



City of Richmond

Special Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Friday, March 6, 2020

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

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

Absent

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Ellen Robertson

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m., and presided.

CHAMBER EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

Upon the President's request, City Clerk Candice Reid provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

MAYOR'S BUDGET PRESENTATION

Vice President Chris Hilbert arrived at 3:06 p.m. and was seated.

Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 3:07 p.m. and was seated.

Mayor Levar M. Stoney presented the Proposed Fiscal Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21), and the city's Capital Improvement Plan for 2021-2025, which included, but were not limited to, the following highlights:

- Total General Fund revenues projected at \$782.5 million for FY21
- An increase of \$16 million in funding for Richmond Public Schools' FY21 budget
- An allocation of \$32 million towards street paving and sidewalk maintenance
- An increase in the water rate of 2.5%, wastewater rate of 3%, stormwater rates of 8.75% and natural gas rate of 2.75% for all single family residential customers (meaning the average residential customer will see a combined estimated increase of \$5.56 per month in their bill)
- A 2 percent salary increase for non-sworn, non-constitutional officer employees to take effect in July 2020

- Maintaining the funding for the planned salary step pay increases instituted for both police and firefighters
- An increase in the investment in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to \$3.5 million
- An increase of \$201,000 to the city's Eviction Diversion program
- Increased staffing for Department of Citizen Service and Response, which oversees RVA311
- A commitment of \$150,000 to establish a Richmond Doula Fund to address maternal and child health
- A commitment of \$350,000 to supplement the salaries of employees in the Richmond City Public Defender's office

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

The following ordinances were introduced for public hearing on Monday, April 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2020-049

To adopt the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-050

To adopt the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-051

To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2020, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2020; and to determine the means of financing the same.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-052

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Richmond, Virginia and the Public Defender

for the City of Richmond, Virginia for the purpose of providing funds to supplement the salaries of employees in the Public Defender's Office for the City of Richmond.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-053

To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-054

To adopt the Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021, and to appropriate the estimated expenditures from the Debt Service Fund for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-055

To adopt the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Internal Service funds for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-256

To adopt the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Richmond Cemeteries Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Richmond Cemeteries for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of the facilities.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-057

To adopt the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of parking facilities.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-058

To adopt the Electric Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Electric Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make

appropriations from the Electric Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Electric Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-059

To adopt the Gas Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Gas Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Gas Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Gas Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-060

To adopt the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Funds for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-061

To adopt the Stormwater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Stormwater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Stormwater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the stormwater utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-062

To adopt the Water Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Water Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Water Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Water Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-063

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of City Code § 8-274(a)(2), (concerning the issuance of permits and conditions for concessions) for the purpose of providing for permit fees for the issuance of permits for concessions in public parks and playgrounds of the City.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-064

To amend City Code §§ 28-191, 28-192, 28-194, 28-195, 28-196, 28-198, 28-199, 28-200, 28-201, 28-202, 28-203, and 28-204, concerning gas service, for the purpose of changing the measurement of natural gas from quantities per thousand cubic feet to quantities per hundred cubic feet, and to amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-191(2) and 28-191(3) (concerning fees for residential gas service), 28-192(2) (concerning fees for residential gas peaking service), 28-193(2) (concerning fees for general gas service), 28-193(3) (concerning fees for small commercial gas sales), 28-194(2) (concerning fees for large volume gas service), 28-195(f) and 28-196(f) (concerning fees for transportation service), 28-198(2) and 28-198(3) (concerning fees for municipal gas service), 28-199(c), 28-100(d), and 28-199(g)(2), (concerning flexibly priced interruptible gas service), 28-200(2), 28-200(3) and 28-200(4) (concerning unmetered gaslight service), 28-201(c) (concerning gas air conditioning service), 28-202(c) (concerning fees for large volume gas sales service), 28-203(c) (concerning fees for large volume, high load factor, gas sales service), and 28-204(b) and 28-204(c) (concerning fees for natural gas vehicle gas service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July 2020, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-065

To amend the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-923 (concerning fees for residential stormwater service) and 28-924 (concerning fees for developed residential properties stormwater service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2020, to establish revised charges for the stormwater utility's services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-066

To amend and reordain certain fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-650 (concerning fees for residential wastewater service), 28-651 (concerning fees for commercial wastewater service), 28-652 (concerning fees for industrial wastewater service), 28-653 (concerning fees for state and federal wastewater service), and 28-654 (concerning fees for municipal wastewater service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2020, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-067

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-326 (concerning fees for residential water service), 28-327 (concerning fees for commercial water service), 28-328 (concerning fees for industrial water service), 28-329 (concerning fees for municipal water service), 28-330 (concerning fees for state and federal water service), 28-458 (concerning fees for water for fire protection) and 28-549 (concerning fees for water use during conservation periods) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2020, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-068

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$33,000,000 to finance the cost of school projects and general capital improvement projects of the City for the following purposes and uses: construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public schools; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for various infrastructure needs, including traffic control facilities, streets, sidewalks and other public ways, bridges, storm sewers, drains and culverts, and refuse disposal facilities; participation in redevelopment, conservation and community development programs, including the construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for targeted public facilities included in these programs; construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public institutional, operational, cultural, educational and entertainment buildings and facilities, including but not limited to the theaters, parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, libraries and museums; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and the making of appropriations to the City's Economic Development Authority ("EDA") to be used by the EDA to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-069

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$9,976,000 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the stormwater utility of the City for the following purposes and uses: replacement of and upgrades to the stormwater facilities, including but not limited to, construction, reconstruction, improvements, rehabilitation and upgrades of stormwater sewers and associated facilities; new and replacement infrastructure of the storm sewer system, drainage structures, catch basins, ditches, storm sewer pipes, culverts, green infrastructure; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and equipment for various infrastructure needs; and authorizes the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds and to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-070

