



# City of Richmond

## Formal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219  
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Monday, April 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

### Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President  
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President  
The Honorable Andreas Addison  
The Honorable Parker Agelasto  
The Honorable Kim Gray  
The Honorable Michael Jones  
The Honorable Kristen Larson  
The Honorable Ellen Robertson  
The Honorable Reva Trammell

President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and presided.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Rosalind Hall, New Life Deliverance Tabernacle, 7701 Ardendale Road, Richmond, VA.

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

### **CHAMBER EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES**

Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren 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.

### **APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

President Cynthia Newbille, on behalf of Richmond City Council, re-proclaimed the month of May as Richmond Older Residents Month.

Vice President Chris Hilbert, on behalf of Richmond City Council, recognized the Unity Ride for Sickle Cell event and its organizers for increasing public awareness of sickle cell disease.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

**Frank Wilson, Oak Grove Civic Association member**, addressed Council with concerns regarding the vacant Oak Grove school building and its fiscal impact.

**Robert Call, Drugs Education Obesity Nutrition (D.E.O.N.) Intervention, Inc., chief executive officer**, presented Councilwoman Reva Trammell with a plaque for her work in the Blackwell Community and assistance with afterschool services provided by D.E.O.N. Intervention.

**Elizabeth Barrett** addressed Council with concerns regarding six mature established oak trees and two newly planted trees that are currently marked for removal for sewer repair. Ms. Barrett informed Council that she has had difficulty contacting city administration regarding keeping the aforementioned trees.

*Vice President Chris Hilbert advised Ms. Barrett that alternatives were explored in efforts to save the trees, but that it was cost prohibitive to move the sewer lines.*

## **AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS**

**Councilor Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:**

ORD. 2017-242

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, which approved the "Shops at Stratford Hills Community Unit Plan," for the purpose of [~~increasing the area subject to the community unit plan by 3.4 acres to 67.9± acres and~~] modifying the development standards, under certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

**To be continued to Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

ORD. 2018-254

To amend Ord. No. 2018-057, adopted May 14, 2018, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the Office of Community Wealth Building's Workforce Development program and re-appropriating these transferred funds to a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency called the "Owens & Minor Medical, Inc. On the Job Training Grant through the EDA" line item for the purpose of making a grant to Owens & Minor Medical, Inc., to subsidize certain job training activities by Owens & Minor Medical, Inc.

**To be continued to Monday, June 24, 2019**

ORD. 2019-018

To rezone the property known as 1206 Dinwiddie Avenue from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District.

**To be continued to Monday, July 22, 2019**

ORD. 2018-236

To amend ch. 26, art. V, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein new sections 26-370-26-374, concerning a real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling, for the purpose of establishing a new real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling.

**To be continued to Monday, June 24, 2019**

RES. 2018-R092

To declare a public necessity to amend the City's zoning ordinance and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to require that certificates of zoning compliance and letters of zoning confirmation be reviewed by the City Attorney prior to issuance.

**To be continued to Monday, June 10, 2019**

RES. 2018-R103

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Planning and Development Review to develop a process for preparing school impact statements for new developments in the city of Richmond. (As Amended)

**To be continued to Monday, May 13, 2019**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

ORD. 2019-085

To amend ch. 30, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new section 30-101, concerning the duties of the Department of Planning and Development Review with regard to the mailing of notices, and to amend City Code §§ 30-456.6, 30-1045.4, 30-1050.3, 30-1050.4, 30-1120, and 30-1130, concerning actions, notices, and public hearings by the City Council and the City Planning Commission, for the purpose of making the Department of Planning and Development Review, instead of the Office of the City Clerk, responsible for mailing all notices of public hearings required by ch. 30 of the City Code and general law.

