



City of Richmond

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 24, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Michael Jones, President
The Honorable Kristen Nye, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (early departure)
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson

Call to Order

Council President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and presided.

Spanish Interpretation Announcement

City Clerk Candice Reid stated that Spanish interpretation service was available in the Council Chamber and that attendees should speak with a representative to receive the appropriate equipment. City Clerk Reid also stated that Spanish interpretation service was available virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Roxana Talavera-Denson, Language Access Coordinator, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement, then provided Spanish interpretation of City Clerk Candice Reid's announcement.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Christy Haga-Turner of Westhampton United Methodist Church, 6100 Patterson Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

Members of Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Assistant City Clerk Rebecca Sullivan 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.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

Awards and Presentations

[CD.2023.159](#) April 24, 2023 Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

Members recognized that City Council and Mayor Levar Stoney previously proclaimed and established the month of May to be Richmond Older Residents Month.

Council President Michael Jones, on behalf of City Council, and Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders, on behalf of Mayor Levar Stoney, honored and recognized the Richmond Office of Animal Care and Control and thanked its staff for their involvement with ensuring proper care and safety for animals in the city.

Council President Michael Jones, on behalf of City Council, honored and recognized administrative professionals and thanked staff for their dedication and service to the city. President Jones invited all offices to observe and celebrate the last full work week of April as Richmond Administrative Professionals Week and the Wednesday within that week as Richmond Administrative Professionals Day.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Citizen Comment

[CD.2023.147](#) April 24, 2023 Citizen Comment Period Speakers List

Jay Philip Victor addressed Council and stated his concerns with the implementation of rental inspection districts in the city. Mr. Victor also stated that rental inspection districts would be redundant and costly due to previously established codes and regulations related to rental properties.

Monica Esparza, Image Church Renewal of Life Land Trust Trustee, Hickory Hill Preservation Committee Member, RVAgreen 2050 Roundtable Member, addressed Council and stated that surrounding residents of the Hickory Hill Community Center preferred a facility that promoted work force development. Ms. Esparza also stated that computer labs and other renovations occurred to assist with work force training at the community center. Ms. Esparza informed members that she opposed the use of the Hickory Hill Community Center as a Richmond Fire training facility.

Gian Bustillo addressed Council and stated that action should be taken to address housing in the city. Mr. Bustillo also stated that more rental properties should be established in the city to provide more housing options for residents. Mr. Bustillo requested that the city lower the real estate tax rate to compete with surrounding counties to attract potential housing developments.

Elizabeth Barrett, Tree Steward, Urban Forestry Commission Founding Member, addressed Council and requested positive change regarding the city's urban forests. Ms. Barrett noted that the city had plans and legislation in place to promote growth and maintenance of the city's trees. Ms. Barrett also stated that action was needed to implement the desired plans of the city to protect trees.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Kendra Esparza-Harris, Doctoral Fellow at the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry, Serene Wildlife Member, addressed Council and stated that the green space and wildlife surrounding the Hickory Hill Community Center was not suited to support a fire training facility at that location.

Delores Esparza, Former Deerbourne Civic Association President, stated her support for the decisions of the Urban Design Committee and City Planning Commission denying the request to use the Hickory Hill Community Center as a fire training facility. Ms. Esparza requested that the city uphold the decisions of its agencies.

Melody Gray, Deerbourne Civic Association Member, addressed Council and stated that she canvassed her neighborhood regarding the proposed fire training facility, and that 68 percent of respondents opposed the proposed facility at the Hickory Hill Center. Ms. Gray also stated that she did not believe Richmond Fire Department officials provided residents with accurate information regarding the proposed facility. Ms. Gray requested that Council uphold the decisions of the Urban Design Committee and City Planning Commission.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved to amend the agenda as follows:

1. [ORD. 2022-205](#) To amend Ord. No. 2000-410-2001-10, adopted Jan. 8, 2001, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2001-220-231, adopted Jul. 23, 2001, and Ord. No. 2017-242, adopted May 29, 2019, which approved the "Shops at Stratford Hills Community Unit Plan," for the purpose of increasing the area subject to the community unit plan by 2.85 acres to 67.4± acres and modifying the development standards, under certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, June 12, 2023

