



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, February 25, 2019

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Andreas Addison (late arrival)
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Kim Gray
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson

Reported Absent

The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

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

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:07 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. 2017-242 – to be continued to Monday, March 25, 2019
2. Ord. 2018-254 – to be continued to Monday, March 25, 2019
3. Ord. 2018-289 – to be continued to Monday, March 25, 2019
4. Ord. 2018-307 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2019-308 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2019-013 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2019-018 – to be continued to Monday, April 22, 2019
8. Ord. 2019-019 – retained on the Consent Agenda

9. Ord. 2019-021 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2019-022 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2019-023 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2019-024 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2019-025 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2019-026 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2019-027 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2019-028 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2019-029 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Res. 2019-R006 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

19. Ord. 2018-231 – to be continued to Monday, March 25, 2019
20. Ord. 2018-236 – to be continued to Monday, March 25, 2019
21. Res. 2018-R092 – to be continued to Monday, March 11, 2019
22. Res. 2018-R103 – to be continued to Monday, March 11, 2019

Chief Administrative Officer Selena Cuffee-Glenn provided an introduction of Ord. 2019-021 and stated that the school crossing guard program would be under the purview of Richmond Public Schools in fiscal year 2020.

Jay Brown, Budget and Strategic Planning director, provided an introduction of Ord. 2019-023.

Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 4:11 p.m. and was seated.

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

General Assembly (GA) Update

Laura Bateman, on behalf of Advantus Strategies, provided Council with an update regarding the city's legislative agenda proposal for the 2019 General Assembly session as well as a complete matrix of bills of importance to the city that passed and failed during the GA session. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Robert "Bob" Steidel, deputy chief administrative officer – Operations, addressed Council regarding the potential impact to the fiscal year 2020 budget with the passing of HB 2269, which would prevent CMAQ (congestion mitigation and air quality) funds from being allocated to the Richmond region for transportation needs. Mr. Steidel stated that a letter, on behalf of the city, was sent to the governor requesting the bill's veto.

It was the consensus of Council to prepare a similar correspondence also requesting the veto of HB 2269.

Ms. Bateman stated that she would research an inquiry regarding the ability of a locality to adopt its own legislation regarding the use of hand-held mobile devices while operating a motor vehicle since SB 1550 failed during the GA session.

Councilor Michael Jones suggested an earlier Council and Virginia General Assembly Legislative Work Summit; however, he was reminded of imminent district delegation changes due to redistricting.

Ron Jordan, council lobbyist, Advantus Strategies, reported that due to a decline in ADM (average daily membership) of about eight hundred students, the city would only net \$384,000 in additional state funding for public education in fiscal year 2020.

Mr. Steidel also addressed Council regarding the transfer of city's rights-of way along the Capital Square area and stated that city administration is in support of allowing the Department of General Services and the Commonwealth Transportation Board to implement and maintain traffic and pedestrian operational safety and security enhancements for the Capital Complex Infrastructure and Security project.

City Attorney Allen Jackson stated that he needed an opportunity to review the information prior to advising Council on the authority to approve the referenced transfer of rights-of-way.

Docket Review

Revisiting docket review items, Councilor Parker Agelasto requested a continuance of Res. 2018-R092.

Closed Session Motion

At 4:45 p.m., Councilor Kristen Larson moved that the City Council go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for discussion and consideration of the terms and conditions of the appointment and salary of the Inspector General, an appointee of the City Council.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Parker Agelasto motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:12 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

February 25, 2019

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, City Clerk:

CERTIFYING:

Cynthia I. Newbille, President
Andreas D. Addison
Kimberly B. Gray
Kristen N. Larson
Parker C. Agelasto
Michael J. Jones

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Other Discussion

It was the consensus of Council to request that the City Attorney's Office provide councilors with a memorandum explaining the existing city policy or procedure that will be waived when legislation is introduced for consideration containing the clause "notwithstanding."

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

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