ORD. 2019-086

To close, to public use and travel, an alley in the block bounded by T Street, North 26th Street, Nine Mile Road, and North 27th Street consisting of 3,034± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-087

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 84-309-31, adopted Feb. 25, 1985, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2001-310-283, adopted Oct. 8, 2001, which authorized a special use of the property known as 5612 Grove Avenue for the purpose of non-medical office use, to authorize personal services and modify parking requirements, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-088

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2202 West Cary Street, 2206 West Cary Street, 2208 West Cary Street, and 10 South Shields Avenue for the purpose of up to 17 single-family attached dwellings and two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-089

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 5400 Hull Street Road, 5336 Hull Street Road, and 5348 Hull Street Road for the purpose of self-storage facilities and multifamily dwellings containing up to 245 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-090

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 certain traffic signal upgrades and pedestrian safety enhancements at the intersection of U. S. Route 360 and Virginia State Route 161.

ORD. 2019-091

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 enhanced pedestrian safety improvements along U. S. Routes 1, 60, 250, and 360, and Virginia State Routes 10, 33, 147, 150, and 161, including the installation of ramps, push button controllers, and countdown indicators at signalized intersections.

ORD. 2019-092

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 pedestal pole traffic signals with overhead mast arm traffic signals at certain intersections to improve traffic signal visibility.

ORD. 2019-093

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 pedestrian safety enhancements in the area of Mary Munford Elementary School, including installation of school flasher assemblies along Grove Avenue and Cary Street Road and a stamped asphalt crosswalk on Grove Avenue at its intersection with Commonwealth Avenue.

ORD. 2019-094

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 traffic calming and pedestrian safety enhancements in area of Oak Grove Elementary School, including installation of a traffic circle, speed tables, wider sidewalks, and ramp and conversion of a two-way street to a one-way street.

ORD. 2019-095

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 pedestrian safety enhancements at major arterial intersections including the installation of high intensity activated crosswalk beacons, crosswalks, markings, and ramps along certain federal and state routes.

ORD. 2019-096

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 certain roadway conversions to incorporate bicycle lanes and other safety enhancements for the purpose of improving bicycle and pedestrian safety.

ORD. 2019-097

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 systemic pedestrian safety analysis at stop controlled intersections and for the installation of ramps, crosswalks, markings, and signs as countermeasures to identified pedestrian risk factors.

ORD. 2019-098

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 evaluation of 475 signalized intersections and systemic sight distance improvements at traffic signals to improve highway safety.

ORD. 2019-099

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 installation of new traffic control signals as replacements for stop signs at the intersections of Cary Street Road and Libbie Avenue, Cumberland Street and South Laurel Street, Grove Avenue and Maple Avenue, and Warwick Road and Clarkson Road.

ORD. 2019-100

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Certificate of Completion for the benefit of Church Hill North Phase 1B LLC and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority at such time as the Chief Administrative Officer has determined that a certain deed condition requiring the construction and development of certain parcels of land as an affordable housing development has been fulfilled and completed.

ORD. 2019-101

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Low Line Green Right-of-Entry Agreement between the City of Richmond and Capital Trees for the purpose of allowing Capital Trees access to certain City-owned real estate along Dock Street to make and maintain landscaping improvements thereto.

ORD. 2019-102

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment Agreement to an existing Land License Agreement between the City of Richmond and CSX Transportation, Inc. for the purpose of including an additional parcel and revising certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2019-103

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of services and materials in the form of landscaping improvements and future maintenance thereof on City-owned real estate identified as The Low Line park along Dock Street valued at approximately \$740,000.00 from Capital Trees.

ORD. 2019-104

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of 0.088± acres of real property at or in the immediate vicinity of 390 South 11th Street for the public purpose of extending the Canal Walk between South 11th Street and South 10th Street to provide pedestrian access to South 10th Street.

ORD. 2019-105

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Eleventh Amendment to Management Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the purpose of extending until June 30, 2019, the Management Agreement for Main Street Station.

ORD. 2019-106

To amend Ord. No. 2018-057, adopted May 14, 2018, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by increasing anticipated revenues from personal property taxes and the amount appropriated to the Office of Animal Care and Control's Animal Control program by \$180,000.00 for the purpose of funding costs for mandated services for animal cruelty cases including forensic testing, veterinary surgeries, and other operational expenses.

RES. 2019-R015

To approve the Mayor's appointment of Aubrey Woolworth Fountain, III, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a term commencing on the adoption of this resolution and expiring four years thereafter, succeeding Dr. Rodney D. Waller.