4. [ORD. 2023-068](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3600 Grove Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to [260]

253 dwelling units and amenity spaces, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

5. [ORD. 2023-090](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 708 China Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

6. [ORD. 2023-092](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2018-310, adopted Dec. 17, 2018, which authorized the special use of the property known as 2712 East Leigh Street for the purpose of up to seven multifamily dwelling units and an accessory office, to authorize certain uses permitted on corner lots within the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

7. [ORD. 2023-101](#) To repeal City Code §§ 30-710.1, 30-710.2, 30-710.2:1, 30-710.2:2, 30-710.2:3, 30-710.2:4, 30-710.2:5, 30-710.3, 30-710.4, 30-720.1, 30-720.2, and 30-720.5, all concerning off-street parking and loading requirements in certain districts; to repeal ch. 30, art. IX, div. 1 (§§ 30-900-30-900.6); to repeal ch. 30, art. IX, div. 2 (§§ 30-910-30-910.4) to repeal ch. 30, art. IX, div. 7 (§§ 30-960-30-960.4), concerning off-street parking requirements; and to amend City Code §§ 30-411.3, 30-412.2, 30-413.3, 30-413.13, 30-416.2, 30-418.2, all concerning permitted accessory uses and structures; 30-419.3, concerning permitted principal uses on corner lots, 30-419.4, 30-420.2, 30-426.2, all concerning permitted accessory uses and structures, 30-436.1, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-438, concerning intent of district, 30-446.3, concerning principal uses permitted by conditional use permit, 30-620.2, concerning more than one main building on lot, 30-620.5, division of lots to accommodate existing dwelling units, 30-710.12, concerning improvement of parking areas and parking lots, 30-720.3, concerning location and improvement of loading spaces, 30-720.4, concerning dimensions of loading spaces, 30-800.2, concerning extension or expansion, 30-800.3, concerning changes, 30-1030.4, concerning criteria, 30-1040.3, concerning additional exceptions granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals, 30-1045.6, concerning specific conditions applicable to particular uses, and 30-1220, concerning definitions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be moved to the Regular Agenda

9. [ORD. 2023-103](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 112 Carnation Street for the purpose of the assembly and storage of modular dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be moved to the Regular Agenda

12. [ORD. 2023-106](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3019 Moss Side Avenue for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building to a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

14. [ORD. 2023-108](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 910 Parrish Street for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

15. [ORD. 2023-109](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 5312 Stokes Lane for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

16. [ORD. 2023-110](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 5314 ½ Stokes Lane for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

18. [ORD. 2023-114](#) To amend City Code §§ 26-364, concerning tax relief for elderly persons, and 26-365, concerning tax relief for qualified permanently and totally disabled persons, for the purpose of increasing certain income and total financial worth thresholds for tax relief for qualified elderly, permanently, and totally disabled persons.

Patrons: Vice President Nye, Ms. Trammell, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Lynch and President Jones

To be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances were considered:

2. [ORD. 2022-262](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 95-152-151, adopted Jun. 26, 1995, as amended by Ord. No. 97-222-236, adopted Jul. 28, 1997, and Ord. No. 98-335-99-20, adopted Jan. 25, 1999, which authorized a special use of the property known as 815 North 35th Street to increase the number of permitted dwelling units and to reduce the required common area for the existing multifamily dwelling for the elderly, to further increase the number of multifamily dwelling units, to permit single-family attached dwelling units and single-family detached dwelling units, and to incorporate the property known as 823 North 36th Street, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.
3. [ORD. 2023-057](#) To repeal Ord. No. 2008-189-2009-171, adopted Oct. 26, 2009, which prohibited the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Hermitage Road and Laburnum Avenue.

