



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, January 8, 2018

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, January 8, 2018, in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

Councilmembers Present

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

Staff Present

Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, Interim City Clerk

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Interim Deputy City Clerk Lisa Braxton provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

Richmond Retirement System Update

Leo Griffin, Richmond Retirement System executive director, provided Council with an update of the city's retirement system which included information on the three retirement plans, membership composition, funded status and future recommendations. Bill Reid, Sageview Advisory Group principal, was also available to answer questions regarding the financial performance of the retirement system. A copy of the presentation has been filed.

Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 4:10 p.m. and was seated.

Councilwomen Reva Trammell and Kim Gray arrived at 4:18 p.m. and were seated.

Docket Review

Interim Deputy City Clerk Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2017-196 – to be continued to Monday, January 22, 2018
2. Ord. 2017-229 – retained on the Consent Agenda

3. Ord. 2017-232 – moved to the Regular Agenda; proposed amendment to be considered
4. Ord. 2017-234 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2017-235 – retained on the Consent Agenda

City Attorney Allen Jackson provided an introduction and answered questions regarding Ord. 2017-235.

Councilor Kristen Larson requested information regarding the financial impact to make the facility noted in proposed Ord. 2017-235 fully operational.

6. Ord. 2017-240 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2017-241 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2017-242 – to be continued to Monday, February 12, 2018
9. Ord. 2017-243 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2017-244 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2017-245 – moved to the Regular Agenda
12. Ord. 2017-246 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2017-247 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2017-248 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Res. 2017-R086 – to be continued to Monday, January 22, 2018
16. Res. 2017-R096 – to be continued to Monday, January 22, 2018

Regular Agenda:

17. Ord. 2016-140 – to be stricken

In light of the formation of the Education Compact, Vice President Cynthia Newbille suggested that Ord. 2016-140 be stricken, and conversation regarding the possible inclusion to dispose city revenue for funding the operation of public schools be a part of the Compact's discussion and/or recommendation.

Councilors Kim Gray and Kristen Larson both stated that they do not have enough information to consider Ord. 2016-140 at this time; they requested that Ord. 2016-140 be continued and a presentation be provided during the next Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting detailing all aspects of the proposed legislation.

Councilor Ellen Robertson agreed that Ord. 2016-140 should be stricken until the completion of the Education Compact and noted that the patron of the proposed legislation is no longer on Council.

Councilor Andreas Addison also recommended that Ord. 2016-140 be stricken awaiting recommendations from the Education Compact.

Councilor Kim Gray requested to be added as a co-patron of Ord. 2016-140.

After continued discussion regarding a possible continuance of the proposed legislation, it was the consensus of Council to strike Ord. 2016-140.

18. Ord. 2017-208 – to be continued to Monday, January 22, 2018
19. Ord. 2017-209 – to be amended and continued to Monday, January 22, 2018
20. Ord. 2017-221 – to be continued to Monday, January 22, 2018

There were no further comments or discussions concerning Consent and Regular Agenda items reviewed.

Bulk and Brush Study Update

Bobby Vincent, Public Works director, informed Council that the Public Works department is currently in the process of establishing a vendor for the bulk and brush study and seeking funds within the department's budget to cover the cost of the study.

Councilor Kim Gray expressed concerns with the enhanced bulk and brush collection program due to its discontinuation of upholstery removal service.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell requested that information regarding the city's leaf collection program be disseminated to 9th District residents.

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) Update

Carol Jones-Gilbert, RRHA chief operating officer, updated Council on recent heating issues within the Creighton Court Housing community and the authority's corrective measures as well as tenant relocation efforts.

Samuel Young, RRHA board commissioner, was also available to answer questions.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that he was appalled with the discussion surrounding the heating situation within the housing community and that RRHA should be held accountable. Mr. Jones requested the term limits of the authority's board of commissioners.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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