

**City of Richmond City Council
Organizational Development
Meeting**

Tuesday, September 8, 2020



Overview of Presentation

- Review and Update Virginia General Assembly Special Session Actions
- Review Council Member Submissions for the 2021 General Assembly Package

Special Session

- Budget - COVID-19
 - ✓ Governor's introduced budget for special session unallotted most items that passed the 2020 G.A. Exceptions: Housing Trust Fund; Eviction Diversion programs; broadband expansion; down payment on criminal justice reforms, among a few others
- No rules of the road, so do not know when it will end. House and Senate have completed committee hearings in chamber of origin, except for budget bills.

State Budget - CoR

- Because of projected decrease in sales tax revenues, RPS will see a \$1.9 million cut in state funding for FY21 and likely same in FY22
- \$ 1 million in FY 21 to CoR for reimbursement of expenses for the development of Slavery & Freedom Heritage Site, incl. Lumpkin's Pavilion & Slave Trail improvements
- Language regarding Bank Street/Capitol Square work.

Defining Bills

- Civilian Review Boards
- Marcus Alert/Mental Health Crisis Intervention
- Police Reforms (training requirements, de-escalation, decertification, use of force (banning chokeholds), qualified immunity, no-knock warrants)
- Eviction & Utility Repayment Plans (G. Hashmi, J. Cole & M. Locke hotels/evictions), Ebbin SB5088 passed Senate)

Differences in Approaches

- House and Senate taking different approaches on many issues (some examples):
 - Civilian Review Boards
 - Senate/Hashmi – Optional
 - House/Herring – Mandates all localities
 - Marcus Alert, Co-Response Teams
 - Senate/McPike
 - House/Bourne (Phased implementation - CoR one of 5 community care team areas/Richmond Behavioral Health Authority at 7/1/2021)

2021 Legislative Proposals Overview

- 45 proposals, currently in 8 categories
- Attached listing of items with Advantus notes.