



# City of Richmond

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## Formal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, June 12, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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### Councilmembers Present

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

### Call to Order

Council President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and presided.

### Spanish Interpretation Announcement

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.

Karla Almendarez-Ramos, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement Manager, then provided Spanish interpretation of City Clerk Candice Reid's announcement.

*President Michael Jones called for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of recent gun violence at Huguenot High School's graduation ceremony.*

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

### Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Assistant City Clerk Rachel Paul 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.

## Awards and Presentations

[CD.2023.219](#) June 12, 2023 Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

Councilor Reva Trammell, on behalf of City Council, recognized and celebrated Raymond H. Boone and Jean P. Boone's service and dedication to the community through their management of the Richmond Free Press. Members of Council shared their appreciation and celebrated the service of Raymond H. Boone and Jean P. Boone.

## Action on Appointments and Reappointments

[CD.2023.215](#) Board Appointments and Reappointments - June 12, 2023

**Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved that the following appointment be approved:**

Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority:  
Dyanne Broidy

**The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

## Citizen Comment

[CD.2023.208](#) June 12, 2023 Citizen Comment Period Speakers List

Betty Squire, representative of Engine Company No. 9, informed Council of an upcoming memorial service and documentary in honor of fallen African American firefighters in the city.

*Councilor Cynthia Newbille stated her gratitude for the civic service of Betty Squire and the firefighters of the city.*

Thomas Courtney requested Council provide the public an opportunity to formally discuss the impact and enforcement of Ord. No. 2019-343 and Ord. No 2023-151.

Bennie Gates stated his support for the recent rental inspection program legislation, and explained he believed it would help protect tenants' health and safety across the city.

Kevin Randesi informed Council of flooding caused by city storm drainage issues on Rodman Road. Mr. Randesi claimed that the flooding was impacting his property, and he questioned the city's response time to the issue. Mr. Randesi noted that he had hired an attorney to help navigate the process of addressing the property damage.

*Councilor Reva Trammell stated that city administration would reach out to Mr. Randesi to help address the flooding.*

*A copy of materials provided has been filed.*

## Agenda Review and Amendments

**Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved to amend the agenda as follows:**

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. (4th District)  
  
**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)  
  
**To be continued to Monday, July 24, 2023**
  
3. [ORD.  
2023-090](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 708 China Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (5th District)  
  
**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)  
  
**To be amended and continued to Monday, June 26, 2023**
  
7. [ORD.  
2023-121](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3207 Hermitage Road for the purpose of an office and contractor warehouse with outdoor storage, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 60-227-197, adopted Aug. 8, 1960, and Ord. No. 60-120-93, adopted May 9, 1960. (As Amended) (3rd District)  
  
**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)  
  
**To be amended and continued to Monday, June 26, 2023**
  
9. [ORD.  
2023-136](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1700 North 21st Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling and two single-family attached dwellings, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)  
  
**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)  
  
**To be continued to Monday, July 24, 2023**
  
12. [ORD.  
2023-152](#) To repeal City Code §§ 11-190-197, concerning a commercial property assessed clean energy financing program, and to amend ch. 11, art. VIII of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 11-190.1-11-197.1, concerning a commercial property assessed clean energy financing program, for the purpose of aligning the City Code with state law pertaining to commercial property assessed clean energy financing programs.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

**To be continued to Monday, June 26, 2023**

17. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-157](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 301 West 6th Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 553 dwelling units, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (6th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)

**To be amended and continued to Monday, June 26, 2023**

33. [RES.](#)  
[2023-R011](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities to consult with the Office of the City Attorney concerning the development of a plan and the preparation of necessary documents to acquire, preferably by gift, the properties known as Evergreen Cemetery and East End Cemetery and to present such a plan and documents to the Council.

**Patrons:** Ms. Newbille and Ms. Lambert

**To be continued to Monday, September 11, 2023**

34. [RES.](#)  
[2023-R024](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the preparation of a study to identify a location in the Shockoe Bottom area of the city of Richmond for the National Slavery Museum.

