



City of Richmond

Formal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, June 22, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
Virtual Meeting

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Kim Gray (late arrival)
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (early departure)
The Honorable Ellen Robertson

Absent

The Honorable Reva Trammell

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m., and presided.

Invocation was offered by Pastor Larry Miles Sr., of Fresh Anointing Cathedral Church of God in Christ (COGIC), 3001 2nd Avenue, Richmond, VA.

Members of Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

City Clerk Candice Reid, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means. City Clerk Reid stated 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 members of the public were encouraged to provide comments in writing prior to the meeting and all comments received prior to 10:00 a.m., on Monday, June 22, 2020, were provided to Council members. Ms. Reid indicated that members of the public who signed up to speak and provide comment would be called to speak at the appropriate time.

CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

Councilor Michael Jones moved to suspend Council's Rules of Procedure and to allow five minutes for citizens to speak during the Citizen Comment Period, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None. Gray had not yet arrived.

Councilor Kim Gray joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren provided citizen speaker guidelines.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no awards or presentations.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written citizen comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting, and are included as an Appendix to the June 22, 2020 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

Charles T. Peters III addressed Council and requested the following:

- The reopening of the Marcus-David Peters case
- The defunding of the Richmond Police Department (RPD), and the reallocation of RPD funds towards a *Marcus Alert System*, civilian review board (CRB) independent of the RPD, human services, the environment and general community welfare
- The release of protesters with all pending charges dropped
- The removal of all monuments symbolizing white supremacy
- The release of the names of RPD officers under misconduct investigation since May 29, 2020

Christopher Gayler addressed Council and expressed his concerns regarding the use of force and military style equipment by the RPD. Mr. Gayler inquired why Council's Public Safety Standing Committee had not met since February to address public safety in the city.

Luca Connolly, Richmond Community Bail Fund (RCBF) co-director, addressed Council and informed Council that the RCBF provided funds for individuals unable to meet cash bail requirements. Ms. Connolly requested Council ask Commonwealth's Attorney Colette McEachin to drop all pending charges against protesters to avoid negatively impacting protesters' lives and diverting funds from city services.

Yohance Whitaker, Richmond Transparency and Accountability Project (RTAP) member, informed Council of RTAP's work to disrupt mass incarceration in the city. Mr. Whitaker addressed the potential of CRB oversight of the RPD, and he stated a diverse task force with meaningful citizen input was necessary in the drafting and establishment of a CRB.

Princess Blanding, sister of Marcus-David Peters, addressed Council regarding the establishment of a *Marcus Alert System* that would require that mental health experts be the first responders for emergencies involving individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. Ms. Blanding stated police would only serve as backup support if the emergency scene became unsafe. Ms. Blanding also stated the *Marcus Alert System* would only be successful if the RPD were held accountable for the use of force on peaceful protesters and members of the press.

Stephanie Rizzi, RTAP member, addressed Council and informed members of RTAP's efforts regarding civilian oversight of the RPD. Ms. Rizzi stated any CRB should be funded by Council and independent of the RPD. Ms. Rizzi cautioned Council that the mayor's suggested 90-day time period to review and establish a CRB may create a rushed and flawed system. Ms. Rizzi suggested that funds be reallocated from the RPD budget to fund the city's CRB.

Phil Wilayto, Virginia Defenders for Freedom, Justice and Equality (VDFJE), addressed Council and informed members that the VDFJE supported the resignation of former Richmond Police Chief William Smith, but were concerned about the mayor's selection of Major William "Jody" Blackwell to serve as interim police chief. Mr. Wilayto stated the public should be involved in the vetting and selection of the next permanent police chief. Mr. Wilayto also stated public engagement in the selection process would help reestablish trust between the RPD and citizens.

Dr. Aubrey Jones, Richmonders Involved in Strengthening our Communities (RISC) member, addressed Council regarding the lack of affordable housing in the city. Dr. Jones stated that affordable housing would produce secure and safe environments for families. Dr. Jones expressed his concerns regarding the upcoming end to the temporary moratorium on evictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Pam Smith, RISC member, addressed Council and informed members of the experiences citizens encountered regarding affordable housing and gun violence in the city.