To cancel all authorized but unissued notes authorized by the City of Richmond in Fiscal Years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, to authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$4,867,332 to finance the cost of equipment for the following purposes and uses: acquisition of computer, radio, office, solid waste collection, office furniture and miscellaneous equipment and vehicles for the various departments, bureaus and agencies of the City, and equipment for City schools; and to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell equipment notes to finance the acquisition of such equipment, and to authorize the issuance of taxable notes, for the

same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation equipment notes.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-071

To cancel all authorized but unissued bonds authorized by the City of Richmond in Fiscal Years 2016-2017, to authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$103,007,500 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the gas, water and wastewater utilities and public utilities buildings and facilities for the following purposes and uses: enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the gas plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the waterworks plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the wastewater plant and intercepting lines; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, and improvement of sanitary and storm water sewers, pumping stations, drains and culverts; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of public utility buildings and facilities therefor, including but not limited to the stores division; and acquisition of real property and real property rights (including without limitation easements and rights-of-way) therefor as appropriate; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to approve the form of supplemental indenture of trust; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such public utility revenue bonds.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-072

To amend Appendix A of the City Code by increasing the fee for section 4-307, concerning the annual fee for a breeding permit, per dog or cat.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-073

To amend Appendix A of the City Code for section 4-275 (concerning impoundment and violation notice and fee for board and care) for the purpose of establishing a separate adoption fee for puppies.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-074

To amend City Code § 12-95, (concerning athletic activities, adult leagues, tennis tournaments, tennis camps, and softball tournaments) for the purpose of removing the separate fees for softball tournaments and for the recreation centers known as Pine Camp Art and Recreation Center and portions of Hickory Hill Community Center, and to amend Appendix A of the City Code for section

12-95 (concerning athletic activities, adult leagues, tennis tournaments, tennis camps, and softball tournaments) for the purpose of establishing revised charges for such activities.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-075

To amend City Code § 12-108, concerning a nonresident fee for nonresidents of the City renting facilities or enrolling in Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities athletic activities or classes, for the purpose of increasing the nonresident fee for the rental of any facility, park or equipment from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-076

To amend and reordain City Code § 12-94, (concerning the reservation of picnic shelters and the rental fee for picnic packs), for the purpose of including the fee for reservation of picnic shelters and removing the fee for picnic packs, and to amend the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for City Code §§ 8-281, (concerning the permit processing fee for the use of public grounds, parks, playfields and playgrounds) to increase the cost of the permit processing fee, and 12-94, (concerning picnic shelter fees), for the purpose of removing the fee for rental of picnic packs.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-077

To amend ch. 13, art. V, div. 3 of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 13-203 and 13-204, to concerning establishing fees for employees of the City's Department of Fire and Emergency Services who conduct Fire Prevention Code inspections on commercial and institutional properties in the City, and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by adding therein new fees for City Code § 13-203, for the purpose of establishing the fees to be charged for employees of the City's Department of Fire and Emergency Services who conduct Fire Prevention Code inspections on commercial and institutional properties in the City.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-078

To amend City Code § 13-190, concerning the removal and closure of underground storage tanks, for the purpose of including aboveground storage tanks as subject to removal and closure, and to amend the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for City Code § 13-190, for the purpose of establishing a new fee for the removal of aboveground storage tanks.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-079

To amend § 30-930.6 of the City Code, concerning certificates of appropriateness, for the purpose of establishing a fee for filing an application for a certificate of appropriateness, and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by adding therein new fees for City Code §§ 30-930.6, concerning certificates of appropriateness, and 30-1020.4(a), concerning fees for filing an application for a certificate of zoning compliance, of the City Code, to establish new charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-080

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 8-279 (concerning fees for use of public parks) for the purpose of revising the fees for weddings and to establish fees for rafting in the James River Park Systems, and to amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 8-277 (concerning fees for the use of the Dogwood Dell Amphitheater and Carillon in Byrd Park), 8-278 (concerning fees for the use of City-owned equipment), 8-279 (concerning fees for use of public parks), and 8-284(b) and (c) (concerning meeting fees) of the City Code.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-081

To adopt the Wastewater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Wastewater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Wastewater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Wastewater Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2020-082

To amend the schedule of classifications and assigned ranges incorporated into section I of the Pay Plan for the purpose of revising the wording of certain classification titles and changing the pay ranges of certain classification titles; to amend section II(B) of the Pay Plan to provide a 2% pay increase for classified and unclassified permanent City employees who are not in the step based pay system for police and fire employees; and to amend sections III(B)(11), III(B)(12), III(B)(25)(e), III(B)(36), and III(B)(40), of the Pay Plan to (i) provide the Commonwealth Attorney's Office with \$884,474 for salary supplements and \$202,138 for Virginia Retirement System contributions and the Commonwealth Attorney with a \$51,074 salary supplement and a \$10,306 Virginia Retirement System contribution, (ii) provide the Sheriff's Office with \$2,236,106 for salary supplements and the Sheriff with a \$41,301.20 supplement, (iii) to suspend the education incentive for police and fire program until Jun. 30, 2021, (iv) to change the living wage, and (v) to add the new "Driver Pump Operator" classification to the step-based pay system for sworn fire and police officers.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilor Kristen Larson moved to suspend Rule Six of Council's Rules of Procedure for all budget-related ordinances, introduced that day, so that those ordinances are not referred to or reviewed by a standing committee but are instead reviewed during a budget review process developed by the Council and the council chief of staff and heard during the budget public hearing scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

CITY CLERK