



City of Richmond

Formal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
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Monday, March 9, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
 The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President (early departure)
 The Honorable Andreas Addison (early departure)
 The Honorable Kim Gray
 The Honorable Michael Jones
 The Honorable Kristen Larson
 The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
 The Honorable Ellen Robertson
 The Honorable Reva Trammell

President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m., and presided.

Invocation was offered by Pastor Benjamin Harris, Jr. of St. Stephen's Koinonia Church, 505 N. 33rd Street, Richmond, VA 23223.

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

Councilor Michael Jones moved that the following appointments be approved:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Terms</u>
Green City Commission (9 members)	Representative from the green building practices field*	William Riggs (6 th District Resident)	02/24/2020 - 10/25/2022 <i>Succeeding Stuart Nuckols</i>
Advisory Board for the Assessment of Towing Fees and the Storage of Vehicles (7 members)	Towing & Recovery Operator*	Charles Woodson, Jr. (8 th District Employment)	03/09/2020 – 03/09/2023 <i>Succeeding Charlie Woodson</i>
	Citizen Representative*	Mathew Appleget (3 rd District Resident)	03/09/2020 – 03/09/2023 <i>Succeeding Joshua Mathews-Ailsworth</i>

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None. Gray and Trammell were excused.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Vice President Chris Hilbert, on behalf of Richmond City Council, recognized and honored Prince-Albert William Hudson, IV, a student at Barack Obama Elementary School, for his many scholastic and extracurricular accomplishments.

Vice President Chris Hilbert on behalf of Richmond City Council, recognized and honored President Cynthia Newbille on her ten years of service as a Council representative.

Mayor Levar Stoney addressed Council and provided an introduction of the Office of Community Wealth Building's (OCWB) annual performance report presentation.

Valaryee N. Mitchell, OCWB director, provided Council with an overview of OCWB's annual performance report and an update on the city's progress in the implementation of the comprehensive poverty reduction strategy.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Victoria Allen and Jordan Walker, Mayor's Youth Academy participants, addressed Council and shared their experiences participating in the Mayor's Youth Academy program.

Councilor Kim Gray inquired why city administration requested that Rhonda Sneed, Blessing Warriors founder, calculate the number of individuals residing in "Camp Cathy", an encampment of tents providing shelter outside the city's cold weather overflow shelter at the Annie Giles Community Resource Center, rather than have city staff calculate the number.

Reginald Gordon, deputy chief administrative officer for human services, provided information regarding efforts to collect information of individuals residing in "Camp Cathy" and addressed the plan moving forward to provide shelter and services for the individuals. Mr. Gordon stated additional individuals were arriving from other localities which complicated efforts to compile data. Mr. Gordon requested that the task force consisting of service providers and city administration staff be scheduled to provide an update on the situation at a future meeting of Council.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch suggested that the city partner with a service provider and create a source of funding to provide permanent housing and services for homeless individuals.

Sharon Ebert, deputy chief administrative officer for economic and community development, stated city administration was receptive to Councilor Lynch's suggestion to partner with a service provider to fund and provide permanent housing.

Councilor Kristen Larson informed members that the issues associated with "Camp Cathy" were addressed at the Thursday, March 5, 2020, Education and Human Services Committee meeting. Councilor Larson expressed her concern with the lack of dialogue between the task force and Council. Councilor Larson requested that a member of Council's staff join the task force addressing efforts to provide shelter and services, so Council would have more direct information and involvement.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated city administration provided Council with an action plan to address homelessness and was awaiting recommendations from Council before submitting the final action plan for adoption. Councilor Robertson suggested a timeline be established to compile and submit recommendations to city administration.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell inquired about plans for the Hickory Hill Community Center.

Valaryee Mitchell stated OCWB was interested in using the facility to provide services for the community and was actively working with the Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities department regarding efforts.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Selden Richardson addressed Council and provided photographs of the former Westham Train Station building currently owned by the city. Mr. Richardson expressed his concerns with the building's condition and inquired about the city's efforts to protect the building from ruin.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Councilor Kim Gray stated she was in dialogue with city administration regarding efforts to address the building, in addition to other historically significant city owned buildings.

Lenora Reid, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, stated information will be provided to Council regarding the former Westham Train Station building.

Vice President Chris Hilbert addressed surplus property owned by Richmond Public Schools (RPS) and the process for selling the surplus property. Vice President Hilbert stated the RPS school board established a subcommittee to facilitate the sale of surplus property and inquired about the subcommittee's meeting schedule.

Councilor Kristen Larson stated she would contact the RPS school board to obtain additional information about meetings of the subcommittee.