Patrons: Ms. Lambert and Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was adopted.
8. [ORD. 2023-102](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2019-080, adopted Apr. 8, 2019, which authorized the special use of the property known as 326 East Broad Street for the purpose of permitting signs with an aggregate area exceeding that permitted by the underlying zoning regulations, to authorize additional square footage of aggregate area for signs, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.
10. [ORD. 2023-104](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 710 Lafayette Street for the purpose of purpose of (i) a café with accessory retail and (ii) the production, wholesale, and distribution of roasted coffee beans, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

11. [ORD. 2023-105](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 6140 Hull Street Road for the purpose of up to 140 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

13. [ORD. 2023-107](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2113 North Avenue for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building to a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

17. [ORD. 2023-113](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purpose of providing for the redevelopment of the property located at 3100 Nine Mile Road in the city of Richmond known as Creighton Court. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

19. [ORD. 2023-123](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$7,500,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, through the Virginia Resources Authority, and to amend Ord. No. 2022-057, adopted May 9, 2022, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) establishing a new project for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities in the Culture and Recreation category called the "Stormwater Mayo Island Purchase" project and (ii) increasing estimated revenues from the funds received from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Stormwater Mayo Island Purchase project in the Culture and Recreation category by \$7,500,000.00, all for the purpose of funding the acquisition of Mayo Island in the city of Richmond. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

20. [ORD. 2023-124](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the parcels of real property owned by Mayo's Island, L.C. located at 501 South 14th Street, 501 1R South 14th Street, 503 South 14th Street, 505 South 14th Street, and 508 South 14th Street, and a parcel of real property owned by Alan T. Shaia and Wayne T. Shaia located at 501 2R South 14th Street, for the purpose of maintaining the properties as a City green space and recreational area. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

Public Hearing

Omari Al-Qadaffi spoke in opposition of ORD. 2023-113, and stated his concerns with the affordability of the apartments referenced in the proposed ordinance.

Elisa Oliver spoke in opposition of ORD. 2023-104, and informed Council of her concerns regarding the impact of the proposed coffee shop on her neighborhood. Ms. Oliver stated that she was concerned about the smell of coffee roasting and the increase in trash.

Geneva Dalton Tyley addressed Council and requested more housing opportunities for residents.

There were no further comments or discussions and the Consent Agenda was adopted: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None.

The Regular Agenda

The following ordinance was considered:

7. [ORD. 2023-101](#) To repeal City Code §§ 30-710.1, 30-710.2, 30-710.2:1, 30-710.2:2, 30-710.2:3, 30-710.2:4, 30-710.2:5, 30-710.3, 30-710.4, 30-720.1, 30-720.2, and 30-720.5, all concerning off-street parking and loading requirements in certain districts; to repeal ch. 30, art. IX, div. 1 (§§ 30-900-30-900.6); to repeal ch. 30, art. IX, div. 2 (§§ 30-910-30-910.4) to repeal ch. 30, art. IX, div. 7 (§§ 30-960-30-960.4), concerning off-street parking requirements; and to amend City Code §§ 30-411.3, 30-412.2, 30-413.3, 30-413.13, 30-416.2, 30-418.2, all concerning permitted accessory uses and structures; 30-419.3, concerning permitted principal uses on corner lots, 30-419.4, 30-420.2, 30-426.2, all concerning permitted accessory uses and structures, 30-436.1, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-438, concerning intent of district, 30-446.3, concerning principal uses permitted by conditional use permit, 30-620.2, concerning more than one main building on lot, 30-620.5, division of lots to accommodate existing dwelling units, 30-710.12, concerning improvement of parking areas and parking lots, 30-720.3, concerning location and improvement

of loading spaces, 30-720.4, concerning dimensions of loading spaces, 30-800.2, concerning extension or expansion, 30-800.3, concerning changes, 30-1030.4, concerning criteria, 30-1040.3, concerning additional exceptions granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals, 30-1045.6, concerning specific conditions applicable to particular uses, and 30-1220, concerning definitions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Kevin Vonck, Department of Planning and Development Review Director, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed ordinance.

Public Hearing

Charles Pool spoke in opposition of ORD. 2023-101, and stated his concerns with the impact on residential neighborhoods in the city. Mr. Pool also stated that the change would make it difficult to install electronic car charging stations in the city.

Joe Gehlbach, Richmond Association of Realtors Vice President of Government Affairs, spoke in support of ORD. 2023-101, and stated that the removal of the parking requirement would help increase the housing inventory in the city.

Barry Greene, Jr., Partnership for Smarter Growth Board Member, RVA Rapid Transit Board Member, spoke in support of ORD. 2023-101, and stated that parking lots should not be prioritized in the city.