**Patrons:** Ms. Newbille and Ms. Lambert

**To be continued to Monday, July 24, 2023**

38. [RES.](#)  
[2023-R029](#) To authorize the utilization of the construction management procurement method for the construction of a new police precinct to be located on the property known as 1701 Fairfield Way. (6th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

**To be continued to Monday, June 26, 2023**

**The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

## The Consent Agenda

**The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:**

2. [ORD.](#)  
[2022-375](#) To repeal Ord. No. 97-105-173, adopted May 27, 1997, which established a street light policy for the City of Richmond.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

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4. [ORD. 2023-106](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3019 Moss Side Avenue for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building to a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
5. [ORD. 2023-114](#) To amend City Code §§ 26-364, concerning tax relief for elderly persons, and 26-365, concerning tax relief for qualified permanently and totally disabled persons, for the purpose of increasing certain income and total financial worth thresholds for tax relief for qualified elderly, permanently, and totally disabled persons. (As Amended)
- Patrons:** Vice President Nye, Ms. Trammell, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Lynch, President Jones, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille and Mayor Stoney
6. [ORD. 2023-119](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1402 North 32nd Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling and two single-family attached dwellings, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (7th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
8. [ORD. 2023-130](#) To amend ch. 4, art. IV, div. 3 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 4-401, concerning exotic and wild animals. (As Amended)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney
10. [ORD. 2023-144](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, to relocate the polling places for Precinct 701 and Precinct 705. (7th District)
- Patrons:** Ms. Newbille
11. [ORD. 2023-149](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring \$14,295.00 from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities agency, and to amend Ord. No. 2022-057, adopted May 9, 2022, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and determined a means of financing the same, by increasing estimated revenues from the funds

transferred and the amount appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' James River Park Infrastructure project in the Culture and Recreation Category, for the purpose of making a grant of \$14,295.00 to the Friends of The James River Park to facilitate the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle trail at Reedy Creek. (5th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney and Vice President Nye

13. [ORD.](#) To designate that portion of East 15th Street between its intersection with Hull Street Road and its intersection with Maury Street, in honor of Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones.  
[2023-153](#)

**Patrons:** Ms. Robertson, President Jones, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Addison

14. [ORD.](#) To designate the 2800 block of P Street in honor of the late Reverend Dr. Robert L. Taylor. (7th District)  
[2023-154](#)

**Patrons:** Ms. Newbille, President Jones, Ms. Robertson, Mr. Addison and Ms. Lambert

15. [ORD.](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of construction services and materials valued at approximately \$56,500.00 from the Friends of The James River Park, for the purpose of facilitating the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle trail at Reedy Creek in the city of Richmond. (5th District)  
[2023-155](#)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney and Vice President Nye

16. [ORD.](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Lease between the City of Richmond and Ritchie Richmond, LLC, for the purpose of leasing the property located at 1904 North Hamilton Street for the use of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services for certain operations and storage. (2nd District)  
[2023-156](#)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

18. [ORD.](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 86-81-83, adopted Apr. 28, 1986, and last amended by Ord. No. 2000-289-271, adopted Sept. 11, 2000, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1200-1206 East Cary for the purpose of a hotel containing up to 57 rooms and other uses permitted in the B-5 Central Business District and additional  
[2023-158](#)

signs, to modify the parking requirements, upon certain terms and conditions.

(5th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)

19. [ORD. 2023-159](#) To amend ch. 12, of the City Code by adding therein a new art. VI, consisting of §§ 12-266-12-277, for the purpose of establishing a tourism improvement district.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

20. [ORD. 2023-160](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the First District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the First District.

**Patrons:** Mr. Addison

21. [ORD. 2023-161](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Third District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Third District.

**Patrons:** Ms. Lambert

22. [ORD. 2023-162](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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:** Ms. Newbille

23. [ORD. 2023-163](#) To amend Ord. No. 2020-145, adopted Jul. 27, 2020, which authorized 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; accepted funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$8,224,401.00; and appropriated \$8,224,401.00 for various projects, to re-appropriate \$93,000.00 in HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds to the Affordable Housing Pilot Program.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

24. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-164](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Budget and Strategic Planning called the Virginia Union University Innovation Center Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Budget and Strategic Planning's Virginia Union University Innovation Center Special Fund by \$2,000,000.00, for the purpose of providing such funds to Virginia Union University for the development of an "Innovation Center."

