



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 24, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Michael Jones, President
The Honorable Kristen Nye, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison (late arrival)
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (early departure)
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal
Laura Drewry, 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 4:07 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, June 12, 2023
2. Ord. 2022-262 – retained on the Consent Agenda
3. Ord. 2023-057 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2023-068 – to be amended and continued to Monday, May 8, 2023
5. Ord. 2023-090 – to be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023
6. Ord. 2023-092 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023
7. Ord. 2023-101 – moved to the Regular Agenda
8. Ord. 2023-102 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2023-103 – moved to the Regular Agenda
10. Ord. 2023-104 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2023-105 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2023-106 – to be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023
13. Ord. 2023-107 – retained on the Consent Agenda

President Michael Jones, citing the nature of the proposed legislation and anticipated discussion later that evening during the Formal Session of Council, requested Ord. 2023-101 be moved to the Regular Agenda.

Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 4:10 p.m. and was seated.

It was the consensus of Council to move Ord. 2023-101 to the Regular Agenda for consideration.

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton informed Council of the proposed special use permit applicant's request to continue Ord. 2023-103 for thirty days.

President Jones voiced his objection to the recommended adoption and requested continuance of Ord. 2023-103; he asked that the proposed legislation be moved to the Regular Agenda to allow an opportunity to further discuss his concerns with the special use permit.

It was the consensus of Council to move Ord. 2023-103 to the Regular Agenda for consideration.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested Ord. 2023-106 be continued to allow an opportunity for additional community discussion.

It was the consensus of Council to continue Ord. 2023-106 to the May 22, 2023 Council meeting for consideration.

14. Ord. 2023-108 – to be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

15. Ord. 2023-109 – to be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

16. Ord. 2023-110 – to be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

17. Ord. 2023-113 – retained on the Consent Agenda

18. Ord. 2023-114 – to be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023

19. Ord. 2023-123 – retained on the Consent Agenda

20. Ord. 2023-124 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

There were no additional Regular Agenda items.

Budget-Related Papers:

21. Ord. 2023-071 – to be amended and continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

22. Ord. 2023-072 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

23. Ord. 2023-073 – to be amended and continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

24. Ord. 2023-074 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

25. Ord. 2023-075 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

26. Ord. 2023-076 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

27. Ord. 2023-077 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

28. Ord. 2023-078 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

29. Ord. 2023-079 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

President Michael Jones commended his colleagues, city administration and Council staff regarding this year's successful implementation of the revised budget process.

There were no further comments or discussions concerning Consent, Regular and Budget-Related Agenda items reviewed.

Closed Session

At 4:17 p.m., Councilor Cynthia Newbille 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 and scope of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds regarding the Diamond District 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 unanimously approved.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch departed the meeting prior to Council reconvening in open session.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None. Lynch had departed the meeting.

Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:42 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

April 24, 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 Addison
Katherine Jordan
Ann-Frances Lambert
Cynthia I. Newbille
Stephanie A. Lynch (early departure)
Reva M. Trammell

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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