Noah Holmes Foster spoke in support of ORD. 2023-101, and he stated his appreciation for the city's outreach and engagement regarding the removal of parking minimum requirements.

Amy Guzulis, Partnership for Smarter Growth Policy Coordinator, spoke in support of ORD. 2023-101, and stated the removal of minimum parking requirements would increase housing inventory and decrease traffic.

Taylor Rule spoke in support of ORD. 2023-101, and stated his appreciation for the information provided to the public by city staff regarding the removal of minimum parking requirements.

William Wilson, RVA YIMBY Member, spoke in support for ORD. 2023-101, and stated, as a vehicle owner without a designated parking spot, he still supported the removal of parking minimums in the city.

Matthew Via spoke in support of ORD. 2023-101, and stated the removal of parking minimums would increase the number of walkable streets and more sustainable methods of travel in the city.

Andrew Bryant spoke in support of ORD. 2023-101, and stated the removal of parking minimums would help increase the amount of affordable housing in the city.

Councilor Andreas Addison addressed the legislative history of ORD. 2023-101, and he stated that he supported the removal of parking minimums. Councilor Addison also stated that the removal of parking minimums for developments would help increase opportunities for shared parking and more available parking for residents and businesses. Councilor Addison provided members with a handout regarding possible outcomes from the elimination of parking minimums.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated that the removal of parking minimums was a debated subject in the 2nd Voter District. Councilor Jordan also stated that shared parking options could help alleviate parking issues in the city.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated that she supported ORD. 2023-101, and also noted her support for more shared parking opportunities in the city.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her appreciation for the work of colleagues and city administration regarding the proposed ordinance, and she informed members that she supported ORD. 2023-101.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille stated that the removal of parking minimums provided the city an opportunity to address and provide more shared parking in the city. Councilor Newbille informed members that she would vote to adopt the proposed ordinance.

Vice President Kristen Nye stated that the adoption of ORD. 2023-101 could begin the process of the city managing the issue of parking availability in the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2023-101 was adopted: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None.

The following ordinance was considered:

9. [ORD. 2023-103](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 112 Carnation Street for the purpose of the assembly and storage of modular dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

Kevin Vonck, Department of Planning and Development Review Director, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed ordinance.

Public Hearing

Benny Gates III spoke in opposition of ORD. 2023-103, and stated that he did not believe the proposed development would be allowed in other areas of the city. Mr. Gates informed members that he did not believe the proposed special use permit was fair or equitable.

Will Gillette, Baker Development Resources, spoke in support of ORD. 2023-103, and he provided information regarding the work and goals of ORD. 2023-103 and its applicant, project:HOMES.

Mark Baker, Baker Development Resources Owner, spoke in support of ORD. 2023-103, and stated that the special use permit referenced in ORD. 2023-103 would permit project:Homes to build affordable housing units. Mr. Baker also addressed the legislative history of the special use permit. Mr. Baker further stated he understood that individuals had concerns about the special use permit, and he suggested that consideration of the ordinance be continued to allow for additional discussions to address concerns.

Marion Cake, project:Homes Vice President of Affordable Housing Development, spoke in support of ORD. 2023-103, and stated that the purpose of the special use permit was to allow project:HOMES to construct affordable housing opportunities for residents. Mr. Cake requested additional time for project:Homes to address any concerns from individuals regarding the special use permit.

President Michael Jones informed members of his concerns regarding the proposed special use permit. President Jones stated that he did not support the establishment of a warehouse on a residential street in the 9th Voter District. President Jones also stated his concerns with environmental equity, and that he did not believe project:HOMES engaged enough with the community about the special use permit. President Jones requested that his colleagues support his request to reject ORD. 2023-103.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated that she supported the request of President Jones to reject ORD. 2023-103.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her concerns with rejecting the proposed ordinance, due to the need for more affordable housing options in the city. Councilor Lambert also stated she supported continuing consideration of ORD. 2023-103 to address concerns.

President Jones confirmed that the location of the proposed development was zoned for residential use, and he stated that a continuance would not impact his decision to reject ORD. 2023-103.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2023-103 was rejected Ayes 1, Lambert. Noes 6, Addison, Jordan, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones.