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

25. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-165](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$11,000,000.00 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Planning and Development Review called the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Planning and Development Review's Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Special Fund by \$11,000,000.00, for the purpose of supporting the planning, development, and initial operations of a cultural space to be located at the Main Street Station train shed in the city of Richmond.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

26. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-166](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department



of Transportation to provide funding for Route 33 and Martin Luther King Bridge rehabilitation improvements.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

27. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-167](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for replacement of a culvert over Goodes Creek at Columbia Street and replacement of a bridge over Stony Run and Gillies Creek at East Richmond Road.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

28. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-168](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the replacement of a bridge over the Manchester Canal at Hull Street and replacement of a bridge over Gillies Creek at East Richmond Road.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

29. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-169](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for Hey Road improvements, by widening the road and constructing sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

30. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-170](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Resort Casino Host Community Agreement between the City of Richmond and RVA Entertainment Holdings, LLC, for the purpose of facilitating the development of a resort casino project in the city of Richmond.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney, Ms. Trammell, President Jones, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille and Vice President Nye

31. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-171](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Community Support Agreement among City of Richmond, Casino Owner, and Casino Manager between the

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City of Richmond, RVA Entertainment Holdings, LLC, and Richmond VA Management, LLC, for the purpose of facilitating the fulfillment of certain negotiated community benefits in connection with the development of a resort casino project in the city of Richmond.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney, Ms. Trammell, President Jones, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille and Vice President Nye

32. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-172](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Richmond Riverfront Performing Arts Venue Performance Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond, Richmond Amphitheater, LLC, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of developing and operating an amphitheater at 470 Tredegar Street. (6th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney and City Council

35. [RES.](#)  
[2023-R026](#) To adopt a tourism improvement district plan for the City of Richmond.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

36. [RES.](#)  
[2023-R027](#) To select RVA Entertainment Holdings, LLC, as the City's preferred casino gaming operator to operate a casino gaming establishment located at 2001 Walmsley Boulevard and 4700 Trenton Avenue and to provide for the requisite referendum thereon pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-4123. (8th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney, Ms. Trammell, President Jones, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille and Vice President Nye

37. [RES.](#)  
[2023-R028](#) To authorize the utilization of the construction management procurement method for the reconstruction of Fire Station No. 21 located on the property known as 2505 Richmond Highway. (8th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

**Public Hearing**

Rebecca Gwynn, Deputy Director for the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, spoke in opposition of proposed ORD. 2023-130. Ms. Gwynn stated her concern that the current legal language included in the ordinance went against current state law and requested City Council provide an opportunity to work in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources to design a new ordinance pertaining to exotic wildlife regulation.

Eden Elmore, Apprentice Falconer and member of the Virginia Falconer's Association, stated her opposition to proposed ORD. 2023-130. Ms. Elmore shared her experiences as a falconer, and stated her concern that the ordinance would impact the sporting tradition and the wildlife habitations that the sport provided.

Corey Basham, Master Falconer, spoke in opposition to proposed ORD. 2023-130. Mr. Basham stated his concern that the ordinance would negatively impact an import cultural tradition, and he requested Council amend the ordinance to exclude licensed falconers within the city limits.

Lewis Waskey, former board member of the American Federation of Aviculture, spoke in opposition of proposed ORD. 2023-130. Mr. Waskey shared his concern that language in the ordinance would negatively impact exotic bird owners, and he requested Council clarify language to include domestic avian breeds commonly accepted in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Abbitt Hoffman, Virginia State Coordinator for the American Federation of Aviculture and Vice President of the Central Virginia Bird Club, stated his opposition of proposed ORD. 2023-130. Mr. Hoffman shared his concern that the new legislation would negatively impact animal owners and business operators already in accordance with state and federal regulations.

Allan Chipman stated his opposition to proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Mr. Chipman also stated his concern that the adoption of the mentioned legislation would be undermining a decision that had previously been determined by a prior referendum. Mr. Chipman also questioned the long term consequences of the practice of rejecting public referendums, and the impact that could have on legislative decisions regarding social justice and racial equality issues.

Joseph Rogers, former employee at the American Civil War Museum, stated his opposition to proposed ORD. 2023-172. Mr. Rogers provided Council with information regarding the history of the site of the proposed amphitheater, and he shared his concern that the memorial markers that identified the historic site had been removed without permission. Mr. Rogers questioned whether the memorial and historic importance of the site would be respectfully maintained.

Alyssa Miller-Hurley, Pet Advocacy Network Senior Director of Government Affairs, spoke in opposition of proposed ORD. 2023-130. Ms. Miller-Hurley requested Council revise the language used in the ordinance to align with current state and federal regulations. Specifically, Ms. Miller-Hurley referred to the language pertaining to venomous reptiles and amphibians.