Steve Saltzberg, RISC member, addressed Council and expressed his concerns regarding gun violence within the city. Mr. Saltzberg informed members of the *Group Violence Intervention* strategy and stated the violence reduction strategy could help decrease gang and gun violence within the city.

Janice Lacy, RISC member, addressed Council and informed members of the experiences citizens encountered regarding joblessness and the fear of homelessness. Mr. Lacy requested Council use funds provided by the CARES Act stimulus package to address affordable housing issues in the city.

Marty Wegbreit, Affordable Housing Trust Fund Oversight Board member, Eviction Task Force member, and RISC member, addressed Council and expressed his concerns of the potential for an eviction tsunami if the temporary moratorium on evictions came to an end. Ms. Wegbreit stated Council should declare affordable housing as the first priority to receive any potential surplus funds the city may have. Mr. Wegbreit spoke to the importance of housing availability for individuals who needed to shelter in place during a pandemic.

Nancy Kunkel, RISC member, informed members of potential uses of funds provided by the CARES Act stimulus package regarding affordable housing and eviction diversion. Ms. Kunkel addressed steps taken by the city of Alexandria to distribute funds the city received from the CARES Act to address housing issues.

Pastor Ralph Hodge, Second Baptist Church senior pastor, and RISC member, addressed the reallocation of RPD funds and resources towards proactive solutions that would help strengthen the community. Pastor Hodge stated the *Group Violence Intervention* strategy and the re-imagination of policing were necessary in the city. Pastor Hodge also stated that RISC had requested the mayor allocate CARES Act funds towards affordable housing and eviction diversion.

Mark Shubert addressed Council and expressed his concerns regarding the RPD's use of force on citizens within the city.

Emily Bradley-Kane addressed Council and expressed her support for the reallocation of RPD funds. Ms. Bradley-Kane requested Council reallocate RPD funds towards a *Marcus Alert*, schools, affordable housing, substance abuse treatment and other community focused programs.

Carlisle Bannister addressed Council and informed members he felt unsafe leaving his house during the current social unrest within the city.

Lawrence D. Meyer addressed Council and stated he was saddened by the current crisis in the city. Mr. Meyer also stated open dialogue was necessary from all sides to find solutions. Mr.

Meyer requested that citizens allow the legal process to take place regarding the removal of Confederate monuments.

Jer'Mykeal McCoy addressed Council and expressed his concerns regarding the use of force by the RPD. Mr. McCoy also expressed his concerns regarding the selection of Major William "Jody" Blackwell to serve as interim police chief. Mr. McCoy requested the reallocation of RPD funds towards community services and that the RPD only respond to violent situations and not situations involving mental health crises.

President Cynthia Newbille stated Council appreciated the comments provided by citizens and indicated that Council would address many of the issues citizens raised at upcoming committee meetings and forums.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Councilor Kristen Larson moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2019-275

To amend ch. 6 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. XII (§§ 6-596-6-602) to establish a technology zone program in accordance with Va. Code § 58.1-3850, for the purpose of facilitating the development and location of technology businesses in the city of Richmond, capital investment, and job creation.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2019-276

To amend City Code §§ 26-872, concerning definitions related to license taxes, and 26-989, concerning license taxes for personal services businesses, and to amend ch. 26, art. XV, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein a new section numbered 26-1003.1, concerning the license tax for technology businesses, for the purpose of creating a new business, profession, and occupation license category called "technology business" and imposing a new license tax on such businesses.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2019-319

To reduce the speed limit on Libbie Avenue between Guthrie Avenue and the City's corporate boundary from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2019-320

To reduce the speed limit on Patterson Avenue between Willow Lawn Drive and Pepper Avenue from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2020-103