Budget-Related Papers

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved that the ordinances entitled:

21. [ORD.](#)
[2023-071](#)

To adopt the annual budget, which includes all of the separate current expense budgets for the general operation of the City government and for each utility as defined in ch. 13 of the City Charter, for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2023, and ending Jun. 30, 2024, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

be amended and continued to Monday, May 8, 2023, as follows:

Page 1, Line 17

After the comma following the date "June 30, 2024", insert the text "As Amended" followed by a comma

Page 1, Line 6

After the word "Appropriations", insert a dash and the text "As Amended"

Page 2, Line 6

At the beginning of the line, strike the dollar amount "\$948,923,789" and insert the dollar amount "\$951,923,789"

Page 2, Line 8

After the comma following the date "June 30, 2024," insert the text "As Amended" followed by a comma

Page 2, Line 10

After the word "Appropriations", insert a dash and the text "As Amended"

Page 2, Line 12

After the first occurrence of the word "of", strike the dollar amount "\$948,923,789" and insert the dollar amount "\$951,923,789"

Page 2, Line 21

After the comma following the date "June 30, 2024", insert the text "As Amended" followed by a comma

Page 2, Line 23

After the word "Appropriations", insert a dash and the text "As Amended"

and

23. [ORD.](#)
[2023-073](#)

To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2023, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2023; and to determine the means of financing the same. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Amended and continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

be amended and continued to Monday, May 8, 2023, as follows:

Page 2, Line 13

After the closing quotation marks, insert the text “as amended by the attachments to this ordinance entitled ‘Richmond City Council, Capital Improvement Plan Amendments for FY 2024 – FY 2028’ and ‘Ordinance No. 2023-073, Capital Improvement Projects, Text Amendments,’”

Page 2, Line 21

After the word “Program”, insert a comma

After the closing quotation marks, insert the text “as amended by the attachments to this ordinance entitled ‘Richmond City Council, Capital Improvement Plan Amendments for FY 2024 – FY 2028’ and ‘Ordinance No. 2023-073, Capital Improvement Projects, Text Amendments,’”

Page 3, Line 4

After the text “Capital Improvement Program”, insert a comma

After the closing quotation marks, insert the text “as amended by the attachments to this ordinance entitled ‘Richmond City Council, Capital Improvement Plan Amendments for FY 2024 – FY 2028’ and ‘Ordinance No. 2023-073, Capital Improvement Projects, Text Amendments,’”

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Addison, Lambert, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None. Jordan was excused.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved that the following budget-related ordinances be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023:

22. [ORD. 2023-072](#) To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2023, and ending Jun. 30, 2024.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

24. [ORD. 2023-074](#) To adopt a new pay plan for the City for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and to repeal Ord. No. 2018-319, adopted Jan. 14, 2019, and all amendatory ordinances thereto.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

25. [ORD. 2023-075](#) To repeal City Code § 2-1265, concerning personnel rules; to amend City Code §§ 1-4, concerning miscellaneous ordinances not affected by the City Code, 2-927, concerning general powers and duties of the Personnel Board, 2-1210, concerning publication of certain hiring policies, 2-1264, concerning the creation of the personnel system,

2-1289, concerning classified service, 2-1293, concerning prohibited practices, 2-1295, concerning prohibited working relationships between family members, 2-1301.2, concerning definitions, and 26-103, concerning the general powers and assistants for the City Assessor; and to repeal Ord. No. 2013-10-98, concerning personnel rules for the classified service.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

26. [ORD. 2023-076](#) To amend ch. 2, art. IV of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 25, consisting of §§ 2-763-2-765, concerning the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and to amend City Code § 22-317, concerning additional retirement allowances for certain City officials.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

27. [ORD. 2023-077](#) To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$285,000,000 to finance the cost of school projects and general capital improvement projects of the City for the following purposes and uses: construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public schools; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for various infrastructure needs, including traffic control facilities, streets, sidewalks and other public ways, bridges, storm sewers, drains and culverts, and refuse disposal facilities; to make grants or loans to assist in financing capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting the development of housing projects for the benefit of persons with low or moderate incomes; participation in redevelopment, conservation and community development programs, including the construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for targeted public facilities included in these programs; construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public institutional, operational, cultural, educational and entertainment buildings and facilities, including but not limited to the theaters, parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, libraries and museums; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and the making of appropriations to the City's Economic Development Authority and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to be used to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development or promoting the development of housing projects for the benefit of persons with low or moderate incomes; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the

issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

28. [ORD.](#)
[2023-078](#)

