



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, January 22, 2018

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, January 22, 2018, in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

Councilmembers Present

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

Staff Present

Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, Interim City Clerk

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. 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.

Docket Review

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2017-196 – to be amended and continued to Monday, February 12, 2018
2. Ord. 2017-249 – retained on the Consent Agenda
3. Ord. 2017-250 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2017-251 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2017-252 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2018-001 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2018-002 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2018-003 – retained on the Consent Agenda

9. Ord. 2018-004 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2018-005 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2018-006 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2018-007 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2018-008 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2018-009 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Res. 2017-R086 – to be continued to Monday, February 26, 2018
16. Res. 2017-R089 – to be continued to Monday, February 26, 2018
17. Res. 2017-R096 – to be continued to Monday, February 26, 2018
18. Res. 2018-R002 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

19. Ord. 2017-208 – retained on the Regular Agenda
20. Ord. 2017-209 – retained on the Regular Agenda
21. Ord. 2017-221 – retained on the Regular Agenda
22. Ord. 2017-253 – retained on the Regular Agenda
23. Ord. 2017-254 – retained on the Regular Agenda
24. Res. 2017-R097 – retained on the Regular Agenda

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

FY2019-2023 Revenue and Expenditure Plan

Jay Brown, Budget and Strategic Planning director, presented Council, as required by City Code, Section 12-15.1, with a five-year forecast of the city's estimated revenues and expenditures. Mr. Brown highlighted possible revenue increases in local taxes for real estate, lodging and prepared food, and underlined expenditure assumptions for certain personnel and operating costs. A copy of the presentation has been filed.

Councilor Parker Agelasto arrived at 3:25 p.m. and was seated.

President Hilbert asked that members of Council limit discussion and submit questions to the Council Chief of Staff office for a response.

Robert "Bob" Steidel, deputy chief administrative officer – Operations, was available to answer questions.

Mr. Brown stated that the 2nd quarter financial projections will be available on February 15th.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell arrived at 4:06 p.m. and was seated.

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Update

After discussion and comments regarding Council's willingness to working with the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to overcome recent facility maintenance issues within the public housing communities, along with the authority's unexpected leadership change, President Chris Hilbert stated that he will assemble a community meeting to continue discussions for developing comprehensive solutions surrounding public housing.

Closed Session Motion

At 4:26 p.m., Councilor Kristen Larson moved that the City Council go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(19) of the Code of Virginia to discuss the results of the network vulnerability assessment audit because discussion of such information in an open meeting would jeopardize the security of the city's information technology systems.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Kristen Larson motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Gray, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes None. Trammell was excused. Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:43 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

January 22, 2018

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 Candice D. Reid, Interim City Clerk:

CERTIFYING:

Christopher A. Hilbert, President
Cynthia I. Newbille, Vice President
Andreas D. Addison
Kimberly B. Gray
Kristen N. Larson
Parker C. Agelasto
Ellen F. Robertson
Reva M. Trammell
Michael J. Jones

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

INTERIM CITY CLERK