**Support**

**Keith Whipple, Capital Trees Board of Trustees member**, spoke in support of **ORD. 2019-101, ORD. 2019-102, ORD. 2019-103** and the proposed Capital Improvement budget.

*Councilor Parker Agelasto stated that he will not vote in support of **ORD. 2019-105**, informing Council that the operations and management agreement between the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (RMTA) and the city for Main Street Station, expired December 31, 2018, and that RMTA has been operating without a license since the expiration date.*

Councilor Kim Gray advised that she is voting against **ORD. 2019-105** in agreement with Councilor Agelasto's sentiments.

Vice President Chris Hilbert informed Council of his conflict of interest (COI) in reference to **ORD. 2019-100** and stated that his employer, the Virginia Housing Development Authority, is a financier of the associated property.

There were no further comments or discussions and **the Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted with the exception of ORD. 2019-100 and ORD. 2019-105, which were also adopted.**  
**ORD. 2019-100:** Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Abstentions 1, Hilbert (COI). **ORD. 2019-105:** Ayes 5, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Addison, Newbille. Noes 4, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell, Hilbert.

President Cynthia Newbille announced that William Johnson was located within another portion of City Hall during the citizen comment period, and requested that he have the opportunity to speak.

**William Johnson** addressed Council concerning **ORD. 97-245-257** and provided a request for re-evaluation as well as solutions for issues resulting from the ordinance.

*A copy of the information provided has been filed.*

Vice President Hilbert thanked Mr. Johnson for his comment and requested a formal review through the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer for possible violations of the special use permit.

## REGULAR AGENDA

There were no regular agenda items for consideration.

## BUDGET RELATED PAPERS

**The following ordinances were considered:**

### ORD. 2019-041

To adopt the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget.

### ORD. 2019-042

To adopt the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds for the said fiscal year.

### ORD. 2019-043

To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2019, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2019; and to determine the means of financing the same.

### ORD. 2019-044

To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

### ORD. 2019-045

To adopt the Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated expenditures from the Debt Service Fund for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2019-046

To adopt the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Internal Service funds for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2019-047

To adopt the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Richmond Cemeteries Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Richmond Cemeteries for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of the facilities.

ORD. 2019-048

To adopt the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, 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.

ORD. 2019-049

To adopt the Electric Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020; 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.

ORD. 2019-050

To adopt the Gas Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020; 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.

ORD. 2019-051

To adopt the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Funds for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2019-052

To adopt the Stormwater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020; 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.

ORD. 2019-053

To adopt the Wastewater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020; 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.

ORD. 2019-054

To adopt the Water Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020; 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.

ORD. 2019-055

To amend section II of the Pay Plan adopted by Ord. No. 2018-319 on Jan. 14, 2019, to provide a 3% pay increase for classified and unclassified permanent City employees who are not in the step based pay system for police and fire employees.

ORD. 2019-056

To amend sections III(B)(4)(b), III(B)(11), III(B)(12), and III(B)(25)(e) of the Pay Plan adopted by Ord. No. 2018-319 on Jan. 14, 2019, to (i) suspend the police and fire career development program until Jun. 30, 2020, (ii) provide the Commonwealth Attorney's Office with \$828,229 for salary supplements and \$194,229 for Virginia Retirement System contributions and the Commonwealth Attorney with a \$49,586 salary supplement and a \$10,006 Virginia Retirement System contribution, (iii) provide the Sheriff's Office with \$1,685,683 for salary supplements and the Sheriff with a \$27,154 supplement, and (iv) to suspend the education incentive for police and fire program until Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2019-057

To amend section III(B)(40) of the Pay Plan adopted by Ord. No. 2018-319 on Jan. 14, 2019, to modify the step-based pay system for sworn firefighters and police officers from a 14-step system to an 18-step system.

ORD. 2019-058

To amend and reordain City Code § 26-355, concerning the levy of tax on real estate, to increase the real estate tax rate from \$1.20 to \$1.29 for every \$100 of assessed value of real estate for the tax year beginning Jan. 1, 2020.