To rezone certain properties in the areas surrounding the Science Museum of Virginia, Allison Street, and the Virginia Commonwealth University and the Virginia Union University Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit station areas.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2020-104

To amend the official zoning map for the purpose of designating certain street blocks as "priority streets" and certain street blocks as "street-oriented commercial streets" in the areas surrounding

the Science Museum of Virginia, Allison Street, and the Virginia Commonwealth University and the Virginia Union University Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit station areas.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2020-105

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 30-433.2 (concerning parking lots in the UB Urban Business District, 30-440.3 (concerning yards in the B-4 Central Business District), 30-446.2 (concerning parking lots in the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District), and 30-950.2-30-950.5 (concerning Plan of Development Overlays), for the purpose of implementing the recommendations of the adopted Pulse Corridor Plan.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2020-107

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2126 Rosewood Avenue for the purpose of an existing single-family dwelling with an accessory dwelling unit, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be amended and continued to Monday July 27, 2020

RES. 2020-R038

To declare a public necessity to amend ch. 30 of the City Code and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to make such lawful changes as may be necessary to eliminate or appropriately reduce parking minimums and restrictions in areas zoned for commercial use and areas within the TOD-1 Transit Oriented Nodal District by requesting that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study to determine whether and, if so, how the City's zoning ordinance lawfully may be amended to permit changes as may be necessary to eliminate or appropriately reduce parking minimums and restrictions in areas zoned for commercial use and areas within the TOD-1 Transit Oriented Nodal District.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

RES. 2020-R039

To request that the Mayor introduce such budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget as may be necessary to restore funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Eviction Diversion Program to the amounts proposed in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget introduced on March 6, 2020, in the event that City revenues exceed current projections for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

ORD. 2020-041

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2017-129, adopted Oct. 9, 2017, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1704 Arlington Road for the purpose of illuminated canopy signage, to modify the permitted uses, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2020

The motion to amend the agenda was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Gray, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Hilbert was excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances and resolution were considered:

ORD. 2020-085

To designate the 3100 block of Decatur Street in honor of Johnny R. Battle.

ORD. 2020-119

To amend Ord. No. 2019-089, adopted Apr. 22, 2019, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 5400 Hull Street Road, 5336 Hull Street Road, and 5348 Hull Street Road for the purpose of self-storage facilities and multifamily dwellings containing up to 245 dwelling units, to modify the site plans, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-126

To authorize the special use of the property known as 420 North 26th Street for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-127

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1201 North 31st Street and 1201 ½ North 31st Street for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-128

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2109 East Marshall Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-129

To amend Ord. No. 2019-274, adopted Nov. 12, 2019, which amended ch. 11 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. VIII (§§ 11-190-11-197) to establish a commercial property assessed clean energy program in accordance with Va. Code § 15.2-958.3, for the purpose of facilitating the development of clean energy projects, to revise the effective date of the program.

ORD. 2020-130

To amend Ord. No. 2019-338, adopted January 27, 2020, which repealed ch. 26, art. V, div. 3 (§§ 26-397-26-408) of the City Code and amended ch. 26, art. V, by adding there a new div. 3 (§§ 26-408.1-26-408.11) for the purpose of modifying the requirements for the partial exemption of rehabilitated structures from real estate taxation, to provide for the submission of program guidelines and to modify the effective date of such ordinance.

ORD. 2020-133

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$20,104,653.00 from the Commonwealth of Virginia; to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services called the COVID-19 Relief Special Fund; and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' COVID-19 Relief Special Fund by \$20,104,653.00 for the purpose of funding necessary expenditures due to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ORD. 2020-134

To amend Ord. No. 2019-041, adopted May 13, 2019, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by re-appropriating \$117,041.00 of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 fund balance excess assigned to the "Delinquent Tax Sales" special fund of the Office of the City Attorney, and to appropriate these funds to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the City Attorney by \$117,041.00 for the purpose of offsetting any deficit in that special fund.

