



City of Richmond

Special Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Friday, March 5, 2021

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
Virtual Meeting

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison (late arrival)
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
The Honorable Kristen Larson (late arrival)
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m., and presided.

ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

City Clerk Candice Reid, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as most recently amended by Ordinance No. 2020-232, adopted December 14, 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 February 11, 2021, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated there would be no opportunities for public comment at the meeting.

Councilor Andreas Addison joined the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Councilor Kristen Larson joined the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

MAYOR'S BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor Levar M. Stoney presented the Proposed Fiscal Plan for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22), and the city's Capital Improvement Plan for 2022-2026, which included, but were not limited to, the following highlights:

- Total General Fund revenues projected at \$770.3 million for FY22
- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the city's finances
- An increase of \$6.4 million in funding for Richmond Public Schools' FY22 budget
- Funding of \$1.1 million for the establishment of a mental health awareness response system known as the Marcus Alert system
- Maintaining the funding for the planned salary step pay increases instituted for both police and firefighters

- An increase in the water rate of 2.5%, wastewater rate of 4%, stormwater rates of 8.75% and natural gas rate of 2.75% for all single family residential customers (meaning the average residential customer will see a combined estimated increase of \$5.27 per month in their bill)
- An investment of \$2.9 million into the city's Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- An investment of \$500,000 into the city's Eviction Diversion program
- An increase to the hourly living wage for city employees to \$13.00
- An allocation of \$8.15 million towards street paving and sidewalk maintenance
- An allocation of \$28 million in capital funding for the establishment of an Enslaved American Heritage Campus

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

The following ordinances were introduced for public hearing on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2021-040

To adopt the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-041

To adopt the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-042

To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2021, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2021; and to determine the means of financing the same.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-043

To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-044

To adopt the Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated expenditures from the Debt Service Fund for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-045

To adopt the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Internal Service funds for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-046

To adopt the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Richmond Cemeteries Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Richmond Cemeteries for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of the facilities.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-047

To adopt the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of parking facilities.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-048

To adopt the Electric Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Electric Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Electric Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Electric Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-049

To adopt the Gas Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Gas Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Gas Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Gas Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-050

To adopt the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Funds for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-051

To adopt the Stormwater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Stormwater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Stormwater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the stormwater utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-052

To adopt the Wastewater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Wastewater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Wastewater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Wastewater Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-053

To adopt the Water Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Water Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Water Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Water Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-054

To amend the schedule of classifications and assigned ranges incorporated into section I of the Pay Plan for the purpose of revising the wording of certain classification titles and changing the pay ranges of certain classification titles; to amend section II of the Pay Plan by adding therein a new subsection (C) for the purpose of implementing the recommendations of a study completed in 2018 that found significant compression in the lower end of the pay ranges and pay bands for non-sworn employees and recommended pay increases to move those employees toward the midpoint of their pay ranges or pay bands; and to amend sections III(B)(11), providing for salary supplements for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, III(B)(12), providing for salary supplements for the Office of the Sheriff, III(B)(25)(e), suspending the education incentive for sworn fire and police employees, III(B)(36), to increase the hourly living wage for City employees from \$12.07 to \$13.00, and III(B)(40), to provide for the full implementation of the step-based pay plan for sworn fire and police employees, of the Pay Plan.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-055

To amend the fees set forth in the City Code for sections 7-6 (concerning fees for interments, disinterments, reinterments and entombments), 7-15 (concerning fees for installation of foundation for monuments or grave markers), and 7-92 (concerning fees for burial spaces and lots) of the City Code, to establish revised charges for certain cemeteries services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-056

