



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 27, 2022

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

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

Absent

The Honorable Kristen Nye

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst
Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney
Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Acting Deputy City Attorney

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:11 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. 2022-054 – to be amended and continued to Monday, July 25, 2022
2. Ord. 2022-094 – retained on the Consent Agenda
3. Ord. 2022-121 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2022-122 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2022-148 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2022-159 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2022
7. Ord. 2022-160 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2022-161 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2022
9. Ord. 2022-162 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2022-163 – to be amended and continued to Monday, July 25, 2022
11. Ord. 2022-164 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2022-165 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2022-167 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2022-170 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Vice President Ellen Robertson arrived at 4:15 p.m. and was seated.

15. Ord. 2022-171 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2022-173 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2022-174 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2022-175 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2022-176 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2022-177 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2022-178 – retained on the Consent Agenda

- 22. Ord. 2022-179 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 23. Ord. 2022-180 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 24. Ord. 2022-181 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 25. Ord. 2022-182 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 26. Ord. 2022-183 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 27. Ord. 2022-184 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2022
- 28. Ord. 2022-185 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 29. Res. 2022-R032 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 30. Res. 2022-R034 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 31. Res. 2022-R041 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 32. Res. 2022-R042 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

- 33. Ord. 2021-345 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2022
- 34. Ord. 2021-346 – to be continued to Monday, July 25, 2022
- 35. Ord. 2022-166 – retained on the Regular Agenda
- 36. Ord. 2022-172 – retained on the Regular Agenda
- 37. Res. 2022-R033 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Vice President Ellen Robertson requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2022-R032.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested to be added as a co-patron of Ord. 2022-183.

Councilor Katherine Jordan requested to be added as a co-patron of Ords. 2022-182, 2022-183, Res. 2022-R032 and 2022-R041.

Councilor Lambert also requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2022-R041.

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

Other Discussion Item(s)**Redistricting Next Steps**

General Registrar Keith Balmer provided Council with an update regarding the next steps to the redistricting process and reported on the legality of the adopted redistricting map following the 30-day public notice. Mr. Balmer also reported legislative representation and voter districts would remain the same for residents of changed districts until subsequent elections are held.

Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 4:24 p.m. and was seated.

Councilor Michael Jones commended Mr. Balmer regarding his community engagement efforts during the redistricting process.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested information pertaining to the newly revised council districts and that the city website be updated to reflect the changes.

Councilor Katherine Jordan requested Mr. Balmer's assistance with updating constituents regarding the adopted redistricting plan.

Closed Session

At 4:31 p.m., Councilor Michael Jones moved that the City Council hold a closed meeting pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss (i) modifications to the contracts of the City Assessor, the City Auditor, the City Clerk, and the Inspector General concerning their salaries and (ii) prospective candidates for employment as City Attorney and Council Chief of Staff.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Lynch, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Trammell had not yet arrived.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell arrived at 4:50 p.m. and joined the closed session.

Councilor Andreas Addison motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch was excused. Trammell had exited the meeting.

Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:46 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

June 27, 2022

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
Ellen F. Robertson, Vice President
Andreas D. Addison
Katherine L. Jordan
Ann-Frances Lambert
Stephanie A. Lynch
Reva M. Trammell (exited)
Michael J. Jones

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

CITY CLERK