



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 23, 2024

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Kristen Nye, President
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert, Vice President (late arrival)
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Nicole Jones
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Katherine Jordan

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal
Laura Drewry, City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Council President Kristen Nye called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst 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

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2024-186 – to be amended and continued to Tuesday, October 15, 2024
2. Ord. 2024-187 – to be continued to Tuesday, October 15, 2024
3. Ord. 2024-196 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2024-198 – to be amended and continued to Tuesday, October 15, 2024
5. Ord. 2024-205 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2024-206 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2024-211 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2024-212 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2024-213 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2024-214 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2024-215 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2024-216 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2024-219 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2024-220 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2024-221 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2024-224 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2024-225 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2024-226 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2024-227 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2024-228 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2024-229 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2024-230 – retained on the Consent Agenda

- 23. Ord. 2024-231 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 24. Ord. 2024-232 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 25. Ord. 2024-233 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 26. Ord. 2024-234 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 27. Ord. 2024-235 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 28. Ord. 2024-236 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 29. Ord. 2024-237 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 30. Ord. 2024-238 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 31. Res. 2024-R027 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 32. Res. 2024-R029 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 33. Res. 2024-R030 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 34. Res. 2024-R031 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 35. Res. 2024-R032 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

- 36. Ord. 2024-180 – retained on the Regular Agenda
- 37. Ord. 2024-207 – retained on the Regular Agenda
- 38. Ord. 2024-222 – to be continued to Tuesday, October 15, 2024
- 39. Ord. 2024-223 – to be continued to Tuesday, October 15, 2024

President Kristen Nye stated that the next Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 12 p.m., and Ords. 2024-222 and 2024-223 will be considered for recommendation.

Councilor Andreas Addison introduced Res. 2024-R027 and invited his colleagues to join as a co-patron of the proposed legislation.

All members present and not already listed, requested to be added as co-patrons of Res. 2024-R027.

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

Other Discussion Item(s)

Office of Community Wealth Building (OCWB) Annual Impact Report - FY2024

Mayor Levar Stoney addressed Council regarding the Office of Community Wealth Building's 10th anniversary of service, and introduced Caprichia Spellman, OCWB director, who presented Council with the FY 2024 annual impact report, which included an executive summary, a departmental overview, highlights and updates of programs and services over the 10-year span, strategies for FY 2025, and OCWB partnerships and initiatives along with narratives of success stories. A copy of the presentation and report provided have been filed.

[CD.2024.288](#) Office of Community Wealth Building Annual Impact Report - FY 2024 Presentation and Report

Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert arrived at 4:16 p.m. and was seated.

Councilor Ellen Robertson mentioned her contributions to the inception of the Office of Community Wealth Building and its many programs and initiatives that help to reduce poverty in the city, and thanked Ms. Spellman, OCWB staff, ambassadors and board members for their hard work.

Councilor Nicole Jones suggested the possible inclusion of participatory budgeting and restorative justice efforts as part of an OCWB initiative.

Councilor Andreas Addison referred to the prospect of universal basic income (a fixed sum of money provided to citizens to eliminate poverty and promote equality) as a means to bridge benefit gaps for certain citizens.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille also thanked all involved with OCWB's initiatives to building paths to eliminate poverty.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch highlighted the following OCWB's accomplishments that she felt make an enormous impact on individuals living below or at the federal poverty level:

- Free bus rapid transit fare
- Early childcare and Head Start grants
- Family Crisis Fund

Ms. Spellman, along with members of Council and Mayor Stoney, recognized and thanked OCWB staff in attendance.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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