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$27,555,000 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the stormwater utility of the City for the following purposes and uses: replacement of and upgrades to the stormwater facilities, including but not limited to, construction, reconstruction, improvements, rehabilitation and upgrades of stormwater sewers and associated facilities; new and replacement infrastructure of the storm sewer system, drainage structures, catch basins, ditches, storm sewer pipes, culverts, green infrastructure; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and equipment for various infrastructure needs; and authorizes the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds and to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

29. [ORD.](#)
[2023-079](#)

To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$206,032,820 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the gas, water and wastewater utilities and public utilities buildings and facilities for the following purposes and uses: enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the gas plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the waterworks plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the wastewater plant and intercepting lines; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, and improvement of sanitary and storm water sewers, pumping stations, drains and culverts; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of public utility buildings and facilities therefor, including but not limited to the stores division; and acquisition of real property and real property rights (including without limitation easements and

rights-of-way) therefor as appropriate; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to approve the form of supplemental indenture of trust; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such public utility revenue bonds.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Addison, Lambert, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None. Jordan was excused.

Motions

Councilor Andreas Addison moved that the ordinances entitled:

4. [ORD. 2023-068](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3600 Grove Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to [260] 253 dwelling units and amenity spaces, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

be amended and continued to Monday, May 8, 2023, as follows:

Page 1, Line 5

After the word "to", strike the number "260" and insert the number "253"

Page 1, Line 13

After the word "to", strike the number "260" and insert the number "253"

Page 3, Line 11

After the word "to", strike the number "260" and insert the number "253"

Page 3, Line 13

After the comma following the word "Design", strike the date "1-30-2023" and insert the date "04-12-2023"

Page 3, Line 14

After the word "dated", strike the date "January 30, 2023" and insert the date "April 12, 2023"

Page 3, Line 16

At the beginning of the line, strike the date "January 30" and insert the date "April 12"

Page 4, Line 4

After the word "to", strike the number "260" and insert the number "253"

Page 4, Line 9

After the word “than”, strike the number “335” and insert the number “330”

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Addison, Lambert, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None. Jordan was excused.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2023.152](#) April 10, 2023 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2023.145](#) April 10, 2023 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2023.164](#) April 24, 2023 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

30. [ORD. 2023-125](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$65,800.00 from the Virginia Office of the Attorney General, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police’s Office of the Attorney General Special Fund by \$65,800.00, for the purpose of supporting gun violence reduction initiatives in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

31. [ORD. 2023-126](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$70,663.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response by \$70,663.00, for the purpose of providing the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response with reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for eligible costs incurred as part of the City’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

32. [ORD. 2023-127](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Virginia Office of the Attorney General, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's Office of the Attorney General Special Fund by \$300,000.00, for the purpose of purchasing protective equipment for on-duty police officers in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

33. [ORD. 2023-128](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Procurement Services, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the sixth Contract Modification to Contract No. 16000022041 between the City and Manchester Marketing, Inc. T/A Seibert's Towing for towing-related services and tow lot operation for the purpose of documenting the exercise of the third renewal option of Contract No. 16000022041.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

34. [ORD. 2023-129](#) To repeal City Code § 4-53, concerning supervision and control of the animal shelter and impoundment and release procedures, to repeal City Code § 4-275, concerning impoundment and violation notice and the fee for board and care, to amend ch. 4, art. II, div. 1 of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 4-53.1 and 4-275.1, and to amend City Code §§ 4-1, concerning definitions, 4-55, concerning hindering, molesting or interfering with an officer, 4-243, concerning prohibition on dogs running at large and penalty, 4-244, concerning care and control of animals and penalties, and 4-372, concerning reporting of bites, for the purpose of modifying the policies and procedures for animal care and control in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

35. [ORD. 2023-130](#) To amend ch. 4, art. IV, div. 3 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 4-401, concerning exotic and wild animals.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations

Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

36. [ORD. 2023-131](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership by the Maymont Foundation for the benefit of the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for the purpose of enabling Maymont Foundation to accept \$8,000,000.00 from the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for renovations to the Maymont House Museum and animal habitats. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

37. [ORD. 2023-132](#) To designate the 3100 block of Hull Street in honor of Preston Brown and Kirby Carmichael. (8th District)

Patrons: Ms. Trammell and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

38. [ORD. 2023-133](#) To direct the conveyance of the City-owned real estate known as 3017, 3001, 2909, 2907, and 3101 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard and 2728 Hermitage Road, consisting of 60.966± acres, for nominal consideration to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

39. [ORD. 2023-134](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the Diamond District Redevelopment Project Development Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, RVA Diamond Partners LLC, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of providing for the financing, construction, maintenance, and operation of public improvements and private development within an area generally known as the Diamond District along North Arthur Ashe Boulevard and Hermitage Road.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

40. [RES. 2023-R021](#) To repeal Res. No. 2009-R22-30, adopted Mar. 9, 2009, concerning a major snowstorm, Res. No. 2011-R93-92, adopted Sept. 6, 2011,

concerning Hurricane Irene, Res. No. 2020-R041, Jun. 8, 2020, concerning civil unrest, and Res. No. 2021-R006, adopted Jan. 11, 2021, concerning potential civil unrest, for the purpose of terminating the respective states of emergency.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

41. [RES.](#)
[2023-R022](#) To repeal Res. No. 2020-R025, adopted Mar. 16, 2020, and concur with the Mayor's judgment that all emergency actions have been taken with regard to and therefore end the local emergency that existed as a result of the potential spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus known as "COVID-19," to which the Council consented via Res. No. 2020-R025, adopted Mar. 16, 2020.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

42. [RES.](#)
[2023-R023](#) To overrule the decision of the City Planning Commission denying approval of the City's application to relocate the Department of Fire and Emergency Services training facility to the Hickory Hill Community Center located at 3000 East Belt Boulevard. (8th District)

Patrons: Ms. Trammell and Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

43. [RES.](#)
[2023-R024](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the preparation of a study to identify a location in the Shockoe Bottom area of the city of Richmond for the National Slavery Museum.

Patrons: Ms. Newbille

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

44. [ORD.](#)
[2023-135](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 601 West 19th Street and 603 West 19th Street for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings and two dwelling units within accessory buildings to single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

45. [ORD. 2023-136](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1700 North 21st Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling and two single-family attached dwellings, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

46. [ORD. 2023-137](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1700 West Cary Street for the purpose of one two-family detached dwelling and three two-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

47. [ORD. 2023-138](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 6 Dundee Avenue for the purpose of one two-family detached dwelling and one single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

48. [ORD. 2023-139](#) To rezone the properties known as 1100 Semmes Avenue and 411 West 12th Street from the B-6 Mixed-Use Business District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District, the property known as 1100 McDonough Street from the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District, and the property known as 1000 Semmes Avenue from the RF-2 Riverfront District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

49. [ORD. 2023-140](#) To rezone the property known as 1011 Commerce Road from the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

50. [ORD. 2023-141](#) To close, to public use and travel, a portion of Jessamine Street located on the east side of Jessamine Street at the intersection of Jessamine Street

with Cedar Street, consisting of 357± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

**51. [ORD.
2023-142](#)**

To close, to public use and travel, an alley in the block bounded by West Commerce Road, McDonough Street, West 7th Street, and Perry Street, consisting of 3,299± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

**52. [ORD.
2023-143](#)**

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a General Services Administration Public Buildings Service Lease Amendment between the City of Richmond and the Government of the United States of America for the purpose of renewing the lease from Oct. 1, 2023, through Sept. 30, 2028, for 20 parking spaces leased to the federal government at a City-owned parking facility located at 500 East Marshall Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinance on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

**53. [ORD.
2023-144](#)**

To amend and reordain City Code § 9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, to relocate the polling places for Precinct 701 and Precinct 705. (7th District)

Patrons: Ms. Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinance on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

**54. [ORD.
2023-145](#)**

To erect two additional stop signs at the intersection of Nottoway Avenue and Fauquier Avenue for the purpose of making the intersection an all-way stop. (3rd District)

Patrons: Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

CITY CLERK