



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, November 14, 2016

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, November 14, 2016, in the Council Chamber located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Michelle Mosby, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Jon Baliles
The Honorable Kathy Graziano
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Charles Samuels
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Lou B. Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Lisa Braxton, Assistant City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Jean V. Capel, City Clerk
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, Deputy City Clerk

Council President Michelle Mosby called the meeting to order at 4:18 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.

Reedy Creek Coalition (RCC)

Bill Shanabruch, RCC member, presented Council with information regarding RCC concerns with the proposed Reedy Creek stream restoration project. A copy of the presentation has been filed.

John Buturla, interim deputy chief administrative officer – Operations, and Bob Steidel, Public Utilities director, were available to answer questions regarding the proposed project.

Drew Gould, Timmons Group public land development and community revitalization director, stated that his organization actually supports the proposed Reedy Creek stream restoration project even though information was provided in the RCC presentation that suggested otherwise.

David Paylor, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) director, addressed Council and stated that grant funding for the restoration project could only be utilized for the specified area noted in the application and that the city would need to reapply if a different area was preferred. Melanie Davenport, DEQ water permitting division director, was also available to answer questions regarding the overall Virginia Chesapeake Bay nutrient and sediment reduction goals for localities.

Rosemary Green, Public Utilities deputy director, also provided Council with information regarding the restoration project. A copy of the information has been filed.

Councilor Parker Agelasto expressed several concerns regarding the restoration proposal and stated that the grant should be rejected; he suggested deferring the project until community input had been vetted for inclusion

Councilor Cynthia Newbille suggested that the proposed legislation (Ord. 2016-217) for the Reedy Creek stream restoration project be amended to allow for incorporation of RCC recommendations and a project derailment clause if no agreement between stakeholders is met.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Lenora Reid, deputy chief administrative officer – Finance and Administration, provided Council with an update regarding the FY 2015 CAFR; she reported its completion and that (i) the city received a clean (unmodified) opinion, (ii) the qualification from the FY 2014 CAFR audit due to capital assets was removed and (iii) there was growth in the city's unassigned fund balance.

Angela Dunlap, Grant Thornton audit services partner, presented Council with information regarding their findings of the fiscal year 2015 CAFR audit. A copy of the information has been filed.

Ms. Reid stated that city administration has prepared a plan of action to address internal control matters concerning material weaknesses and significant deficiencies reported in the audit.

Due to time constraints, the leaf collection program presentation and the adjacent property notice update discussion item were rescheduled for the December 5, 2016 Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

Docket Review

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2014-093 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2017
2. Ord. 2015-199 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2016
3. Ord. 2016-204 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2016
4. Ord. 2016-221 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2016

Councilor Jon Baliles requested a continuance of Ord. 2016-221.

5. Ord. 2016-226 – retained on the Consent Agenda with no public hearing, public hearing was held on Monday, October 10, 2016
6. Ord. 2016-231 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2016-234 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2016-244 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2016
9. Ord. 2016-245 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Travis Bridewell, Public Works operations manager, stated that city administration opposes the adoption of Ord. 2016-245 due to the proposal not meeting the manual on uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways standards; he informed Council that other travel calming measurements had been implemented.

Councilor Parker Agelasto indicated that there had been several vehicular accidents at the intersection and he provided letters of support from the community for Ord. 2016-245. A copy of the information has been filed.

10. Ord. 2016-250 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2016-251 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2016-252 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2016-253 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2016-254 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2016-255 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Ellen Robertson provided an introduction of Ord. 2016-255.

Douglas Dunlap, Economic and Community Development interim director, was also available to answer questions regarding the proposed legislation.

16. Ord. 2016-256 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2016-258 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2016-260 – to be amended and continued to Monday, December 12, 2016
19. Ord. 2016-261 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2016-262 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2016-264 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2016
22. Ord. 2016-265 – retained on the Consent Agenda
23. Ord. 2016-266 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2016-267 – retained on the Consent Agenda
25. Ord. 2016-268 – retained on the Consent Agenda
26. Ord. 2016-269 – retained on the Consent Agenda
27. Res. 2016-R007 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2016
28. Res. 2016-R057 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2016
29. Res. 2016-R072 – retained on the Consent Agenda
30. Res. 2016-R073 – retained on the Consent Agenda

31. Res. 2016-R076 – retained on the Consent Agenda

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

Regular Agenda:

32. Ord. 2015-033 – to be continued to Monday, January 23, 2017

33. Ord. 2016-033 – retained on the Regular Agenda

34. Ord. 2016-140 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2016

35. Ord. 2016-217 – retained on the Regular Agenda

After a motion to continue the proposed legislation failed in order to allow for the introduction of an amendment, Ord. 2016-217 was retained on the Regular Agenda.

36. Ord. 2016-257 – retained on the Regular Agenda

37. Ord. 2016-263 – retained on the Regular Agenda

38. Res. 2015-R064 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2016

39. Res. 2016-R016 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2016

40. Res. 2016-R077 – retained on the Regular Agenda

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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