Gene Stevens, President of the Virginia Falconers' Association, stated his opposition to proposed ORD. 2023-130. Mr. Stevens expressed his concern of the impact of the ordinance on falconers living in the city, and he requested revision of the language in the ordinance to realign the law with state and federal guidelines already in place regarding falconry.

Charles Pool, representative of the Oregon Hill Home Improvement Council, spoke in opposition of proposed ORD. 2023-172. Mr. Pool stated his concerns regarding the project's impact on the nearby neighborhood and War Memorial, and he requested Council continue the ordinance in order to allow for more public input.

Debbie Rowe stated her opposition of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Ms. Rowe questioned the validity of Council's request for another public referendum, despite the results of the prior referendum on the issue in the year 2021. Ms. Rowe expressed her concerns regarding the long term impact of the action on other issues facing city residents.

Cathy Hughes, Founder and Chairperson of Urban One, Inc., stated her support for proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Ms. Hughes also stated her belief that the casino development would produce beneficial economic opportunities for the city.

Jason Sauer, Churchill Downs Senior Vice President, Corporate Development, stated his support for proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Mr. Sauer expressed his appreciation for the support of the City Council.

Dr. Allia L. Carter, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Virginia Union University, stated her support for proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Dr. Carter expressed her belief in the economic and recreational opportunities the casino development would provide city residents.

Jack Berry, Richmond Region Tourism President and CEO, stated his support for proposed ORD. 2023-159, ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Mr. Berry expressed his belief that the casino development would increase tourism to the city and economically benefit the local area.

Bryan Jones, Hourigan President, Construction, stated his support for proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Mr. Jones stated his belief that the casino development would be economically beneficial to the city.

Molly Armus, The Humane Society of the United States Virginia State Director, stated her support for proposed ORD. 2023-130. Ms. Armus stated her belief that exotic animals contribute to public safety issues, and typically live within inhumane conditions.

Tabitha Treloar, Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Director of Communications, spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-130. Ms. Treloar stated her concern regarding the quality of living environments provided for exotic animals, and the safety of first responders.

Brian Anderson, ChamberRVA President and CEO, spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Mr. Anderson expressed his belief in the economic opportunities the casino development would provide city businesses and government.

Cynthia Hines spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Ms. Hines expressed her belief in the economic and entertainment opportunities the casino development would provide city residents.

Charles Skelly, Richmond Building Trades President and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Business Manager, spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Mr. Skelly expressed his belief in the economical opportunities the casino development would provide construction businesses and their workers.

Reverend Dr. Lester Frye spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Dr. Frye expressed his belief in the economic benefits the casino development would provide the city.

CJ Johnson, McGuire Civic Association Vice President, spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Ms. Johnson expressed her belief in the economic and entertainment opportunities the casino development would provide the city.

Sasha Williams spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Ms. Williams expressed her support for the jobs that would be created from the development of the casino.

Jerry Blow spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Mr. Blow expressed his desire to have access to entertainment and dining venues in South Richmond. Mr. Blow also stated his belief in the economic opportunities the casino development would offer the city.

Donald Bryant spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Mr. Bryant expressed his belief in the economical opportunities the casino development would provide the city.

Christine Gibson spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Ms. Gibson expressed her desire for access to larger entertainment venues in the city.

Cecil Miller spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Mr. Miller expressed his belief in the economic and entertainment opportunities the casino development would provide the city.

Philip Goodpasture, attorney representing the developers of the proposed Richmond Riverfront Performing Arts Venue Amphitheater, spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-172. Mr. Goodpasture expressed his gratitude for the collaboration between the city and project developers.

Preston Brown spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Mr. Brown expressed his belief for the need of another referendum and in the economic opportunities the casino development would provide the city.

Bennie Gates spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Mr. Gates expressed his belief in the economic and entertainment opportunities the casino development would provide the city.

Marie Morton-Hart spoke in favor of proposed ORD. 2023-170, ORD. 2023-171, and RES. 2023-R027. Ms. Morton-Hart expressed her desire for the gaming opportunities provided by the casino.

*A copy of the materials provided have been filed.*

*Councilor Katherine Jones requested a continuance of proposed ORD. 2023-130 in order to consider the recent information shared with Council.*

Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer, consented to a continuance of proposed ORD. 2023-130 in order to revise language in the ordinance to address concerns raised by the public.

