



City of Richmond

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 4, 2022

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Council Budget Work Session #6

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert (late arrival)
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (late arrival)
The Honorable Kristen Nye

Absent

The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Samson Anderson, Council Budget Analyst
Myrtle Brown, Council Budget Analyst
Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Pamela Nichols, Senior Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Debra Shaw, Council Management Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement

Upon the President's request, Senior Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

Presentations

Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Planning Program

Jason May, Department of Budget and Strategic Planning Director, presented information regarding the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2023 through FY 2027, which included the number of completed CIP projects, the use of general fund cash for vehicle purchases, a breakdown of FY 2023 citywide CIP projects, capital investment, capital maintenance, capital transportation, gas mains and services, water mains and services, and wastewater and sanitary sewer projects.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert joined the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch inquired about ongoing fiscal obligation for new CIP projects included in the city's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending plan.

Councilor Kristen Nye requested an update on proposed transportation projects regarding Jahnke Road, Cherokee Road and Huguenot Road.

Travis Bridewell, Department of Public Works Operations Manager, reported that traffic improvements for Cherokee Road and Huguenot Road were included in the FY 23 CIP budget.

Councilor Michael Jones inquired about projects referenced in the FY 23 through FY 27 CIP overview which lacked funding and those requiring additional funding. Councilor Jones further inquired about the impact of ARPA funding on current and future CIP projects.

Councilor Katherine Jordan asked about the replacement of gas utility lines, plans for the city to become less dependent on natural gas, and financial incentives for new green developments.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch questioned the replacement and sale of Richmond Police Department (RPD) vehicles.

Robert Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) of Operations, was available to respond to questions from Council.

Mr. May agreed to provide information regarding the city's ARPA spending plan, gas utility line upgrades, and the city's green fleet replacement vehicles for RPD.

A copy of the material provided has been filed and can be accessed below.

[CD.2022.152](#) FY 23 - FY 27 Capital Improvement Plan Overview

[CD.2022.155](#) FY 23 - Key Points of the Proposed Capital Improvement Plan

Facilities (Repairs of City Buildings)

Adam Hohl, Office of the DCAO for Operations Policy Advisor, presented an overview of the city facilities plan, which included the FY 23 prioritization and focus areas, the facility condition index, the FY 23 proposed budgets for capital maintenance, and capital planning funds. Mr. Hohl reported that the facility condition index (FCI) standards ranked City Hall and several other city facilities to be in poor condition.

Robert Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Operations, advised Council that federal funds will not be used for maintenance or improvements to city facilities.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested a tour of certain city facilities, and a facility management assessment of all city facilities.

Jason May, Department of Budget and Strategic Planning Director, was available to provide additional information regarding capital planning funds.

Councilor Kristen Nye and Councilor Michael Jones expressed the desire in having an analysis of available spaces and usages of spaces within city facilities.

Mr. Steidel reported that three projects identified for the FY 23 proposed capital planning fund, were the replacement of the John Marshall Courts Building and Richmond City Hall, and the development of a public safety campus.

President Cynthia Newbille asked members to forward additional questions regarding city facilities to Interim Council Chief of Staff Joyce Davis.

A copy of the material provided has been filed and can be accessed below.

[CD.2022.150](#) 20220404 Budget Work Session - Facilities

Public Works and Infrastructure (Transportation and Drainage)

Bobby Vincent, Department of Public Works Director, presented an overview of the department's transportation and drainage infrastructures. Mr. Vincent reported on current and future paving improvements to city streets, accomplishments of the Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility, funding opportunities for transportation, Complete Streets progress through FY 21 – FY 23, sidewalk maintenance, Vision Zero and traffic calming infrastructure, bridge and right of way maintenance, and trash and leaf collection.

Councilor Michael Jones inquired about the city's prioritization of Complete Streets projects, and he requested a comprehensive list of proposed Complete Streets projects.

Councilor Katherine Jordan asked city administration to consider creating a new urban forester position to oversee the implementation of the city's Urban Master Plan.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch inquired about funding for clean neighborhoods.

President Cynthia Newbille expressed appreciation to Mr. Vincent for the accomplishments of the Department of Public Works.

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[CD.2022.151](#) 20220404 Budget Work Session - Public Works and Infrastructure

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

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