



# City of Richmond Legislative Summit

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Wednesday, October 18, 2017

12:00 PM

Library of Virginia Conference Room  
800 East Broad Street Richmond, VA

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## **Council Members Present**

The Honorable Chris Hilbert, President  
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, Vice President  
The Honorable Andreas Addison  
The Honorable Parker Agelasto (*early departure*)  
The Honorable Kimberly Gray  
The Honorable Kristen Larson  
The Honorable Michael Jones  
The Honorable Ellen Robertson (*late arrival*)

## **Absent**

The Honorable Reva Trammell

## **Others Present**

The Honorable Levar Stoney, Mayor  
The Honorable Lamont Bagby, Virginia House of Delegates Representative, 74<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
The Honorable Betsy Carr, Virginia House of Delegates Representative, 69<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
The Honorable Manoli Loupassi, Virginia House of Delegates Representative, 68<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
The Honorable Jennifer McClellan, Virginia Senate Representative, 9<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
The Honorable Glen Sturtevant, Virginia Senate Representative, 10<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff  
Jonathan Baliles, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor  
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney  
Meghan Brown, Deputy Council Chief of Staff  
Jean Capel, Senior Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer  
Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst  
Deputy Police Chief Steve Drew  
William Echelberger, Council Budget Analyst  
Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer  
Allen Jackson, City Attorney  
Thomas Kranz, Richmond Public Schools Interim Superintendent  
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk  
Candice Reid, Interim City Clerk  
Lincoln Saunders, Mayor's Chief of Staff  
Debora Shaw, Council Administrative Project Analyst  
Steve Skinner, Council Public Information Manager

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m., and Council President Chris Hilbert and Mayor Levar Stoney delivered opening remarks.

Council President Hilbert introduced Ron Jordan, Richmond lobbyist to the Virginia General Assembly, and managing director of Advantus Strategies, who provided an overview of the following Richmond legislative proposals for the 2018 General Assembly session:

- Establish a State commission led by the Virginia Housing Commission, which includes representatives from various organizations to identify financing methods that could be

developed or employed to assist localities in replacing concentrated public housing units

- Define service areas of municipal natural gas utilities and clarify natural gas service may only be provided by municipal utilities in those areas
- Require owners to report lost or stolen firearms to local law enforcement or state police within 24 hours of incident

Richmond Deputy Police Chief Steven Drew responded to questions regarding the number of lost or stolen firearms that have been recovered by the Richmond Police Department.

- Require drivers not to leave motor vehicles unattended until engines are stopped, ignitions are locked, keys are removed and brakes are effectively set

Deputy Police Chief Drew explained that the local police wants to reduce potential dangers associated with vehicle thefts.

Ron Jordan reported that discussion regarding steady burning emergency lights was ongoing and the state police has expressed concern that the permissible nature of law enforcement utilizing the steady burning emergency lights was not defined in the state code.

- Allow City Council to establish an Office of Inspector General
- Allow Council the authority to set Council salary levels without the limits prescribed in Virginia general laws
- Make public institutions of higher education subject to duty to collect local admissions tax charged for attendance of public events

Councilor Parker Agelasto explained that many of the state's colleges and universities host events that cater to the public at-large but are tax exempt; he suggested that the Office of the City Attorney provide Council with the legal opinion from former Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli regarding the collection of an admissions tax.

*Councilor Ellen Robertson arrived and was seated.*

- Amend Virginia Code of Laws to allow a lower interest rate on Business/Professional/Occupational Licenses (BPOL)

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

Delegate Bagby requested the School Board to compile a list of challenges with which the General Assembly might be able to provide assistance.

Senator Jennifer McClellan asked City Council to review recommendations included in a recently released school policing report. Senator McClellan stated that several senators have expressed intent to introduce some of those recommendations during the 2018 session.

Council President Hilbert stated that Council will discuss the recommendations at its November Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

*Councilor Parker Agelasto exited the meeting.*

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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