



City of Richmond

Special Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
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Tuesday, August 13, 2019

4:00 PM

Conference Room, 5th Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

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

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., and presided.

CHAMBER EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren 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.

Councilor Michael Jones arrived at 4:02 p.m.

Councilor Parker Agelasto arrived at 4:04 p.m.

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

Councilor Kim Gray moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

RES. 2019-R045

To order the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Richmond of Ord. No. 2019-212, concerning the creation of a Navy Hill Fund for the purpose of setting aside, to the extent permitted by law, and accounting separately for certain City tax revenues and other City revenues to pay for debt service on bonds issued by the Economic Development Authority to finance the construction of a new arena in downtown Richmond, for an advisory referendum thereon.

Patrons: Kim Gray and Reva Trammell

Councilor Kim Gray provided an introduction of the proposed resolution. She explained that expedited consideration was necessary in order for the Office of the City Attorney to prepare legal documentation for the Richmond Circuit Court's review by Friday, August 16, 2019.

Councilor Kristen Larson expressed her concern with the process of holding a special meeting to review expedited legislation.

Councilwoman Trammell stated that expedited consideration was necessary to allow citizens the opportunity to vote on the proposed referendum in November.

Councilor Gray clarified that the referendum was advisory only and did not require Council to take any exact action.

There were no further comments or discussions and the motion to expedite consideration of RES. 2019-R045 failed: Ayes 5, Larson, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell, Hilbert. Noes 4, Jones, Robertson, Addison, Newbille.

Councilor Gray requested that a special meeting be called for consideration of RES. 2019-R045 without the requirement of expedited consideration.

Tabrica Rentz, senior assistant city attorney, informed Council that the Richmond Circuit Court must enter an order by Friday, August 16, 2019, to direct that the proposed referendum be placed on the November 5, 2019, ballot.

A quorum of Council members agreed to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Andreas Addison expressed his concern with the language included in the proposed referendum.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that a referendum would circumvent the legislative process regarding Council's review of the proposed Navy Hill Development Project.

Councilor Parker Agelasto expressed concern that a land appraisal was absent from the Navy Hill Development Proposal.

Councilor Larson requested that the special meeting be held in a different setting to accommodate a large number of citizens wishing to provide public comment on RES. 2019-R045.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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