



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, February 22, 2016

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, February 22, 2016, in the Council Chamber located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Michelle Mosby, President
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Jon Baliles
The Honorable Kathy Graziano
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Charles Samuels (late arrival)

Reported Absent

The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

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

Councilor Michelle Mosby, President of Council, called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Lisa Braxton, Assistant City Clerk, provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

Teen Pregnancy

Gale Grant, Virginia Department of Health Adolescent Health Coordinator, and Bruce Tyler, Richmond Community of Caring Chair, provided Council with a presentation regarding collaborative efforts to introduce core values and utilize strategic goals to aid with reducing teenage pregnancies in the city. A copy of the presentation has been filed.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille recognized and thanked Richmond Community of Caring board members and staff along with Richmond Public Schools professionals in attendance for their commitment to helping youth.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Construction Mitigation

Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer, Lee Downey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer – Economic and Community Development, Robert Cary, Virginia Department of

Transportation (VDOT) Richmond District Engineer, John Burturla, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer – Operations, and Amy Inman, Economic and Community Development Multi-Modal Transportation Senior Administrator, provided Council with a presentation regarding the development of a potential bus rapid transit construction mitigation strategy for consideration. A copy of the presentation has been filed.

Selena Cuffee-Glenn reported that the goal of the strategy is to stimulate economic activity, promote access to businesses during construction, create awareness and communicate timely and accurate information regarding the BRT project along the Broad and Main Streets corridor. Ms. Cuffee-Glenn stated that, currently, no funding has been identified to support a potential construction mitigation concept and VDOT has offered to provide funding as a 50% match to city funds; however, the eligible uses are limited.

Rob Cary advised Council of a multitude of measures that are contractually required by the current BRT design-build request for proposal.

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested information regarding the expending of capital improvement program funding.

Department of Elections Letter and Plans for Upcoming Elections

Kirk Showalter, City Registrar, responded to inquiries regarding a letter dated February 9, 2016 from the Department of Elections addressing potentially improper and non-compliant election administration procedures used by the Office of the General Registrar; she stated that the allegations were inaccurate. A copy of the information has been filed.

President Michelle Mosby requested that Ms. Showalter provide Council with a copy of her written response to the Department of Elections letter.

Docket Review

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2014-217 – to be continued to Monday, March 28, 2016

After an inquiry regarding the repeated continuance of Ord. 2014-217, Councilor Ellen Robertson stated that the legislation would be withdrawn and reintroduced with necessary changes possibly during the next Formal Session of Council.

2. Ord. 2015-199 – to be continued to Monday, March 28, 2016
3. Ord. 2015-232 – to be continued to Monday, March 28, 2016
4. Ord. 2016-017 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2016-018 – retained on the Consent Agenda

M. Khara, Public Works Deputy Director, introduced and answered questions regarding Ords. 2016-018, 2016-019, 2016-020, 2016-021, 2016-022, 2016-023, 2016-024 and 2016-025.

6. Ord. 2016-019 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2016-020 – retained on the Consent Agenda

8. Ord. 2016-021 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2016-022 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2016-023 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2016-024 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2016-025 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2016-026 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2016-027 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2016-028 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2016-029 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Res. 2015-R064 – to be continued to Monday, March 14, 2016
18. Res. 2016-R004 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Res. 2016-R005 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Res. 2016-R006 – to be amended and voted on later that evening at the Formal Session of Council

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

Regular Agenda:

21. Ord. 2015-192 – retained on the Regular Agenda
22. Ord. 2016-016 – moved to the Consent Agenda

It was the consensus of Council to move Ord. 2016-016 to the Consent Agenda.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.