suggested appointments for the specified term to the September 22, 2025 Formal Session of Council for appointment:

Council Selection	Term
Evan Feinman	3 years
Jannie "Yannie" Hawkins	3 years
Angela Fontaine	2 years
Rafaella Sale	1 year

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Docket Review (Cont.)

Revisiting a docket review item, Councilor Ellen Robertson expressed gratitude for efforts regarding Ord. 2025-188, and stated that she will support the proposed legislation based on the future introduction of legislation addressing delinquent tax sales and funding allocation for affordable housing.

Councilor Reva Trammell requested an analysis of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund as well as the city's delinquent tax roll.

Adjournment

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting, Councilor Kenya Gibson shared that several important emails had been forwarded to her junk mailbox, and she requested a resolution for the issue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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