ORD. 2019-059

To amend ch. 26 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. XVIII, consisting of sections numbered 26-1277 through 26-1287, concerning the levy of a cigarette tax, for the purpose of imposing a new tax on the sale of cigarettes.

ORD. 2019-060

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for § 2-729(c), concerning fees applicable to subscribers who use the City's emergency communications systems and for whom the Department installs, maintains, or repairs equipment in vehicles, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2019-061

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 7-6(a) and (c) (concerning cemetery fees) and 7-92 (concerning fees for care of burial spaces and lots) to increase the charges for internments, disinternments, reinternments, and entombments.

ORD. 2019-062

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for City Code §§ 7-122 for the scattering gardens, and 7-132, for the purchase of memorial site for cremation bench, to establish revised charges therefor.

ORD. 2019-063

To amend and reordain City Code § 8-274, concerning the issuance of permits and conditions for concessions in public parks and playgrounds of the City, and the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for § 8-274(a)(2), for the purpose of providing for permit fees for the issuance of permits for concessions in public parks and playgrounds of the City.

ORD. 2019-064

To amend the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 12-120(a)(4), 12-120(a)(5), 12-120(a)(6), 12-120(a)(7), 12-120(a)(9), 12-120(a)(15), 12-120(a)(16), 12-120(a)(17), 12-120(a)(21), and 12-120(a)(22), concerning rates and discounts for parking facilities operated by the City.

ORD. 2019-065

To amend City Code § 27-219, concerning fines for parking violations, for the purpose of adjusting the fines for certain violations.



ORD. 2019-066

To amend City Code § 14-152, concerning permits and fees for erosion and sediment control; and to amend and reordain Appendix A of the City Code by adding therein a new fee for § 14-152(c).

ORD. 2019-067

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 24-365 (concerning fees for installing gaslights) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2019, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2019-068

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 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), 28-195(f) and 28-196(f) (concerning fees for transportation service), 28-198(2) (concerning fees for municipal gas 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) (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 2019, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2019-069

To amend the fees set forth in Appendix A of 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, 2019, to establish revised charges for the stormwater utility's services.

ORD. 2019-070

To amend and reordain certain fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-650 (concerning fees for residential wastewater service), 28-651 (concerning fees for commercial wastewater service), 28-652 (concerning fees for industrial wastewater service), 28-653 (concerning fees for state and federal wastewater service), 28-654 (concerning fees for municipal wastewater service) and 28-799 (concerning fees for discharge of hauled materials into designated septage receiving stations by contractors) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2019, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2019-071

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 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, 2019, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2019-072

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 23-42 (concerning fees for solid waste) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2019, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2019-073

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$48,365,559 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.

#### ORD. 2019-074

To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$87,191,049 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.

#### ORD. 2019-075

To authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$5,291,067 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.

#### **Public Hearing Speakers**

*President Cynthia Newbille advised that the time allotted per speaker for the budget public hearing would be reduced from three minutes to one minute.*

**Heather Holub, Merrymaker Fine Paper store owner and Carytown Merchants Association board member**, thanked Council for the funds allocated for the beautification of Carytown.

**Butler Peterson, Department of Culture Climate and Student Services attendance officer**, requested Council to retain the attendance officer positions that had been proposed to be dissolved.

*A copy of the information provided has been filed.*

**Kimberly Gomez** spoke in support of restoring the real estate tax to pre-recession levels.

**Marilyn Olds, Richmond Tenants Organization member**, spoke in support of the mayor's budget proposal for transit improvements and funding Richmond Public Schools (RPS).

**Doug Allen** spoke in support of funding additional transit services and multi-modal access within the city.

**Martin Wegbreit, Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities (R.I.S.C.) member**, spoke in support of funding for the eviction diversion program and the affordable housing trust fund.

**Steven Saltzberg, R.I.S.C. member**, spoke in support of funding for the eviction diversion program and the affordable housing trust fund.

**Danny Gomez** spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding RPS.

**Mary Gresham, RPS teacher**, spoke in support of funding RPS so that RPS employees will not have to use personal funds for student supplies.

