



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Michael Jones, President
The Honorable Kristen Nye, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (electronic participation, late arrival and early departure)
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal
Tori Cotman, Assistant City Attorney
LaTasha Holmes, Council Chief of Staff
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Council President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement

President Jones announced that, pursuant to Rule III (D)(4)(b) of Council's Rules of Procedure, Councilor Stephanie Lynch requested to participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams from her home due to a medical condition that prevented her physical attendance.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved to allow Councilor Lynch to participate in the meeting by electronic communication means. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch did not join the meeting via Microsoft Teams at that time.

Docket Review

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2022-262 – to be amended and continued to Monday, April 24, 2023
2. Ord. 2023-067 – retained on the Consent Agenda
3. Ord. 2023-068 – to be continued to Monday, April 24, 2023
4. Ord. 2023-080 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2023-090 – to be continued to Monday, April 24, 2023
6. Ord. 2023-091 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2023-092 – to be continued to Monday, April 24, 2023
8. Ord. 2023-093 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2023-094 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2023-095 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2023-096 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2023-097 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2023-098 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2023-099 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2023-100 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Res. 2023-R019 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

There were no Regular Agenda items.

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

Referral of Service Delivery Issues to City Administration

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested several 6th District service delivery issues be referred to city administration for resolution.

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders stated once received, the service delivery matters will be investigated, and a corrective action plan will be forwarded to the Council Chief of Staff's Office for Council's review.

Closed Session

At 4:19 p.m., Councilor Andreas Addison moved that the City Council go into a closed meeting pursuant to subdivision (A)(1) of section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss the appointment and salary of a candidate for city attorney and pursuant to subdivision (A)(3) of section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss the acquisition of real property, commonly known as Mayo Island, for the public purpose of open space use, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the city.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None. Lynch had not yet joined the meeting.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the closed session at 4:36 p.m. and departed the meeting prior to Council reconvening in open session.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None. Lynch had departed the meeting.

Councilors reconvened in open session at 4:43 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

April 10, 2023

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:

- Michael J. Jones, President
- Kristen Nye, Vice President
- Andreas Addison
- Katherine Jordan
- Ann-Frances Lambert
- Cynthia I. Newbille
- Stephanie A. Lynch (early departure)
- Ellen F. Robertson
- Reva M. Trammell

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

CITY CLERK