



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, July 22, 2019

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison (late arrival)
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Kim Gray (late arrival)
The Honorable Michael Jones (late arrival)
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Assistant City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:05 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. 2018-289 – retained on the Consent Agenda
2. Ord. 2018-324 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
3. Ord. 2018-325 – to be continued to Monday, December 9, 2019
4. Ord. 2019-018 – to be continued to Monday, September 9, 2019
5. Ord. 2019-118 – to be continued to Monday, September 23, 2019
6. Ord. 2019-146 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2019-147 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2019-159 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilors Michael Jones and Andreas Addison arrived at 4:07 p.m. and were seated.

9. Ord. 2019-160 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2019-161 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2019-162 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2019-163 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2019-164 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2019-166 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2019-167 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2019-168 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2019-169 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2019-170 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2019-171 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2019-172 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2019-173 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2019-174 – retained on the Consent Agenda
23. Ord. 2019-175 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2019-176 – retained on the Consent Agenda
25. Ord. 2019-177 – retained on the Consent Agenda
26. Ord. 2019-178 – to be continued to Monday, September 9, 2019
27. Ord. 2019-179 – retained on the Consent Agenda
28. Ord. 2019-180 – retained on the Consent Agenda
29. Ord. 2019-181 – retained on the Consent Agenda
30. Ord. 2019-182 – retained on the Consent Agenda
31. Ord. 2019-183 – retained on the Consent Agenda
32. Ord. 2019-184 – retained on the Consent Agenda
33. Ord. 2019-185 – retained on the Consent Agenda

City Attorney Allen Jackson provided an introduction of Ord. 2019-185.

Chief Administrative Officer Selena Cuffee-Glenn addressed Council regarding Ord. 2019-185 and stated that the proposed stadium use agreement is based on current needs, and does not contemplate any future redevelopment within the referenced area.

34. Ord. 2019-186 – to be continued to Monday, September 23, 2019
35. Ord. 2019-189 – to be continued to Monday, September 23, 2019
36. Ord. 2019-190 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Kim Gray arrived at 4:13 p.m. and was seated.

Richmond Public Schools (RPS) Superintendent Jason Kamras provided an introduction and answered questions regarding proposed Ord. 2019-190.

Councilor Ellen Robertson and Vice President Chris Hilbert suggested that Ord. 2019-190 be reviewed by a standing committee prior to Council's consideration.

Superintendent Kamras stated that it was his understanding that committee referral would be waived with the introduction of proposed Ord. 2019-190, since it requests only the transfer of contingency reserves funds to support the implementation of the Dreams4RPS strategic plan.

Councilor Parker Agelasto concurred with Superintendent Kamras and mentioned that the Ord. 2019-190 contained an itemized justification of the \$7.9 million budget transfer request, which he stated that he supports.

Councilor Kim Gray expressed concern regarding a RPS internal policies audit of students who speak "English as a Second Language," and she emphasized the importance of recruitment for unfilled special education positions.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that he preferred to consider Ord. 2019-190 later that evening at the Formal Session of Council in lieu of continuing the legislation to a standing committee for further review, which could negatively impact the implementation of several RPS priority area programs.

Councilor Gray voiced her willingness to support expediting Ord. 2019-190 in order to allow RPS to move forward with executing several of the priority area action items referenced in the legislation.

Vice President Chris Hilbert asked that Superintendent Kamras or a designee attend future Education and Human Services Standing Committee meetings.

Councilor Robertson stated that she was also willing to consider proposed Ord. 2019-190; however, she requested a timeline for received information regarding RPS's performance measures and outcomes.

Councilor Agelasto asked that all future correspondences be forwarded to the Council Chief of Staff or City Clerk to ensure distribution to members of Council.

Councilor Andreas Addison also expressed his support of considering proposed Ord. 2019-190 later that evening at the Formal Session of Council.

After discussion regarding the legality of RPS's priority action item to research and recruit male teachers of color, President Cynthia Newbille requested that RPS provide Council with the demographic analysis that supports the action item request.

37. Ord. 2019-191 – retained on the Consent Agenda
38. Ord. 2019-192 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Wayne Lassiter, Public Utilities deputy director, introduced Ords. 2019-191 and 2019-192.

39. Res. 2019-R014 – to be continued to Monday, September 9, 2019
40. Res. 2019-R017 – retained on the Consent Agenda
41. Res. 2019-R022 – to be amended and considered
42. Res. 2019-R023 – retained on the Consent Agenda
43. Res. 2019-R024 – retained on the Consent Agenda
44. Res. 2019-R025 – to be continued to Monday, September 23, 2019
45. Res. 2019-R026 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

46. Ord. 2018-236 – to be continued to Monday, September 23, 2019
47. Ord. 2019-188 – retained on the Regular Agenda
48. Res. 2019-R018 – retained on the Regular Agenda

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

Closed Session Motion

At 5:06 p.m., Councilor Kristen Larson moved that the City Council go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia to discuss the salary of the Inspector General, an appointee of the City Council.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Vice President Chris Hilbert motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:27 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

July 22, 2019

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:

Cynthia I. Newbille, President
Christopher A. Hilbert, Vice President
Andreas D. Addison
Kimberly B. Gray
Kristen N. Larson
Parker C. Agelasto
Ellen F. Robertson
Reva M. Trammell
Michael J. Jones

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Councilor Kim Gray moved that City Council make a modification to the Inspector General’s employment contract.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Other Discussion

President Cynthia Newbille moved to suspend Rule I(D)(7) of Council’s Rules of Procedure and to consider holding an Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting in the month of August.

After discussion regarding members of Council’s availability, the motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None. Abstentions 3, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell.

Consideration of July Organizational Development’s Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Similar Entities

Boards and Commissions Administrator Allison Miessler reviewed board appointment applications continued from the July Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to forward the following board appointment applications with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>
Maggie L. Walker Initiative Citizens Advisory Board (15 members)	Resident of a census tract with 25% poverty (2 Council vacancies)	Dominic Barrett
	Rep. of business with majority Richmond workforce (1 Council vacancy)	Avohom Carpenter
Maggie Walker Community Land Trust Citizens’ Advisory Panel (4 members)	* (2 Council vacancies)	Micah Morris Melissa Guevara

* Applicants must either reside or work in the city

Scott Firestine, Library director, was available to answer questions concerning received board appointment applications for the Richmond Public Library Board.

After discussion regarding board qualification criteria, Councilor Kim Gray moved to forward the following board appointment applications with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None. Larson was excused.

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Richmond Public Library Board (9 members)	* (3 vacancies)	Emily Altman Janet Woody Christine Peterson

* Applicants must either reside or work in the city

President Cynthia Newbille reminded councilors that the Navy Hill Development Advisory Commission nomination for chair and vice chair will be discussed and considered later that evening at the Formal Session of Council.

President Newbille also asked that information pertaining to the following continued agenda items be distributed for review and discussion at the August Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting:

- Performance Management/Evaluations
- Council Chief of Staff Recruitment
- Council Awards
- Street Renaming

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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