**Kalima Smith, Women of Kolor Empowered for RPS (W.O.K.E. for RPS) member**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and fully funding RPS.

**Carmen Terrell** spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding RPS.

**Angela Dews, Armstrong High School teacher and Richmond Education Association former president**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding RPS.

**Inett Dabney, Martin Luther King (MLK) Middle School principal**, read a poem highlighting the difficulties faced by students at MLK Middle School and spoke in support of funding RPS.

**Tashiana Ivy, MLK Middle School assistant principal**, read a poem highlighting the difficulties faced by students at MLK Middle School and spoke in support of funding RPS.

**Ann Carr Beyersdorff, Matthew's Place and R.I.S.C. member**, spoke in support of the eviction diversion program and highlighted her experience working with low income and homeless families.

**Linda Owen, Richmond School Board 9th District representative**, spoke in favor of the mayor's proposed budget, funding RPS and improved conditions within the schools.

**William Pantele, Richmond Coalition of Police (RCOP) consultant**, spoke in support for the mayor's proposed budget, step increases and starting salary increases for police officers and first responders.

**Brad Nixon, RCOP president and Richmond Police Department sergeant**, spoke in support for the mayor's proposed budget, step increases and starting salary increases for police officers.

**Keith Andes, Richmond Professional Firefighters Association president**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and pay increases for firefighters.

**Joe Cacciotti** spoke in opposition of the mayor's proposed budget and expressed frustration with departmental spending.

*A copy of the information provided has been filed.*

**Aubrey Jones, R.I.S.C. member**, spoke in support of the eviction diversion program and listed statistics for evictions within the city and their impact.

**Lux Aghomo, RPS student**, spoke on behalf of her younger siblings in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding RPS.

**Justin Doyle, James River Association community conservation manager**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget, funding for stormwater facilities, the wastewater treatment plant, the combined sewer system and other projects to improve the James River.

**Rebecca Richardson** spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding RPS.

**Theresa Kennedy** spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding investments in transportation, housing equality and RPS.

**Kristen Gorin, R.I.S.C. member**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget, funding for the eviction diversion program and the affordable housing trust fund.

*A copy of the information provided has been filed.*

**April Brown, W.O.K.E. for RPS member**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding for RPS.

**Colleen Earp, Presbytery of the James and Camp Hanover director of youth, environment and service ministries**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding for a clean and accessible James River.

**Dorothy Hollahan, R.I.S.C. member**, spoke in support of funding the eviction diversion program and the affordable housing trust fund.

**Diane Estep** addressed Council with information highlighting the impact of evictions on children and families in the city.

**Cheryl Burke, RPS former principal and Richmond School Board 7<sup>th</sup> District representative**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding RPS.

**Donna Logwood, R.I.S.C. member**, spoke in support of the eviction diversion program and the affordable housing trust fund. Ms. Logwood invited Council to attend the Nehemiah Action Assembly on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 6:15 p.m.

**Karen Imes** spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and the funding allocated for the Office of Community Wealth Building (OCWB).

**Reagan Scott, Phillip Morris USA employee representative**, spoke in opposition of the proposed cigarette tax increase, expressed concern for the potential loss of business, and emphasized contributions made by Phillip Morris to the city.

**Kelly Hart, 7-Eleven store owner**, spoke in opposition of the cigarette tax increase and expressed concern for the potential loss of business.

**Jenny Aghomo, RPS advocate**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and requested collaborative efforts city-wide to fund RPS.

**Vinkal Talati, Quick N Easy store owner**, spoke in opposition of the proposed cigarette tax increase.

**Michael Welsh, Fas Mart senior vice president of operations**, spoke in opposition of the proposed cigarette tax increase and voiced that three to four stores could potentially close.

**Michael Jones, Jr., Altria employee**, spoke in opposition of the proposed cigarette tax increase and shared his experience volunteering with coworkers to revitalize Boushall Middle and other RPS schools.

**Wilson Friend, Altria employee**, spoke in opposition of the cigarette tax increase on behalf of 3,700 of his colleagues. Mr. Friend listed several reasons as to why the cigarette tax increase would not work in the long term.

