



# City of Richmond

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Richmond, VA 23219  
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## Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, February 27, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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### **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 (late arrival)  
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille  
The Honorable Ellen Robertson  
The Honorable Reva Trammell (late arrival)

### **Staff Present**

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal  
Haskell Brown, City Attorney  
LaTasha Holmes, Council Chief of Staff  
Candice Reid, City Clerk  
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney  
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

### **Call to Order**

Council President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and presided.

### **Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement**

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst 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**

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2022-205 – to be continued to Monday, April 24, 2023
2. Ord. 2022-268 – to be amended and continued to Monday, March 13, 2023

3. Ord. 2022-342 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2022-375 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023
5. Ord. 2023-045 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2023-047 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2023-048 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2023-049 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2023-050 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2023-051 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2023-052 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2023-053 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2023-054 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Res. 2023-R009 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Res. 2023-R010 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Res. 2023-R011 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023
17. Res. 2023-R012 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

There were no Regular Agenda items.

*Councilwoman Reva Trammell arrived at 4:07 p.m. and was seated.*

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2023-053 and stated that the proposed legislation only addresses required improvements to the Diamond that meet major league baseball standards for the upcoming season.

Ben Rothrock, Richmond Flying Squirrels vice president, was also available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2023-053 and stated the adoption of the proposed legislation was necessary to comply with certain facility safety regulations.

*Councilor Stephanie Lynch arrived at 4:08 and was seated.*

In lieu of a referral of service delivery issue, President Michael Jones presented city administration with a letter from a resident, questioning efforts to combat litter and/or trash throughout the city. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.076](#) After Item - City Resident Letter Handout - Woodward

*Councilwoman Reva Trammell requested to be added as a co-patron of Ord. 2023-051.*

Chief Administrative Officer Saunders introduced newly appointed (HR) Human Resources Director Tyrome Alexander and thanked Robin Redmond for her endeavors as interim, as she transitions into her new role as HR deputy director.

Bobby Vincent and Lynne Lancaster, Public Works director and deputy director, introduced and answered questions regarding Ord. 2023-050.

Sharon Ebert, deputy chief administrative officer – Planning and Economic Development, introduced and answered questions regarding Ord. 2023-047.

*Councilor Stephanie Lynch was excused at 4:32 p.m.*

After comments from several councilors regarding litter, trash and recycling issues, Mr. Vincent informed Council of city administration's efforts to prevent repeated offenses.

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

### **Closed Session**

At 4:38 p.m., Councilor Katherine Jordan moved that the City Council go into a closed meeting pursuant to subdivision (A)(29) of section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss the terms or scope of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds regarding a proposed development project in the city where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None. Lynch was excused.

*Councilor Stephanie Lynch re-entered the meeting at 4:45 p.m.*

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:20 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING  
February 27, 2023

WHEREAS, the Council has convened in closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certifying resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

WITNESS the following vote of Council members, as recorded by Candice D. Reid, City Clerk:

CERTIFYING:  
Michael J. Jones, President  
Kristen Nye, Vice President  
Andreas D. Addison  
Katherine Jordan  
Ann-Frances Lambert  
Cynthia I. Newbille  
Stephanie A. Lynch  
Ellen F. Robertson  
Reva M. Trammell

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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CITY CLERK