



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, July 24, 2017

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, July 24, 2017, in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

Councilmembers Present

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

Staff Present

Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Lisa Braxton, Assistant City Clerk
Jean V. Capel, City Clerk
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Assistant 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

Assistant City Clerk Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2016-264 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
2. Ord. 2017-008 – to be continued to Monday, October 9, 2017
3. Ord. 2017-030 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
4. Ord. 2017-069 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
5. Ord. 2017-071 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2017-087 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
7. Ord. 2017-088 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
8. Ord. 2017-123 – retained on the Consent Agenda

9. Ord. 2017-124 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2017-125 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2017-126 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Reva Trammell arrived at 4:19 p.m. and was seated.

12. Ord. 2017-127 – moved to the Regular Agenda

Anticipating possible public concerns regarding viewshed preservation, Councilor Parker Agelasto requested that Ord. 2017-127 be moved to the Regular Agenda.

Mark Olinger, Planning and Development Review director, was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2017-127.

13. Ord. 2017-128 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2017-130 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2017-131 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2017-132 – to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2017
17. Ord. 2017-133 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2017-134 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2017-135 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
20. Ord. 2017-136 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2017-137 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2017-138 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Lee Downey, deputy chief administrative officer – Economic and Community Development, was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2017-138.

23. Ord. 2017-139 – moved to the Regular Agenda

Councilor Kim Gray requested that Ord. 2017-139 be moved to the Regular Agenda to allow an opportunity for further discussion.

Denise Lawus, Economic and Community Development deputy director, provided an introduction of Ord. 2017-139.

Councilor Kim Gray requested information regarding the application process for federal funds specific to sub-recipient Better Housing Coalition.

Chief Administrative Officer Selena Cuffee-Glenn was also available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2017-139.

24. Res. 2017-R023 – to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2017
25. Res. 2017-R029 – retained on the Consent Agenda

26. Res. 2017-R033 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
27. Res. 2017-R034 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
28. Res. 2017-R035 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
29. Res. 2017-R036 – retained on the Consent Agenda
30. Res. 2017-R037 – to be amended and voted on
31. Res. 2017-R038 – retained on the Consent Agenda
32. Res. 2017-R039 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Brad Armstrong, Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond chair, provided an introduction of Res. 2017-R039 and thanked Council for supporting the 2017-2020 Regional Plan for School Readiness. A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Members of Council, who were not sponsors of Res. 2017-R039, requested to be added as co-patrons of the proposed legislation.

33. Res. 2017-R044 – retained on the Consent Agenda
34. Res. 2017-R045 – retained on the Consent Agenda
35. Res. 2017-R046 – retained on the Consent Agenda
36. Res. 2017-R047 – to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested a continuance of Res. 2017-R047 and asked that the legislation be forwarded to the September 19, 2017 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting for additional review and possible amendment.

37. Res. 2017-R048 – retained on the Consent Agenda
38. Res. 2017-R049 – retained on the Consent Agenda
39. Res. 2017-R050 – to be continued to Monday, August 21, 2017

Vice President Cynthia Newbille introduced Res. 2017-R050 and requested that the proposed legislation be continued to a special joint meeting with members of the Richmond School Board and the mayor, to deliberate on the Education Compact prior to adoption.

Dawn Page, Richmond School Board chair, and Tommy Kranz, Richmond Public Schools interim superintendent, were in attendance, and Mr. Kranz suggested that the joint special meeting be held on Monday, August 21, 2017.

Councilor Parker Agelasto suggested that Res. 2017-R050 be amended to incorporate changes to the composition of the Education Compact team.

Thad Williamson, senior policy advisor for opportunity – Office of the Mayor, was also available to answer questions regarding Res. 2017-R050.

Interrupting docket review, President Chris Hilbert provided a statement regarding the severance payment for former city auditor, Umesh Dalal. A copy of the statement has been filed.