Heather Holub, Carytown business owner, addressed Council regarding beautification efforts in Carytown and shared positive accounts of city tourists visiting Carytown. Ms. Holub requested Council fund beautification efforts in Carytown.

President Cynthia Newbille requested city administration follow up with Ms. Holub regarding beautification efforts in tourist destinations throughout the city.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Councilor Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2018-324

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2007-131-174, adopted Jul. 23, 2007, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1400 Grove Avenue for the purpose of permitting a multifamily dwelling consisting of no more than ten units and authorized the special use of the properties known as 1410 and 1412 Grove Avenue for the purpose of allowing single-family attached dwellings on substandard sized lots, together with accessory off-street parking, to remove from the ordinance the provisions pertaining to 1412 Grove Avenue, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, April 13, 2020

ORD. 2018-325

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1412 Grove Avenue for the purpose of either a single-family attached dwelling or a single-family detached dwelling and up to four rooms or groups of rooms for short-term rental use, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, April 13, 2020

RES. 2020-R013

To request that the Mayor propose a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget that provides for an appropriation of \$221,770.00 for a third-party equity analysis to measure equity in the City and that further provides for equity training for a core group of City employees and appointed and elected officials for the purpose of eliminating inequities through improved City policy.

To be amended and continued to Monday, March 23, 2020

ORD. 2019-343

To amend City Code §§ 30-402.2, 30-411.3, 30-412.2, 30-413.3, 30-413.13, 30-414.2, 30-416.2, 30-418.2, 30-419.4, 30-420.1, 30-426.1, 30-428.1, 30-430.1, 30-433.2, 30-433.11, 30-434.1, 30-436.1, 30-438.1, 30-440.1, 30-442.1, 30-444.2, 30-446.2, 30-447.2, 30-447.11, 30-448.1, 30-450.1, 30-457.1, concerning permitted principal uses, and 30-1220, concerning definitions related to zoning, and to amend ch. 30, art. VI of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 14 (§§ 30-697—30-697.3), concerning short-term rentals. (As Amended)

To be continued to Monday, March 23, 2020

ORD. 2020-041

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2017-129, adopted Oct. 9, 2017, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1704 Arlington Road for the purpose of illuminated canopy signage, to modify the permitted uses, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, April 13, 2020

Councilor Kristen Larson expressed her concern with the continuance of ORD. 2019-343 to the Monday, March 23, 2020, Formal Session of Council because groups associated with short-term rentals were actively working with city administration regarding potential amendments.

President Cynthia Newbille expressed her concern with extending the continuance of ORD. 2019-343 due to the lengthy legislative history of the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Kristen Larson moved to continue ORD. 2019-343 to the Monday, April 13, 2020 Council meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The motion to amend the agenda as presented, with the exception of ORD. 2019-343, was seconded and unanimously approved.

Vice President Chris Hilbert exited the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances and resolution were considered:

ORD. 2019-294

To close, to public use and travel, a portion of Greenville Avenue between its southern terminus and Kansas Avenue and a portion of a 16' alley located in the adjacent block to the east of Greenville Avenue and bounded by Kansas Avenue to the north and Carter Street to the east, together consisting of 22,760± square feet, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the dedication of a 500 square foot right-of-way area for a turnaround near the proposed new southern terminus of the alley, all for the purpose of facilitating redevelopment of the area, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

ORD. 2020-042

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1111 North 32nd Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-043

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1320 North 31st Street for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-044

To authorize the special use of the property known as 5616 Kendall Road for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-045

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$1,959.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Justice Services' Community Corrections special fund by \$1,959.00 for the purpose of funding staff development and the advancement of evidence based practices within the City's community corrections program.

RES. 2020-R012

To request that the Mayor propose a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget that provides for an appropriation to the Office of Animal Care and Control to provide for two new animal control officer positions for the purpose of improving the enforcement of City Code § 4-243, concerning the prohibition against dogs running at large and the penalty therefor.

Thomas Courtney addressed Council regarding ORD. 2019-343, which was continued to the Monday, April 13, 2020 Formal Session of Council. Mr. Courtney informed Council of his involvement in discussions with city administration regarding the proposed ordinance and expressed his support for potential amendments.

There were no further comments or discussions and the **Consent Agenda was approved:** Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Hilbert was excused.

REGULAR AGENDA

There were no regular agenda items considered.

