



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
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Monday, March 26, 2018

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, March 26, 2018, in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison (late arrival)
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

Absent

The Honorable Chris Hilbert, President

Staff Present

Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, Interim City Clerk

Council Vice President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and presided.

Upon the Vice President's request, Interim Deputy 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

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2017-236 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
2. Ord. 2018-030 – to be continued to Monday, April 23, 2018
3. Ord. 2018-045 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2018-046 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2018-047 – retained on the Consent Agenda

6. Ord. 2018-048 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2018-049 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2018-050 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2018-051 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2018-052 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2018-053 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2018-054 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2018-055 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2018-056 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2018-098 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2018-099 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2018-100 – to be amended and continued to Monday, April 9, 2018
18. Ord. 2018-101 – to be continued to Monday, April 23, 2018
19. Ord. 2018-102 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2018-103 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2018-104 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2018-105 – retained on the Consent Agenda
23. Ord. 2018-106 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2018-107 – retained on the Consent Agenda
25. Ord. 2018-108 – retained on the Consent Agenda
26. Ord. 2018-109 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Vice President Cynthia Newbille provided an introduction of proposed Ords. 2018-103, 2018-104, 2018-105, 2018-106, 2018-107, 2018-108 and 2018-109 and stated that all pieces of legislation only authorized the placement of commemorative signs for each designation, at a minimal cost to the city, underneath the official street signs and would bear no effect on property addresses.

27. Res. 2017-R079 – to be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018
28. Res. 2017-R086 – to be continued to Monday, April 23, 2018
29. Res. 2017-R089 – to be continued to Monday, April 23, 2018
30. Res. 2017-R092 – to be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018
31. Res. 2018-R018 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018

32. Res. 2018-R019 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018

33. Res. 2018-R021 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2018-R021.

34. Res. 2018-R022 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested that city administration provide Council with prior notification of requests to rename streets within the city.

Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 4:09 p.m. and was seated.

Brian Cople, Public Works chief of construction/permits inspections, was available to answer questions regarding Res. 2018-R022 and stated that the current street name (Trafford Road) commemorated the first city director of utilities.

35. Res. 2018-R024 – to be continued to Monday, April 23, 2018

36. Res. 2018-R025 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Parker Agelasto provided an introduction of Res. 2018-R025 and stated that the proposed legislation is an effort to support Vision Zero, a multi-disciplinary global strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

Councilor Michael Jones arrived at 4:13 p.m. and was seated.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille, Councilwomen Reva Trammell, Kristen Larson and Ellen Robertson and Councilor Michael Jones requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2018-R025.

Regular Agenda:

37. Ord. 2018-031 – to be amended and continued to Monday, April 23, 2018

Matthew Ebinger, Planning and Development Review (PDR) principal planner, provided an introduction of proposed Ord. 2018-046 and stated that PDR staff did not recommend approval of the conditional rezoning request since the subject property was located within the core of an industrial area and the proposal would not be consistent with industrial land use recommendation of the city's master plan.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated the intent of Ord. 2018-046 is beneficial, however, the location is not appropriate for residential use and she suggested a continuance of the proposed legislation.

Councilor Ellen Robertson informed Council that the proposed conditional rezoning request had been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Councilor Kim Gray also expressed concern regarding Ord. 2018-046 due to the location of the intended mixed-use development.

Councilor Parker Agelasto, referencing an area map of the location for Ord. 2018-046, indicated that the intended residential development site is not ideal for housing.

Councilor Ellen Robertson further informed Council that Ord. 2018-046 would provide affordable housing opportunities and that there has not been any opposition to the proposal.

Councilor Michael Jones expressed that he would support Ord. 2018-046.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to retain Ord. 2018-046 on the Consent Agenda.

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

Board Vacancies Review

Vice President Cynthia Newbille requested that appointments to the Slave Trail Commission, scheduled for consideration later that evening at the Formal Session of Council, be continued for an additional 30 days to allow her an opportunity to engage with representatives of the Daniel Rose Center for Public Leadership regarding possible repurposing of the commission.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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