To amend City Code §§ 28-191, 28-192, 28-194, 28-195, 28-196, 28-198, 28-199, 28-200, 28-201, 28-202, 28-203, and 28-204, concerning gas service, for the purpose of changing the measurement of natural gas from quantities per thousand cubic feet to quantities per hundred cubic feet, and to amend and reordain City Code §§ 28-191(2) and 28-191(3) (concerning fees for residential gas service), 28-192(2) (concerning fees for residential gas peaking service), 28-193(2) (concerning fees for general gas service), 28-193(3) (concerning fees for small commercial gas sales), 28-194(2) (concerning fees for large volume gas service), 28-195(f) and 28-196(f) (concerning fees for transportation service), 28-198(2) and 28-198(3) (concerning fees for municipal gas service), 28-199(c), 28-199(d), and 28-199(g)(2), (concerning flexibly priced interruptible gas service), 28-200(2), 28-200(3) and 28-200(4) (concerning unmetered gaslight service), 28-201(c) (concerning gas air conditioning service), 28-202(c) (concerning fees for large volume gas sales service), 28-203(c) (concerning fees for large volume, high load factor, gas sales service), and 28-204(b) and 28-204(c) (concerning fees for natural gas vehicle gas service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July 2021, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-057

To amend the fees set forth in the City Code for sections 28-923 (concerning fees for residential stormwater service) and 28-924 (concerning fees for developed residential properties stormwater service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2021, to establish revised charges for the stormwater utility's services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-058

To amend the fees set forth in sections 28-650 (concerning fees for residential wastewater service), 28-651 (concerning fees for commercial wastewater service), 28-652 (concerning fees for disposal of industrial sewage and wastewater), 28-653 (concerning fees for disposal of state and federal sewage and wastewater), and 28-654 (concerning fees for disposal of municipal sewage and wastewater) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2021, to establish revised charges for the wastewater utility's services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-059

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 28-326 (concerning fees for residential water service), 28-327 (concerning fees for commercial water service), 28-328 (concerning fees for industrial water service), 28-329 (concerning fees for municipal water service), 28-330 (concerning fees for state and federal water service), 28-458 (concerning fees for water for fire protection) and 28-549 (concerning

fees for water use during conservation periods) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2021, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-060

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$27,500,000 to finance the cost of school projects and general capital improvement projects of the City for the following purposes and uses: construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public schools; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for various infrastructure needs, including traffic control facilities, streets, sidewalks and other public ways, bridges, storm sewers, drains and culverts, and refuse disposal facilities; participation in redevelopment, conservation and community development programs, including the construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for targeted public facilities included in these programs; construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public institutional, operational, cultural, educational and entertainment buildings and facilities, including but not limited to the theaters, parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, libraries and museums; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and the making of appropriations to the City's Economic Development Authority ("EDA") to be used by the EDA to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-061

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$7,987,280 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the stormwater utility of the City for the following purposes and uses: replacement of and upgrades to the stormwater facilities, including but not limited to, construction, reconstruction, improvements, rehabilitation and upgrades of stormwater sewers and associated facilities; new and replacement infrastructure of the storm sewer system, drainage structures, catch basins, ditches, storm sewer pipes, culverts, green infrastructure; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and equipment for various infrastructure needs; and authorizes the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds and to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-062

To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$60,185,560 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the gas, water and wastewater utilities and public utilities buildings and facilities for the following purposes and uses: enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the gas plant and

transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the waterworks plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the wastewater plant and intercepting lines; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, and improvement of sanitary and storm water sewers, pumping stations, drains and culverts; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of public utility buildings and facilities therefor, including but not limited to the stores division; and acquisition of real property and real property rights (including without limitation easements and rights-of-way) therefor as appropriate; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to approve the form of supplemental indenture of trust; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such public utility revenue bonds.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2021-063

To authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$7,100,000 to finance the cost of equipment for the following purposes and uses: acquisition of computer, radio, office, solid waste collection, office furniture and miscellaneous equipment and vehicles for the various departments, bureaus and agencies of the City, and equipment for City schools; and to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell equipment notes to finance the acquisition of such equipment, and to authorize the issuance of taxable notes, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation equipment notes.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilor Kristen Larson moved to suspend Rule Six of Council's Rules of Procedure for all budget-related ordinances, introduced that day, so that those ordinances are not referred to or reviewed by a standing committee but are instead reviewed during a budget review process developed by the Council and the council chief of staff and heard during the budget public hearing scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Trammell, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Jones was excused.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

CITY CLERK