



City of Richmond

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Richmond, VA 23219
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Formal Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Kristen Nye, President
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Nicole Jones
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille (early departure)
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch

Call to Order

Council President Kristen Nye called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Security and Spanish Interpretation Announcement

Michael Winborne, City Hall Security Manager, announced security policies and expected conduct for members of the public present in the Council Chamber.

City Clerk Candice Reid stated that Spanish interpretation service was available in the Council Chamber and that attendees should speak with a representative to receive the appropriate equipment. City Clerk Reid also stated that Spanish interpretation service was available virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Roxana Talavera-Denson, Language Access Coordinator, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement, then provided Spanish interpretation of City Hall Security Manager Winborne's and City Clerk Candice Reid's announcements.

Invocation was offered by Associate Pastor Matthew Hensley of Richmond's First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

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

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst Pamela Nichols provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with public speaker guidelines.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2024.178](#) Board Appointments and Reappointments - May 28, 2024

Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert moved that consideration of the applicant for appointment to the Social Services Advisory Board be continued to the June 10, 2024 Formal Council meeting, and that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks:

Christopher Frelke (reappointment)

Charles Willis

Future of Workforce Commission:

Andreas Addison

Barbara Couto Sipe

Dionne Henderson

Sean Miller

Human Rights Commission:

Aoife Ryle

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Board:

Peter Blake

Emmy Ready

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Inc.:

Thomas Loftus

Maggie L. Walker Initiative Citizens Advisory Board:

Jonette Meade Barley

Richmond Behavioral Health Authority:

Deborah Dancey

Richmond Public Library:

Sheron Carter-Gunter (reappointment)

Garrett Sawyer (reappointment)

William Yates (reappointment)

Gail Zwirner (reappointment)

City Planning Commission:

Brian White

History and Culture Commission:

Bryan Clark Green

Commission of Architectural Review:

Emily Striffler

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Lambert, Nye. Noes None.

Awards and Presentations

There were no awards or presentations.

Public Comment

[CD.2024.177](#) May 28, 2024 Public Comment Period Speakers List

Harry Ragsdale addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding the Department of Public Utilities (DPU). Mr. Ragsdale requested that the city sufficiently fund DPU, so that it can better provide utilities and service to city residents.

Maya Charlton addressed Council and requested that members adopt a proposed ceasefire resolution related to the conflict in Gaza. Ms. Charlton also stated her concerns regarding the conflict in Gaza and its impact on civilians.

Sherry Grinsteiner, Congregation Or Atid Rabbi, addressed Council and stated her opposition to Council considering any ceasefire resolution related to the conflict in Gaza. Rabbi Grinsteiner also stated that Council does not have any jurisdiction to address international affairs.

Taylor Dayton addressed Council and requested that members adopt a proposed ceasefire resolution related to the conflict in Gaza. Ms. Dayton also addressed her concerns about the conflict's impact on children located in Gaza.

Tara Morand addressed Council and requested that members adopt a proposed ceasefire resolution related to the conflict in Gaza. Ms. Morand stated that she believed she must take action on the conflict, and she noted her concerns about the amount of deaths that have occurred in the conflict.

Mark Wood addressed Council and requested that members adopt a proposed ceasefire resolution related to the conflict in Gaza. Mr. Wood stated that Council should not remain silent, and instead, take a stand to address the conflict in Gaza.

Mariam Oweis addressed Council and requested that members adopt a proposed ceasefire resolution related to the conflict in Gaza. Ms. Oweis stated that she had discussed the resolution individually with members, but she noted her disappointment that a ceasefire resolution had not been adopted.

Michelle Ingram, New Virginia Majority member, addressed Council and stated that the city was in a housing crisis. Ms. Ingram requested that Council take action to address high rental rates in the city and the impact on working families in the city.

President Kristen Nye recessed the meeting at 6:?? p.m.

