



# City of Richmond

## Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, May 22, 2017

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, May 22, 2017, 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  
The Honorable Parker Agelasto  
The Honorable Kim Gray  
The Honorable Michael Jones (late arrival)  
The Honorable Kristen Larson  
The Honorable Ellen Robertson  
The Honorable Reva Trammell (late arrival)

### **Staff Present**

Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff  
Lisa Braxton, Assistant City Clerk  
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney  
Jean V. Capel, City Clerk  
Allen Jackson, City Attorney

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Assistant 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.

### **Docket Review**

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

#### **Consent Agenda:**

1. Ord. 2017-012 – to be continued to Monday, June 26, 2017

Mark Olinger, Planning and Development Review director, was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2017-012.

President Chris Hilbert requested that city administration provide the Edgehill Civic Association with an update regarding the proposed legislation.

2. Ord. 2017-069 – to be continued to Monday, June 26, 2017

*Councilwoman Reva Trammell arrived at 4:10 p.m. and was seated.*

3. Ord. 2017-082 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2017-085 – retained on the Consent Agenda

5. Ord. 2017-086 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Mark Olinger, Planning and Development Review director, Matthew Ebinger, Planning and Development Review acting principal planner, and Bobby Vincent, Public Works interim director, were available to answer questions regarding Ords. 2017-085 and 2017-086.

*Councilor Michael Jones arrived at 4:14 p.m. and was seated.*

Councilor Kim Gray expressed support for Ords. 2017-085 and 2017-086.

6. Ord. 2017-087 – to be continued to Monday, June 26, 2017
7. Ord. 2017-088 – to be continued to Monday, June 26, 2017
8. Ord. 2017-089 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2017-091 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2017-092 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2017-093 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2017-094 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2017-095 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Parker Agelasto provided an introduction of Ord. 2017-095 and asked whether the proposed legislation required an amendment to clearly define the term “surplus” since there had been a concern from city administration.

City Attorney Allen Jackson was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2017-095.

President Chris Hilbert expressed disappointment with current returns from the Richmond Retirement System’s investment of the city’s retirement funds and stated that Ord. 2017-095 would not create a significant difference with the retirement funding level percentage growth goal.

*President Chris Hilbert was excused at 4:37 p.m. and Vice President Cynthia Newbille presided over the meeting.*

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested that city administration along with the city’s financial advisor, Davenport and Company, provide a presentation to Council regarding a strategy for developing policy to address unfunded pension liabilities.

14. Ord. 2017-096 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2017-097 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2017-098 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2017-102 – to be continued to Monday, June 26, 2017
18. Res. 2017-R022 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Res. 2017-R024 – retained on the Consent Agenda

20. Res. 2017-R025 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Res. 2017-R026 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Res. 2017-R027 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

23. Ord. 2017-101 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Vice President Cynthia Newbille provided an introduction of Res. 2017-R022 and Res. 2017-R024.

Douglas Dunlap, Economic and Community Development interim director, Jennifer Mullen, partner – Roth Jackson Gibbons Conklin, PLC, and Bob Steidel, Public Utilities director, were available to answer additional questions regarding both pieces of proposed legislation.

Travis Bridewell, Public Works operations manager, informed Council that no city funds would be utilized for the implementation of a signal light at the intersection of a proposed development related to Ords. 2017-085 and 2017-086.

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

**Referral of Service Delivery Issues to City Administration**

Mark Olinger, Planning and Development Review director, and John Wack, Finance director, were available to answer questions regarding the following service delivery issues:

- Unlawful residential businesses
- Business license tax overpayment refunds

Vice President Cynthia Newbille recommended that a presentation regarding public nuisance occur at the June Public Safety Standing Committee meeting.

City Attorney Allen Jackson stated that he will re-exam Va. Code § 58.1.3 for further clarification of the law involving confidentiality stipulations.

Vice President Newbille requested that city administration develop and present a plan to minimize the re-occurrence of large business tax refunds due to overpayment at a Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting.

**Other Discussion**

Police Chief Alfred Durham and Jay Brown, Budget and Strategic Planning director, were available to answer questions regarding an estimated \$1.5 million departmental surplus for Fiscal Year 2017, staffing shortages and the utilization of and need for additional body cameras.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille asked that the body cameras discussion be continued at the May Public Safety Standing Committee meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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