ORD. 2020-135

To amend Ord. No. 2019-043, adopted May 13, 2019, which (i) accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and the four fiscal years thereafter, (ii) adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and (iii) determined a means of financing the same, to modify the purpose of the Stormwater Facilities Improvements project in the Utilities category to provide that such project includes a grant to Capital Trees pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-953(B) to plant native plants and trees in the Low Line Park.

ORD. 2020-136

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Agreement and Deed of Lease between Scripps Media, Inc., as lessor and the City of Richmond as lessee for the purpose of the construction, maintenance, repair, and operation of a communications facility to support the City's emergency communications system at 3300 Cutshaw Avenue.

ORD. 2020-137

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Programmatic Project Administration Agreement Extension Addendum between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of the development and administration of previously authorized and future Revenue Sharing Program projects.

ORD. 2020-138

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a City of Richmond Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Capital Trees for the purpose of making native plant and tree landscape improvements to The Low Line park in the city of Richmond.

ORD. 2020-139

To approve the Work Plan and Budget for the fiscal year ending Jun. 30, 2021, for the provision of services in the Downtown Richmond Special Service and Assessment Districts.

RES. 2020-R029

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Planning and Development Review to conduct a redevelopment study of the properties along Commerce Road and a certain portion of the surrounding area concerning potential opportunities and implementation of plans for the redevelopment of certain properties along Commerce Road in the area bounded generally by Semmes Avenue to the north and Bellemeade Road to the south.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding Consent Agenda items prior to the Formal City Council meeting and public hearing. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting and are included as an Appendix to the June 22, 2020 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

There were no comments or discussions and the **Consent Agenda was adopted:** Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None.

REGULAR AGENDA

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-343

To amend City Code §§ 30-402.2, 30-411.3, 30-412.2, 30-413.3, 30-413.13, 30-414.2, 30-416.2, 30-418.2, 30-419.4, 30-420.1, 30-426.1, 30-428.1, 30-430.1, 30-433.2, 30-433.11, 30-434.1, 30-436.1, 30-438.1, 30-440.1, 30-442.1, 30-444.2, 30-446.2, 30-447.2, 30-447.11, 30-448.1, 30-450.1, 30-457.1, concerning permitted principal uses, and 30-1220, concerning definitions related to zoning,

and to amend ch. 30, art. VI of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 14 (§§ 30-697—30-697.3), concerning short-term rentals. (As Amended)

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding Ord. 2019-343 prior to the Formal City Council meeting and public hearing. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting and are included as an Appendix to the June 22, 2020 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

Public Hearing

Opposition

Thomas Courtney spoke in opposition of Ord. 2019-343 and requested that Council not adopt the proposed ordinance as written. Mr. Courtney stated the ordinance did not provide any benefit to the city, and he suggested Council refer Ord. 2019-343 back to the City Planning Commission for possible revisions.

Stacie Vanchieri spoke in opposition of Ord. 2019-343 and stated if the proposed ordinance was adopted as written, it would decimate the short term rental (STR) business model within the city. Ms. Vanchieri also stated STRs are the preferred choice of young tourists visiting the city. Ms. Vanchieri further stated Ord. 2019-343 had many flaws and the ordinance would not help generate revenue for the city.

Tyler Rackley spoke in opposition of Ord. 2019-343 and stated he believed the proposed ordinance would be highly destructive, because it would eliminate nearly 80% of existing STRs within the city. Mr. Rackley also stated Ord. 2019-343 would not benefit the city because it would not create any tax revenue that could be used for city services such as affordable housing.

Troy Kingsbury spoke in opposition of Ord. 2019-343 and stated he believed that STRs had greatly benefited the city. Mr. Kingsbury also stated the proposed ordinance would harm the continued grow of the city and discouraged tourism. Mr. Kingsbury suggested members research *NiidoHomes*, apartment style STRs, which provide a hotel alternative for tourists. Mr. Kingsbury referenced a currently operating *NiidoHome* he visited in Nashville, and expressed his belief that these were the types of housing options young tourists desired.