President Nye reconvened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Andreas Addison moved to amend the agenda as follows:

2. [ORD. 2024-094](#) To amend City Code § 11-36, concerning exemptions to sound control, for the purpose of modifying the hours during which the City's refuse collection and sanitation services shall be exempted from the requirements of the City's sound control provisions.

Patrons: Ms. Jordan and Ms. Lynch

To be continued to Monday, July 22, 2024

3. [ORD. 2024-097](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute appropriate documents releasing The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust and its successors in interest from any obligation to fulfill certain deed conditions and contractual requirements to redevelop the property known as 2615 Q Street for the purpose of allowing the Land Trust to sell such property to the owners of abutting parcels and utilize the proceeds from such sale to facilitate the development of affordable housing by The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust in the city of Richmond. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, June 24, 2024

11. [ORD. 2024-135](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition by gift of the parcel of real property known as 436 Calhoun Street, and commonly known as the "Calhoun Family Investment Center," from the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, for the purpose of maintaining such parcel as a community center. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Vice President Lambert

To be continued to Monday, June 10, 2024

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Lambert, Nye. Noes None.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances were considered:

1. [ORD. 2022-205](#) To amend Ord. No. 2000-410-2001-10, adopted Jan. 8, 2001, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2001-220-231, adopted Jul. 23, 2001, and Ord. No. 2017-242, adopted May 29, 2019, which approved the “Shops at Stratford Hills Community Unit Plan,” for the purpose of increasing the area subject to the community unit plan by 2.85 acres to 67.4± acres and modifying the development standards, under certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

4. [ORD. 2024-124](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1415 Bryan Street for the purpose of three two-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

5. [ORD. 2024-125](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3301 Maplewood Avenue and 800 Freeman Road for the purpose of a stadium, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

6. [ORD. 2024-130](#) To amend and reordain City Code §§ 2-1128, concerning applications for equalization of real estate assessments, 26-101, concerning the creation and purpose of the Office of Assessor of Real Estate, 26-104, concerning the duties, 26-122, concerning the time of making and entering assessment and notice of increases, and 26-147, concerning land books generally, to be effective for real estate tax assessments that are used to calculate real estate taxes for the tax years beginning on Jan. 1, 2026, and Jan. 1, 2027; to amend and reordain City Code §§ 26-104, concerning the duties, 26-105, concerning the assessment of new buildings substantially completed or fit for use and occupancy, and abatement of levies, 26-122, concerning time of making and entering an assessment and notice of increase, 26-147, concerning land books generally, 26-203, concerning the effective date of assessments, 26-230, concerning application to the Assessor for administrative reviews, 26-231, concerning notice of administrative reviews, 26-232, concerning action after hearing and rule of evidence, 26-233, concerning the delegation of hearings to assistant and the summary of

evidence, and 26-262, concerning notice to the Assessor of new or remodeled buildings and assessment, to be effective for real estate tax assessments that are used to calculate real estate taxes for the tax years beginning on January 1, 2028, and later; and to amend ch. 26, art. III, div. 1 by adding therein a new section numbered 26-49, concerning the effective date of assessments, all for the purpose of transitioning the City Assessor's annual real estate assessment cycle from a calendar year to a fiscal year.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

7. [ORD. 2024-131](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$50,000,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Utilities' Combined Sewer Overflow project in the Utilities category by \$50,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Combined Sewer Overflow project.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Vice President Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

8. [ORD. 2024-132](#) To authorize RRG Properties, LLC, to encroach upon the public right-of-way with an outdoor dining area encroachment, and associated awnings, along the north line of East Broad Street and the east line of North 28th Street at the northeast corner of the intersection of East Broad Street and North 28th Street, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request) and Ms. Newbille

This ordinance was adopted.

9. [ORD. 2024-133](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Programmatic Agreement, and a Second Amendment thereto, between the City of Richmond and the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in the performance of programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

10. [ORD. 2024-134](#) To designate the 2200 block of Gordon Avenue in honor of Gilda Marie Hines. (8th District)

Patrons: Ms. Trammell, Vice President Lambert, Ms. Newbille, Ms. Robertson, Mr. Addison, Ms. Jordan, President Nye and Ms. Jones

This ordinance was adopted.

