



# City of Richmond

## Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street  
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Monday, June 22, 2020

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall  
Virtual Meeting

### **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 Stephanie Lynch  
The Honorable Ellen Robertson

### **Reported Absent**

The Honorable Reva Trammell

### **Staff Present**

Lawrence Anderson, Council Chief of Staff  
Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst  
Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney  
Meghan Brown, Deputy Council Chief of Staff  
Candice Reid, City Clerk  
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and presided.

### **ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means, and stated that notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on June 15, 2020, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated there would be no opportunities for public comment and no public hearings during the meeting.

*Vice President Chris Hilbert joined the meeting at 3:04 p.m.*

### **Mayor's Letter to Council Leadership Update**

Mayor Levar Stoney provided Council with a presentation regarding the reimagining of public safety in wake of current civil unrest during protests throughout the city. Mayor Stoney stated that his local roadmap plan includes reevaluating policy, accountability, programs, community healing and engagement, and governance to ensure a safer city for all citizens. A copy of the presentation provided has been filed.

*Councilor Andreas Addison joined the meeting at 3:07 p.m.*

Councilor Kristen Larson suggested that Council and the mayor commit to meeting on a regular basis to hear issues raised by residents and discuss possible outcomes.

Councilor Michael Jones posed questions to Mayor Stoney relating to a civilian review board, discontinued use of specific non-lethal weapons and immediate removal of certain statues throughout the city.

Interim City Attorney Haskell Brown was available to answer questions regarding the suggested authority of a proposed civilian review board and legal guidelines for the removal of statues and monuments based on the Code of Virginia.

Councilor Kim Gray questioned the non-enforcement of laws concerning guns, noise, parking, encampment and inebriation.

President Cynthia Newbille suggested Council schedule a special meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> for the introduction of legislation, to begin the legal process for the removal of certain monuments on city-owned property, as well as conduct special Council and all standing committee meetings in the months of July and August, in an effort to expeditiously address matters to move the city forward given the current state.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated that she will support the suggested schedule; however, she asked Council staff to work with city administration on a projected activity timeline to ensure productive meetings.

Councilor Larson inquired regarding her prior request for a virtual community summit on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

After further discussion regarding a call for action, councilors expressed their support for providing additional opportunities for community engagement through the recommended meeting schedule.

### **Docket Review**

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

#### **Consent Agenda:**

1. Ord. 2019-275 – to be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020
2. Ord. 2019-276 – to be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020
3. Ord. 2019-319 – to be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020
4. Ord. 2019-320 – to be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020
5. Ord. 2020-085 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2020-103 – to be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020
7. Ord. 2020-104 – to be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020
8. Ord. 2020-105 – to be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020
9. Ord. 2020-107 – to be amended and continued to Monday, July 27, 2020
10. Ord. 2020-119 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2020-126 – retained on the Consent Agenda

12. Ord. 2020-127 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2020-128 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2020-129 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2020-130 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2020-133 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2020-134 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2020-135 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2020-136 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2020-137 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2020-138 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2020-139 – retained on the Consent Agenda
23. Res. 2020-R029 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Res. 2020-R038 – to be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020
25. Res. 2020-R039 – to be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

Regular Agenda:

26. Ord. 2019-343 – retained on the Regular Agenda
27. Ord. 2020-041 – to be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020
28. Res. 2020-R034 – retained on the Regular Agenda
29. Res. 2020-R043 – retained on the Regular Agenda

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

There was a consensus to suspend Council's Rules of Procedure, later that evening at the Formal Session of Council, to allow each citizen comment speaker an opportunity to provide comment for an extended time limit of five (5) minutes instead of the generally allotted three (3) minutes.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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