**David Peck, Chimborazo Elementary School principal**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding RPS.

**Elaine Summerfield** spoke in support of fully funding RPS and requested Council to maintain a lens of equity whilst deliberating the budget.

**Edmund Merriman, E.S.H. Green Elementary School volunteer and R.I.S.C. member**, spoke in support of the eviction diversion program and recounted his experience volunteering with students most impacted by evictions in the city.

**My Lan Tran, Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce executive director**, spoke in opposition of the proposed cigarette tax increase, and informed Council of research highlighting the potential negative impacts of the tax.

**Gene Winter, Economic Development and Greater Richmond Partnership former senior vice president**, spoke in opposition of the proposed real estate tax increase and emphasized potential negative impacts it would have on the city.

**Nicholas Valdrighi, Richmond Audit Committee former chairman**, spoke in opposition of the proposed real estate tax increase.

**Vicki Wilson** spoke in opposition of the proposed real estate tax increase and requested improved accountability and leadership throughout budget deliberations.

**Barbara Brown** spoke in support of funding RPS and in opposition of the proposed real estate tax increase.

**Ezaddin Alasad, Yemeni American Merchants Association**, spoke in support of funding RPS and in opposition of the proposed cigarette tax increase.

**Brian Fojtik, National Association of Tobacco Outlets representative**, spoke in opposition of the proposed cigarette tax increase and listed several potential negative impacts of the increase.

**Bennie Gates** spoke in opposition of the proposed real estate tax increase, tax abatement program and in support of the previously approved meals tax to fund RPS.

**Norman Allen** spoke in support of the proposed funding allocation to the OCWB.

**Louise Lockett Gordon, Bike Walk RVA director**, spoke in support of the bike master plan and budget investments in safer streets and sidewalks.

**Dominic Barrett** spoke in support of the proposed real estate tax increase, and brought attention to perceived differences in willingness to support it within affluent districts versus districts with high poverty rates.

**Anson Bell** spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget, funding for the OCWB and listed several services provided by the office to assist residents with employment.

**Marty Jewell** voiced support for fully funding RPS, recommended decreasing the budget by four percent and expressed frustration with a perceived lack of financial accountability.

**Ben Campbell**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget, funding city departments and RPS.

**Robin Gahan, American Heart Association vice president of health strategies**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget to fund RPS, increased bike and pedestrian lanes and the proposed cigarette tax increase.

**Jeff Smith, Virginia Wholesalers and Distributors Association executive vice president**, spoke in opposition of the cigarette tax increase, and suggested a three percent discount to stamping agents.

**Alyse Marshall-Auernheimer, Building a Better RPS co-founder**, spoke in support of funding RPS, cutting government spending and in opposition of the mayor's proposed budget.

**Kirsten Gray** spoke in opposition of the mayor's proposed budget and expressed frustration that the poor and working class will be burdened by the proposed real estate tax increase and increased utility rates.

**Scott Arnett, Building a Better RPS co-founder**, spoke in support of RPS, in opposition of the mayor's proposed budget and the division he believes has occurred as a result.

**Adria Scharf, Richmond Peace Education Center executive director**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget, specifically the proposed real estate tax increase and funding RPS.

**Thad Williamson, Ph.D., OCWB former director**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget, and spoke in opposition of across the board departmental budget cuts.

**Leon Benjamin, New Life Harvest Church pastor and Richmond Republican Committee chair**, spoke in support of funding RPS and in opposition of the mayor's proposed tax increases.

**Barbara Haas, Thomas C. Boushall Middle School librarian**, spoke in support of the Mayor's proposed budget, funding RPS and emphasized the services that RPS staff provide to students.

*A copy of the information provided has been filed.*

**Lynne Fetter, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) graduate student and advocate**, spoke in support of increased funding for public transportation routes and access to residents.

**Scott Trammell, Phillip Morris USA representative and 8th District business owner**, spoke in support of RPS and in opposition of the proposed cigarette tax increase.

**Matthew McDonald, The Broadberry co-owner**, spoke in opposition of the proposed admissions tax increase and advised that booking artists could become increasingly difficult.