12. [ORD. 2024-136](#) To amend City Code §§ 2-1336, concerning definitions related to webpages for development and capital improvements projects, 2-1337, concerning general requirements, and 2-1339, concerning exclusions, and to repeal § 2-1338, concerning project webpage requirements.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

13. [ORD. 2024-137](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Procurement Services, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Goods and Services Contract between the City and Manchester Marketing, Inc. T/A Seibert's Towing for towing-related services and tow lot operation.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

Public Hearing:

Sheryl Venable spoke in support of ORD. 2024-134, and informed Council that she was the daughter of Gilda Marie Hines. Ms. Venable addressed the positive impact that Gilda Marie Hines had as a former city employee.

Maceo Venable spoke in support of ORD. 2024-134, and informed Council that he was the son-in-law of Gilda Marie Hines. Mr. Venable stated his appreciation to Councilor Reva Trammell for sponsoring the ordinance, and he addressed the positive impression that Gilda Marie Hines had on people's lives.

Omar Kenyatta, Black Wall Street USA representative, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-205, and he requested that the city ensure future inclusivity within the Stratford Hills Community Unit Plan.

Vice President Ann-Frances Lambert, President Kristen Nye, and Councilors Cynthia Newbille, Ellen Robertson, Andreas Addison, Katherine Jordan, and Nicole Jones requested to be added as co-patrons of ORD. 2024-134.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2024-132.

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

The Regular Agenda

There were no Regular Agenda items.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Special Council Session held on Monday, May 8, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., the Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2024.175](#) May 8, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

[CD.2024.140](#) May 13, 2024 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2024.172](#) May 13, 2024 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2024.181](#) May 28, 2024 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.:

14. [ORD. 2024-143](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$6,000,000.00 from the United States Department of Agriculture, to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by (i) creating a new special fund for the Office of Sustainability called the Grant - USDA Coalition Based Urban Greening, (ii) appropriating the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of Sustainability's Grant - USDA Coalition Based Urban Greening by \$6,000,000.00, and (iii) appropriating \$3,417,354.00 of such funds to certain community-based organizations, all for the purpose of providing funding for the Urban Forest Master Plan, invasive species removal, workforce development, community engagement, and agroforestry.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

15. [ORD. 2024-144](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$13,400,966.00 from the Virginia Department of General Services and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Enslaved African Heritage Campus project in the Capital Investment Opportunities category by \$13,400,966.00 for the purpose of funding the

planning and development of a Slavery and Freedom Heritage Site in Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.:

16. [ORD. 2024-145](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-284, adopted Nov. 14, 2022, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2023-258, adopted Oct. 10, 2023, which accepted the second tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds and appropriated such funds to the General Fund Budget and Capital Budget for certain agencies and contingencies, by transferring funds from certain previously identified projects as part of the city's American Rescue Plan Act Spend Plan and transferring such funds to existing or new projects.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., and the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

17. [ORD. 2024-146](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2416 3rd Avenue for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

18. [ORD. 2024-147](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1105 Apperson Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

19. [ORD. 2024-148](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3004 Lawson Street and 3006 Lawson Street for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

20. [ORD. 2024-149](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1001 East Main Street for the purpose of a self-storage use within a mixed-use building,

upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

21. [ORD. 2024-150](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2057 Moore Street, 2061 Moore Street, 2065 Moore Street, and 2069 Moore Street for the purpose of up to four two-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

22. [ORD. 2024-151](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2501 Porter Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

23. [ORD. 2024-152](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2509 Porter Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

24. [ORD. 2024-153](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of services in the form of construction materials and labor valued at approximately \$100,000.00 from the Friends of The James River Park and, in connection therewith, to execute a Byrd Park Pump House, Right-of-Entry Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Friends of The James River Park, all for the purpose of funding the repair and restoration of the Byrd Park Pump House.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

Councilor Cynthia Newbille left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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