Support

Jerry Beverage, Fan District Association (FDA) member and former president, spoke in support of Ord. 2019-343 and stated the FDA also supported the proposed ordinance. Mr. Beverage also stated Ord. 2019-343 would help protect homeowners and residents within the city by preserving the residential character of neighborhoods.

Mark Olinger, Department of Planning and Development Review director, provided Council with additional information regarding the drafting and legislative history of Ord. 2019-343. Mr. Olinger cautioned Council that without the restrictions referenced within the proposed ordinance, large corporations and hotel operators could begin to buy multiple single family homes and apartment buildings to operate unregulated STRs within established neighborhoods. Mr. Olinger stated he believed Ord. 2019-343 was a good first step to begin the legal operation of STRs within the city.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated she believed amendments could be added to Ord. 2019-343, which would promote code enforcement, protect neighborhoods, create taxable revenue for the city and establish parameters to guardrail against large scale corporate run STRs. Ms. Lynch also stated she was concerned the ordinance would negatively impact the local economy.

Councilor Kristen Larson inquired about the taxation of STRs.

John Wack, Department of Finance director, informed Council that there was no current proposal to change taxation regarding STRs, because STRs have yet to be declared legal within the city. Mr. Wack stated city administration was also concerned that it would cost more to collect a new tax than what could be collected in revenue from any newly applied STR tax. Mr. Wack also stated he did not anticipate the city proposing a STR tax if the primary residency requirement was approved.

Vice President Chris Hilbert expressed his support for Ord. 2019-343 and stated he believed a tax regarding STRs should be implemented.

Councilor Ellen Robertson shared her concerns regarding the impact Ord. 2019-343 would have on current operators of STRs that are not primary residences. Ms. Robertson inquired if it was possible to “grandfather” current operators of non-primary residence STRs, if the ordinance was adopted.

Mr. Olinger informed Council that the “grandfather” option was discussed, but it was not possible. Mr. Olinger stated that was because the current operation of any STR was illegal, and illegal operations cannot be “grandfathered” into a legal enterprise.

Councilor Michael Jones stated he understood the necessity of a policy regarding STRs, but added he was aware of the impact it would have on the many operators of STRs.

Councilor Kim Gray stated she was disappointed that Ord. 2019-343 did not address taxation of STRs, but she believed the ordinance was necessary and a good starting point.

There were no further comments or discussions and **ORD. 2019-343 was adopted:** Ayes 6, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes 1, Lynch, Abstentions 1, Jones.

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2020-R034

To declare surplus and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to seek proposals for the [properties] property located at [~~112 North 7th Street, 114 North 7th Street, 116 North 7th Street,~~] 500 North 10th Street[, ~~401 East Broad Street, 730 East Broad Street, 800 East Clay Street, 808 East Clay Street, 609 East Grace Street, and 601 East Leigh Street~~] for the purpose of facilitating the purchase and development of such [parcels] parcel. (As Amended)

Sharon Ebert, Department of Economic and Community Development deputy chief administrative officer, provided an introduction of Res. 2020-R034, and informed Council that the resolution was amended to remove all city-owned property with the exception of the Public Safety Building located at 500 North 10th Street.

Leonard Sledge, Department of Economic Development director, stated the unsolicited offer for the city-owned property by Capital City Partners, Inc., presented the city with a redevelopment opportunity that would attract businesses to downtown and create more taxable revenue for the city.

Councilor Kristen Larson inquired if there was an appraisal of the property referenced in the resolution.

Mr. Sledge informed Council that an appraisal was conducted, but city administration was reluctant to release that information due to the potential negative impact it could have on negotiations.

Councilor Ellen Robertson expressed her support for Res. 2020-R034 and the redevelopment of the area referenced in the resolution.

Councilor Kim Gray suggested Council and city administration examine a potential land lease of the city-owned property rather than a complete sale. Ms. Gray requested city administration keep Council informed of negotiations regarding the sale of the property.