**Lucas Fritz, The Broadberry and The Camel co-owner**, spoke in opposition of the proposed admissions tax increase and stressed that it would be the highest in the country with potential negative impacts to the city, artists and venues.

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**Jessica Gordon, TheTriggerSystem, LLC., owner**, spoke in opposition of the proposed admissions tax increase and emphasized the potential negative impact on booking large shows, local businesses and artists.

*A copy of the information provided has been filed.*

**Matt Hansen, The Camel co-owner**, spoke in opposition of the proposed admissions tax increase, and the potential negative impact it could have on artists and businesses.

**Mark Lugo, The National Theater general manager**, spoke in opposition of the proposed admissions tax increase and the potential negative impact on gross revenues.

**Dillard Watt, No BS Brass member**, spoke in opposition of the proposed admissions tax increase, explained the process by which artists are paid and expressed the potential negative impact to local artists and businesses.

**Dolly Vogt, SMG Management representative**, spoke in opposition of the proposed admissions tax increase and expressed that if passed, event promoters plan to book in other locations.

**Jose Fox** spoke in opposition of the proposed admissions tax increase and expressed frustration at potentially cancelling shows as a result.

**Shelley Deitz** spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding for every RPS school.

**Brian King** spoke in opposition of the real estate tax increase and expressed disappointment with several city projects.

**Elizabeth Waite, Armstrong High School teacher**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding RPS; she also detailed efforts made towards spending accountability by RPS.

**Dean Goodson, Home Builders Association of Richmond representative**, spoke in support of investing in the Permits and Inspections Bureau within the Department of Planning and Development Review.

**Jessica Ortiz** spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget, funding the OCWB and RPS.

**Keri Treadway** spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding RPS. She also stated statistics on the amount of funding per student in high poverty school divisions.

**Sarah Peterson, Binford Middle School teacher**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding RPS.

**Betsey Milburn** spoke in support of fully funding RPS and in opposition of the mayor's proposed budget.

**Andy Brower, Broad Rock Elementary teacher**, spoke in support of fully funding RPS.

**Daniela Jacobs, William Fox Elementary School principal**, spoke in support of funding RPS.

**David Jones, TH-Jaw Foundation president**, spoke in support of funding RPS.

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**Adam Hayes, Local 203 T Union committee member**, spoke in opposition of the proposed cigarette tax increase.

**Charles Johnson, James River Association environmental educator**, spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget, specifically projects to enhance water quality.

**Liz Doerr, RPS School Board 1st District representative**, spoke in support of funding RPS and highlighted steps RPS has taken to balance their budget efficiently.

**Dawn Page, RPS School Board 8th District representative and chair**, spoke in support of funding RPS and expressed disappointment with past and present budget decisions regarding RPS.

**Jason Kamras, RPS superintendent,** spoke in support of funding RPS and expressed frustration with the current budget and missed opportunities for students.

**John Mosier** spoke in opposition of the proposed real estate tax increase, and suggested that the 60 acres located along Arthur Ashe Boulevard is an opportunity for revenue.

**Chris Banks** spoke in support of the proposed real estate tax increase and funding RPS.

**Brenda McCall** spoke in support of funding RPS and expressed concern about accountability and transparency.

**Bill Gallasch** spoke in opposition of the proposed real estate tax increase and in support of RPS being funded by other means.

**Mariah White** spoke in support of funding RPS, in opposition of the proposed real estate tax increase and expressed concern about accountability and transparency.

**Frances Scott** spoke in support of funding RPS and expressed frustration that a brewery is being constructed next to Westover Hills Elementary School.

**Jill Vansyse** spoke in opposition of the proposed tax increases.

**Katherine Jerdan** spoke in support of the mayor's proposed budget and funding RPS with the proposed real estate tax increase.

**Dimple Kansagara** spoke in opposition of the proposed cigarette tax increase and stated how the increase would negatively impact businesses within the city.

**Analisa Grant** spoke in support of funding RPS and in opposition of the proposed admissions tax increase. Ms. Grant stated that live music within the city would be greatly reduced by the proposed tax increase.