MOTIONS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the ordinance entitled:

RES. 2020-R013

To request that the Mayor propose a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget that provides for an appropriation of \$221,770.00 for a third-party equity analysis to measure equity in the City and that further provides for equity training for a core group of City employees and appointed and elected officials for the purpose of eliminating inequities through improved City policy.

be amended and continued to Monday, March 23, 2020, as follows:

Page 1, Line 5

After the word "of", strike the dollar amount "\$221,770.00" and insert the phrase "the amount deemed necessary to cover the costs"

Page 1, Line 17

After the word "training", strike the phrase "provided by the Government Alliance on Race and Equity"

Page 1, Line 19

After the word "training", strike the phrase "provided by the Government Alliance on Race and Equity"

Page 2, Line 6

At the beginning of the line, strike the dollar amount "\$221,770.00" and insert the phrase "the amount deemed necessary to cover the costs"

Page 2, Line 14

At the beginning of the line, strike the dollar amount "\$221,770.00" and insert the phrase "the amount deemed necessary to cover the costs"

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Hilbert was excused.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and approved – Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Hilbert was excused:

RES. 2020-R017

To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$3,380.00 from the Council District Funds for the Fifth District to pay Marion Marketing Global, LLC for printing flyers notifying Fifth District residents about upcoming Fifth District meetings in 2020.

Patron: Ms. Lynch

There were no comments or discussions and **RES. 2020-R017 was adopted:** Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Hilbert was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Michael Jones moved to approve the minutes of the following Richmond City Council meetings: Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., respectively, and Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., respectively.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Hilbert was excused.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, March 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2020-083

To amend Ord. No. 2019-041, adopted May 13, 2020, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by re-appropriating a \$1,352,558.00 portion of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 fund balance excess, assigned by Res. No. 2019-R016, adopted Jun. 24, 2019, to the General Fund Cash Transfer for Capital Projects program, and to appropriate these transferred funds to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amounts appropriated to the Universal Access, Community Center Enhancements, Tredegar/Brown's Island Accessible Walk Improvements, and RAA Building and Property Improvements projects by a total of \$1,352,558.00 for the purpose of providing additional funding for those projects.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-084

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Urban Project Construction Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of

Transportation to provide funding for the design, construction, and maintenance of safety improvements to Laburnum Avenue at the southbound and northbound ramps of Virginia Route 195.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, House, and Transportation meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-085

To designate the 3100 block of Decatur Street in honor of Johnny R. Battle.

Patron: Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, House, and Transportation meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-086

To designate and incorporate certain City-owned properties located along Riverside Drive and West 22nd Street into Canoe Run Park.

Patron: Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, House, and Transportation meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-087

To designate and incorporate certain City-owned properties along West 42nd Street, West, 43rd Street, West 44th Street, West 46th Street, Rear West 42nd Street, Dunston Avenue, Rear Dunston Avenue, and Reedy Avenue Rear into Crooked Branch Ravine Park.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch and Ms. Larson

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, House, and Transportation meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-088

To repeal City Code § 26-902, concerning erroneous assessments and refunds and exoneration from payment of local taxes, and to amend ch. 26, art. II, div. 1, by adding therein a new § 26-48, for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Finance to refund and exonerate taxpayers from any local tax and requiring approval of any such refund or exoneration by the City Attorney.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2020-R018

To remove Tanya Francis from the Richmond Public Library Board.

Patron: Mr. Hilbert

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

RES. 2020-R019

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the appropriate departments in the City's Administration to incorporate, to the extent permitted by law, the applicable recommendations of the Advisory Task Force for the Economic Revitalization of South Richmond in the development of the City's Master Plan.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell, Mr. Jones, Ms. Lynch, and Ms. Robertson

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2020-R020

To declare a public necessity to amend ch. 30 of the City Code and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to make such lawful changes as may be necessary to permit shelters in all nine Council districts by requesting that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study to determine whether and, if so, how the City's zoning ordinance lawfully may be amended to permit, to the extent permitted by law, shelters in all nine Council districts.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2020-R021

To name the east-west alley located in the block bounded by West Main Street, South Shields Avenue, West Cary Street, and South Addison Street as "Uptown Alley."

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2020-R022

To name a portion of the east-west alley located in the block bounded by Dorchester Road, Jahnke Road, and CSX Transportation, Inc.'s railroad tracks as "Gravel Alley."

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2020-R023

To set the rate of personal property tax relief for qualifying vehicles for the 2020 tax year pursuant to City Code §§ 26-495—26-497.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution Monday, April 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2020-089

To amend Ord. No. 2014-222-204, adopted Nov. 10, 2014, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2018-328, adopted Jan. 14, 2019, which authorized the special use of the property known as 2319 Grove Avenue for the purpose of authorizing an expansion to an existing day nursery, to modify the fencing requirements for the roof-top play area, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-090

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2852 Hull Street for the purpose of 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, April 6, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

RES. 2020-R024

To recognize the effects of global warming caused by human activity and to establish a climate action goal to achieve a 45 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 from the 2008 baseline.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.

Councilor Kristen Larson requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2020-087.

REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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

Councilor Andreas Addison exited the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

CITY CLERK