Mr. Sledge stated city administration would negotiate to create and accept the best deal available for the city and citizens.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2020-R034 was adopted:** Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None.

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2020-R043

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be developed a process for renaming the Robert E. Lee Memorial Bridge.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding Res. 2020-R043 prior to the Formal City Council meeting and public hearing. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting and are included as an Appendix to the June 22, 2020 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch provided an introduction of Res. 2020-R043, and she shared the experiences an African American citizen encountered with the Robert E. Lee Memorial Bridge as a child. Ms. Lynch also shared the citizen appreciated that Council was moving forward to begin the process of renaming the bridge.

Councilor Kim Gray stated she supported Res. 2020-R043. Ms. Gray also stated Council should keep in mind the needs of students attending Richmond Public Schools when reviewing the required costs for renaming streets and other amenities throughout the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2020-R043 was adopted:** Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None.

President Cynthia Newbille, Vice President Chris Hilbert and Councilors Michael Jones, Kristen Larson and Andreas Addison requested to be added as co-patrons of Res. 2020-R043.

MOTIONS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the ordinance entitled:

ORD. 2020-107

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2126 Rosewood Avenue for the purpose of an existing single-family dwelling with an accessory dwelling unit, upon certain terms and conditions.

be amended and continued to Monday, July 27, 2020, as follows:

Page 4, Line 6

After the word "required", strike the text "on the Property"

Page 4, Line 7

At the beginning of the line, insert a subdivision "(f)" followed by the text "A privacy fence not exceeding eight feet in height shall be permitted along property lines to the rear of the single-family dwelling" followed by a period

At the beginning of the line, insert a subdivision "(g)" followed by the text "The dwelling unit within the building accessory to the single-family dwelling unit shall only be occupied by family members of the Owner and shall not be rented to the general public. For the purposes of this ordinance, 'family members' shall be defined as persons related by blood, marriage, or legal guardianship or adoption, including foster children" followed by a period

There were no comments or discussions and **motion was seconded and approved:** Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Gray, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Hilbert was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Andreas Addison moved to approve the minutes of the following Richmond City Council meetings: Special Meeting held on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 3:30 p.m.; Special Meeting held on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.; Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively; Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, June 8, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, July 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2020-145

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds; to accept funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$8,224,401.00; and to appropriate \$8,224,401.00 for various projects.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

ORD. 2020-146

To amend Ord. No. 2020-050, adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by increasing estimated revenues from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the amount appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development's Special Fund by \$418,767.00, for the purpose of funding housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low- and moderate- income persons and special needs populations.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

ORD. 2020-147

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to enter into the Twenty-Third Commercial Area Revitalization Effort Program Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the

purpose of providing for the operation of the Commercial Area Revitalization Effort (“CARE”) Program.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-148

To amend ch. 26, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 10 (§ § 26-590-26-599) for the purpose of providing for the partial exemption of certain rehabilitated commercial or industrial structures from real estate taxation.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-149

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1101 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing up to 29 dwelling units, with amenity spaces and commercial uses on the ground floor, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-150

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1110 North 20th Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-151

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3211 Delaware Avenue for the purpose of a group home located within an existing single-family dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-152

To designate the 4000, 4100, 4200, and 4300 blocks of Crutchfield Street in honor of the late Leslie D. Jackson.

Patron: Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-153

To rename that portion of U.S. Route 1, known as Jefferson Davis Highway and located within the corporate boundaries of the City, from its northerly terminus at its intersection with Hull Street to its southerly terminus at the corporate limits of the City near its intersection with Walmsley Boulevard, as "Richmond Highway."

Patron: Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2020-R044

To express the Council's support for the Director of Public Works' administrative directive entitled "Protected walkways and crosswalks, bicycle lane, and shared use paths" requiring certain pedestrian and bicycle accommodations and pathways within construction work zones.

Patrons: Mr. Addison and Mr. Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch left the meeting.

REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Members of Council provided reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

CITY CLERK