*Councilor Kim Gray voiced frustration with school officials for utilizing the parent link program to inform parents of the Richmond City Council budget public hearing, the state of the RPS budget, and to wear red when attending. Councilor Gray advised that the parent link was intended to be utilized for emergencies, and that the message she received was not related to an emergency.*

*Councilor Agelasto thanked the citizens who shared their opinions with Council, and advised the public that Council hopes to reach a consensus by the following Monday.*

*President Cynthia Newbille thanked citizens for attending the budget public hearing and voicing their opinions.*

**Councilor Michael Jones moved that all budget-related papers be continued to the Monday, April 29, 2019 special meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

## MOTIONS

There were no motions for consideration.

*Councilwoman Reva Trammell requested Superintendent Jason Kamras to provide her with information regarding the cost of the parent link message sent to Councilor Kim Gray and RPS parents.*



## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Michael Jones moved to approve the following Richmond City Council meeting minutes:** Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., respectively.

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

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.:**

### ORD. 2019-114

To amend Ord. No. 2018-057, adopted May 14, 2018, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring and re-appropriating \$1,175,000.00 from the Richmond Sheriff's Office Sheriff-Jail Operations program to the Richmond Sheriff's Office Sheriff-Jail Administration & Human Services program for the purpose of funding projected personnel costs.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney*

**This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).**

### ORD. 2019-115

To amend ch. 2, art. III of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-58, concerning restrictions on activities of former officers and employees, for the purpose of reflecting amendments to state law.

*Patrons: Mr. Agelasto, Ms. Larson and Ms. Gray*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.**

### ORD. 2019-116

To make grants from the Love Your Block Grant special fund to Boaz and Ruth, Inc., Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond, Enrichmond Foundation, Saving Our Youth, Virginia, and The Salvation Army.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.**

### ORD. 2019-117

To close, to public use and travel, a portion of West Marshall Street located between the west line of Hermitage Road and the eastern boundary of the property known as 2220 West Broad Street consisting of 41,468± square feet, but retaining portions as utility easements and access easements, upon certain terms and conditions, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the dedication of a public access easement, consisting of 60,011± square feet, over certain parcels adjacent to the closed portion of West Marshall Street, in connection with vehicular and pedestrian access to a proposed mixed-use development in the area.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**

**City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.:**

ORD. 2019-118

To amend City Code ch. 2, art. IV, div. 1 by adding therein a new § 2-239, concerning value engineering, for the purpose of requiring value engineering for projects costing more than \$5,000,000.00.

*Patron: Ms. Gray*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.**

ORD. 2019-119

To amend Ord. No. 2018-297, adopted Dec. 17, 2018, which created the Navy Hill Development Advisory Commission and announced the Council's intent to hold public hearings, all for the purpose of providing for the Council's consideration of a development proposal in the area generally bounded on the west by N. 5th St., on the north by E. Leigh St., on the east by N. 10th St., and on the south by E. Marshall St, to provide that the Commission shall furnish the Council with a final report no later than 90 calendar days following the date of introduction of the relevant ordinances instead of 90 calendar days following the date on which a majority of the Commission's members are appointed.

*Patron: Ms. Gray*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.**

ORD. 2019-120

To authorize a Highland Grove Preliminary Community Unit Plan permitting the development of a residential community of up to 155 dwelling units on approximately 40 acres of land located at 2651 Richmond Henrico Turnpike, 2641 Richmond Henrico Turnpike, 500 Dove Street, 509 Dove Street, and 2300 1st Avenue, upon certain terms and conditions.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2019-121

To authorize the special use of the property known as 20 North Belmont Avenue for the purpose of up to two dwelling units as well as the principal and accessory uses permitted in the B-1 Neighborhood Business District, upon certain terms and conditions.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2019-122

To authorize the special use of the property known as 804 North 22nd Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to four dwelling units and a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**

## **REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities were provided by the following council members: Councilors Jones, Larson, Robertson, Addison, Councilwoman Trammell, Gray, Agelasto, Vice President Hilbert and President Newbille.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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