**Councilor Katherine Jordan moved to continue ORD. 2023-130 to the June 26th, 2023 Formal Council meeting, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

*Councilor Stephanie Lynch expressed her desire to incorporate a memorial of the historical importance of the site proposed for the amphitheater outlined in proposed ORD. 2023-172. Councilor Lynch also expressed her appreciation for parties involved in the development.*

*Councilor Cynthia Newbille expressed her desire to preserve the historic nature of the site of the proposed amphitheater development.*

*Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert expressed her appreciation for public input concerning the consent agenda. Councilor Lambert stated her belief that the casino development would bring the city's residents together in beneficial ways and would provide economic benefits to the city.*

*Councilor Reva Trammell expressed her appreciation for the individuals that spoke in support of the proposed casino development. Councilor Trammell stated her belief in the economic and entertainment opportunities the casino development would provide the city.*

*Councilor Newbille expressed her support for development of the casino, and her belief in the economic and entertainment opportunities that would be available to the city.*

*Councilor Ellen Robertson expressed her gratitude for the public's comments on the agenda. Councilor Robertson stated her belief that the agenda contained many important pieces of legislation that would impact city residents in positive ways including the tax relief for senior citizens in proposed ORD. 2023-114 and park development in proposed ORD. 2023-149.*

*Vice President Kristen Nye expressed her support for preservation of the historic nature of the site of the amphitheater in proposed ORD. 2023-172. Vice President Nye called for public input on how the city could best develop and use the amphitheater facilities. Vice President Nye stated her support for proposed ORD. 2023-149. Vice President Nye requested to be added as a co-patron to proposed ORD. 2023-149 and proposed ORD. 2023-155. Vice President Nye also expressed her support for another referendum regarding the casino development outlined in proposed RES. 2023-R027.*

*President Michael Jones expressed his support for another referendum outlined in proposed RES. 2023-R027, and his belief in the economic benefits it would provide the city and the area surrounding the casino development.*

**There were no further comments or discussions and the Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted with the exception of RES. 2023-R027: Ayes 8, Addison Lambert, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, and Jones. Noes 1, Jordan.**

## The Regular Agenda

There were no Regular Agenda items.

## Motions

**Councilor Stephanie Lynch moved that the ordinance entitled:**

3. [ORD. 2023-090](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 708 China Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)

**be amended and continued to Monday, June 26, 2023, as follows:**

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After the word "dated", strike the date "February 17, 2022" and insert the date "May 16, 2023"

**The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Lynch, Newbille, Trammell, and Jones. Noes, none. Nye was away temporarily.**

**Councilor Katherine Jordan moved that the ordinance entitled:**

7. [ORD. 2023-121](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3207 Hermitage Road for the purpose of an office and contractor warehouse with outdoor storage, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 60-227-197, adopted Aug. 8, 1960, and Ord. No. 60-120-93, adopted May 9, 1960. (3rd District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)

**be amended and continued to Monday, June 26, 2023, as follows:**

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After the comma following the date "August 1, 2022", insert the word "and"

Page 3, Line 14

After the word "Office", strike the comma followed by the text "3701 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA 23230" and insert a hyphen followed by the text "Renovation & Addition"

Page 3, Line 15

After the word "dated", strike the date "August 25, 2022" and insert the date "May 15, 2023"

After the comma following the inserted date "May 15, 2023", strike the text "and the plans entitled 'Sherwood Medical Center, 3201 Hermitage - Road, Richmond, Virginia,' prepared by Budina & Freeman Architects, and dated June 20, 1960" and the following comma

Page 4, Line 15

At the beginning of the line, insert a subdivision letter "(g)" followed by the text "Warehouse delivery hours shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday", followed by a period

**The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 5, Addison, Jordan, Robertson, Newbille, and Jones. Noes, none. Nye, Lambert, Lynch, and Trammell were away temporarily.**

**Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the ordinance entitled:**

17. [ORD. 2023-157](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 301 West 6th Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 553 dwelling units, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)

**be amended and continued to Monday, June 26, 2023, as follows:**

Page 5, Line 2

After the comma following the text "short-term", strike the text "off-site" and insert the text "on-site"

Page 5, Line 4

At the beginning of the line, insert a subsection "(h)" followed by the text "Facilities for the relief of dogs shall be constructed on the portion of the Property shown and labeled as 'outdoor amenity space' on the Layout Plan, which is sheet C4 of the Plans", followed by a period

Page 5, Line 6

At the beginning of the line, insert a subsection "(i)" followed by the text "Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the Owner shall dedicate a pedestrian access easement to the public for the portion of the Property (i) shown and labeled as 'amenity outdoor space' on the Layout Plan, which is sheet C4 of the Plans, and (ii) over a portion of the pedestrian improvements connecting the amenity outdoor space and the public right-of-way at Perry Street", followed by a period



The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, and Jones. Noes, none. Lynch and Nye were away temporarily.

### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively, and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2023.202](#) May 22, 2023 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2023.207](#) May 22, 2023 Formal Meeting Minutes

### Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2023.221](#) June 12, 2023 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

39. [ORD. 2023-177](#) 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 The Liberation Church, Inc. for the purpose of implementing a voluntary gun buyback event in the city of Richmond.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

**This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(2).**

40. [ORD. 2023-178](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Second District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Second District.

**Patrons:** Ms. Jordan

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

41. [ORD. 2023-179](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to appropriate \$18,215,420.00 of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 estimated revenue to various City departments

and non-departmental agencies and to create certain new line items in the Non-departmental agency and appropriate a portion of such estimated revenue thereto.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney and Ms. Trammell

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

42. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-180](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept the second tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 from the United States Department of the Treasury; to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the General Fund Budget for certain agencies by \$8,000,000.00 of the \$10,000,000.00 of ARPA funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of funding the City's efforts to recover from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

43. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-181](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a PY 2023 / FY 2024 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 \$9,085,062.00; and to appropriate \$9,085,062.00 for various projects.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

44. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-182](#)

To amend Ord. No. 2019-188, adopted Jul. 22, 2019, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2020-094, adopted May 11, 2020, and Ord. No. 2021-268, adopted Oct. 11, 2021, and to amend Ord. No. 2020-164, adopted Aug. 10, 2020, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2020-191, adopted Sept. 28, 2020, Ord. No. 2021-089, adopted Apr. 26, 2021, Ord. No. 2021-184, adopted Jul. 26, 2021, Ord. No. 2021-268, adopted Oct. 11, 2021, and Ord. No. 2022-300, adopted Nov. 7, 2022,

which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to submit original and amended Fiscal Year 2020 Consolidated Annual Action Plans to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 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; accepted funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$15,027,206.00 and appropriated \$16,854,300.00 for various projects, to re-appropriate \$11,034.83 from recaptured ESG-CV funds, for the purpose of providing funds to Emergency Shelter, Inc., doing business as Home Again, for homeless men and family shelters.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

45. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-183](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Deed of Facilities Lease Agreement for Port of Richmond between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Port Authority for the leasing of the property located at 5000 Deepwater Terminal Road, known as the Port of Richmond. (8th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney and Ms. Jordan

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

46. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-184](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a License Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority for the purpose of permitting the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority access to the City-owned property located at 500 North 10th street to facilitate the demolition of the Public Safety Building. (6th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

47. [ORD.](#)  
[2023-185](#)

To approve the Work Plan and Budget for the fiscal year ending Jun. 30, 2024, for the provision of services in the Downtown Richmond Special Service and Assessment Districts.

**Patrons:** Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

48. [ORD. 2023-186](#) To amend City Code § 21-40, concerning joint and cooperative procurement, for the purpose of conforming the City's cooperative procurement law to the optional provisions of Va. Code § 2.2-4304.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

49. [ORD. 2023-187](#) To designate the 5100 block of Beddington Road in honor of the late Raymond H. Boone and Jean P. Boone. (8th District)

**Patrons:** Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

50. [RES. 2023-R030](#) To adopt, pursuant to City Code § 21-44, procedures for utilizing construction management or design-build contracts.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

**City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:**

51. [ORD. 2023-188](#) To amend ch. 2, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 21, consisting of §§ 2-1202.6-2-1202.8, for the purpose of establishing a Public Utilities and Services Commission.

**Patrons:** Mr. Addison and Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

52. [ORD. 2023-189](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1203 North 19th 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 Monday, July 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

53. [ORD. 2023-190](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 200 West Marshall Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building, in which any of the principal and accessory uses set forth in City Code § 30-440.1, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses in the B-4 Central Business District, shall be permitted, except that the uses specified in subsections (2), (4), and (26) thereof shall not be permitted, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**

54. [ORD. 2023-191](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2615 Q 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 Monday, July 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**

55. [RES. 2023-R031](#) To approve the City of Richmond Plan of Services under the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

**This resolution was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**

### Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

*Councilor Andreas Addison left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.*

### Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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