



City of Richmond

Special Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Tuesday, May 31, 2022

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

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

Absent

The Honorable Kristen Nye

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

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

President Cynthia Newbille announced that, pursuant to Rule III (D)(4)(b) of Council's Rules of Procedure, Councilor Andreas Addison requested to participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams from his business at 2921 Moore Street due to a work-related schedule conflict.

Councilor Katherine Jordan moved to allow Councilor Addison to participate in the meeting by electronic communication means. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Addison did not join the meeting at that time.

Papers for Consideration

The following ordinances were considered:

1. [ORD. 2022-150](#) To amend Ord. No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Fifth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Fifth District.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

2. [ORD. 2022-151](#) To amend Ord. No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Seventh District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Seventh District.

Patrons: President Newbille

This ordinance was adopted.

3. [ORD. 2022-152](#) To amend Ord. No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Eighth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Eighth District.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was adopted.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell thanked her colleagues for their assistance with allocations for various organizations.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORDS. 2022-150, 2022-151 and 2022-152 were adopted: Ayes 7, Jordan, Lambert, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Addison had not yet joined the meeting.

The following ordinance was considered:

4. [ORD. 2022-154](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Urban Baby Beginnings for the purpose of providing relief services to WIC eligible families experiencing financial difficulty relating to the shortage of infant formula.

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

This ordinance was adopted.

Eva Colen, Human Services senior policy advisor, provided an introduction and answered questions regarding ORD. 2022-154.

Councilor Andreas Addison joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 2:19 p.m.

Vice President Ellen Robertson requested to added as a co-patron of ORD. 2022-154.

Councilor Katherine Jordan requested to added as a co-patron of ORD. 2022-154.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell requested to added as a co-patron of ORD. 2022-154.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch requested to added as a co-patron of ORD. 2022-154.

President Cynthia Newbille thanked city administration for efforts pertaining to ORD. 2022-154.

Councilor Andreas Addison requested to added as a co-patron of ORD. 2022-154.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2022-154 was unanimously adopted.

The following ordinance was considered:

5. [ORD. 2022-156](#) To extend the due date for tangible personal property and machinery and tools taxes from Jun. 6, 2022, to Aug. 5, 2022, for the tax year commencing Jan. 1, 2022.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and City Council

This ordinance was adopted.

Sabrina Joy-Hogg, deputy chief administrative officer - Finance and Administration, provided an introduction and answered questions regarding ORD. 2022-156.

Sheila White, Finance director, was also available to answer questions pertaining to ORD. 2022-156 and explained the higher personal property tax assessments were due to increased NADA (National Automobile Dealers Association) values driven by supply chain constraints.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell inquired regarding misdirected personal property bills and tax relief assistance.

Ms. Joy-Hogg informed Council of efforts to communicate the delayed remittance date for personal property taxes to city residents.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2022-156 was unanimously adopted.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch inquired regarding additional tax relief for city residents and suggested the utilization of American Rescue Plan Act dollars as a funding source.

Ms. White noted that citizens should call the 3-1-1 call center with questions regarding personal property taxes and appeals.

Councilwoman Trammell provided city administration with information for citizens in need of assistance with the tax relief application.

Councilor Katherine Jordan inquired regarding the possible permanent change in the personal property tax due date as well as the utilization of payment plans as a fiscal option to residents.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch mentioned the introduction of state legislation that would allow localities to consider year-round eligibility for tax relief.

Councilor Michael Jones acknowledged the need to provide seniors with a more efficient renewal process for the real estate tax relief program.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch exited the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Councilor Jones mentioned the difference in city programs that benefit the affluent verses citizens in need.

President Cynthia Newbille asked that several of the discussion items be reviewed by the Finance and Economic Development Standing committee.

Motion to Expedite Consideration

Councilor Andreas Addison moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch had exited the meeting.

7. [RES. 2022-R036](#) To approve an expenditure in the total amount of \$4,409 from the Council District Funds for the First District to provide to the Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation a grant in the amount of \$409.00 for the balance remaining on the purchase of championship rings for the John Marshall High School boys basketball team for winning the Virginia High School League State Class 2A basketball championship on Mar. 12, 2022; a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for expenses related to the senior class picnic for Thomas Jefferson High School to be held on Jun. 14, 2022; a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 for expenses related to the graduation ceremony for Thomas Jefferson High School to be held on Jun. 23, 2022; and a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of science laboratory equipment and furniture for Albert

Hill Middle School.

Patrons: Mr. Addison

This resolution was introduced for expedited consideration and adopted.

Councilor Andreas Addison provided an introduction of RES. 2022-R036.

Councilor Michael Jones expressed his support of RES. 2022-R036 and commented on Council's willingness to support Richmond Public Schools.

There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R036 was adopted: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch had exited the meeting.

Vice President Ellen Robertson moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch had exited meeting.

6. [RES. 2022-R035](#) To amend Res. No. 2022-R015, adopted Mar. 28, 2022, to direct the City Planning Commission to prepare, submit to public hearing, and adopt an amendment to the Master Plan making certain changes to the Master Plan for the inclusion of Creighton Court, Fairfield Court, Gilpin Court, Hillside Court, Mosby Court North, Mosby Court South, and Whitcomb Court as priority investment neighborhoods on the nodes map instead of priority growth nodes, and to extend the timeframe within which the City Planning Commission is directed to complete these actions.

Patrons: Vice President Robertson and President Newbille

This resolution was introduced for expedited consideration and adopted.

Vice President Ellen Robertson provided an introduction of RES. 2022-R035.

President Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as a co-patron of RES. 2022-R035.

There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R035 was adopted: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch had exited the meeting.

Motion

Vice President Ellen Robertson moved to suspend Rule 6 of Council's Rules of Procedure and dispense with the committee referral for ORD. 2022-155 and RES. 2022-R031 so that they can be advertised as needed for the Council's consideration on June 13, 2022, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch had exited the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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