



City of Richmond

Special Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
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Wednesday, March 6, 2019

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Kim Gray
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Andreas Addison

In accordance with City Charter §6.06, the Council of the City of Richmond, Virginia, convened for the mayor's presentation of the Proposed Biennial Fiscal Plan for Fiscal Year 2020. Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and presided.

CHAMBER EVACUATION PLAN

Upon the President's request, City Clerk Candice Reid provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

MAYOR'S BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor Levar M. Stoney presented the Proposed Fiscal Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20), and the city's Capital Improvement Plan for 2020-2024, which included, but were not limited to, the following highlights:

- Total General Fund revenues projected at \$758 million for FY20; total Capital Improvement Plan expenditures (not including utilities) and revenues projected at \$96.9 million in FY20
- An increase of the real estate tax rate from \$1.20 to \$1.29 per \$100 of assessed value
- In imposition of a cigarette tax of 50 cents per pack
- Full funding of Richmond Public Schools' FY20 budget request for \$18.5 million
- An allocation of \$16.2 million toward street paving and sidewalk maintenance
- An increase in the water, wastewater and stormwater rates of 4% and natural gas rate of 3.5% for all single family residential customers (meaning the average residential customer will see a combined estimated increase of \$5.82 per month in their bill)

- A 3 percent salary increase for non-sworn, non-constitutional officer employees to take effect in July of 2019
- Maintaining the funding for the planned salary decompression and step pay increases instituted for both police and firefighters along with raising the starting salary for police officers to \$43,000
- An increase in the investment in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to \$2.9 million in FY20
- Increased staffing for Department of Citizen Service and Response, which oversees RVA311
- A commitment of \$485,000 to a new Eviction Diversion program to support residents struggling to stay in their homes
- An additional \$965,000 to the Greater Richmond Transit Corporation for increasing service and route frequency

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

The following ordinances were introduced for public hearing on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2019-041

To adopt the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-042

To adopt the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-043

To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2019, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2019; and to determine the means of financing the same.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-044

To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-045

To adopt the Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated expenditures from the Debt Service Fund for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-046

To adopt the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Internal Service funds for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-047

To adopt the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Richmond Cemeteries Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Richmond Cemeteries for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of the facilities.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-048

To adopt the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of parking facilities.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-049

To adopt the Electric Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Electric Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Electric Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Electric Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-050

To adopt the Gas Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Gas Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Gas Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Gas Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-051

To adopt the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Funds for the said fiscal year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-052

To adopt the Stormwater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Stormwater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Stormwater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the stormwater utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-053

To adopt the Wastewater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Wastewater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Wastewater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Wastewater Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-054

To adopt the Water Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Water Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Water Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Water Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-055

To amend section II of the Pay Plan adopted by Ord. No. 2018-319 on Jan. 14, 2019, to provide a 3% pay increase for classified and unclassified permanent City employees who are not in the step based pay system for police and fire employees.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-056

To amend sections III(B)(4)(b), III(B)(11), III(B)(12), and III(B)(25)(e) of the Pay Plan adopted by Ord. No. 2018-319 on Jan. 14, 2019, to (i) suspend the police and fire career development program until Jun. 30, 2020, (ii) provide the Commonwealth Attorney's Office with \$828,229 for salary supplements and \$194,229 for Virginia Retirement System contributions and the Commonwealth Attorney with a \$49,586 salary supplement and a \$10,006 Virginia Retirement System contribution, (iii) provide the Sheriff's Office with \$1,685,683 for salary supplements and the Sheriff with a \$27,154 supplement, and (iv) to suspend the education incentive for police and fire program until Jun. 30, 2020.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-057

To amend section III(B)(40) of the Pay Plan adopted by Ord. No. 2018-319 on Jan. 14, 2019, to modify the step-based pay system for sworn firefighters and police officers from a 14-step system to an 18-step system.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-058

To amend and reordain City Code § 26-355, concerning the levy of tax on real estate, to increase the real estate tax rate from \$1.20 to \$1.29 for every \$100 of assessed value of real estate for the tax year beginning Jan. 1, 2020.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-059

To amend ch. 26 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. XVIII, consisting of sections numbered 26-1277 through 26-1287, concerning the levy of a cigarette tax, for the purpose of imposing a new tax on the sale of cigarettes.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-060

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for § 2-729(c), concerning fees applicable to subscribers who use the City's emergency communications systems and for whom the Department installs, maintains, or repairs equipment in vehicles, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-061

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 7-6(a) and (c) (concerning cemetery fees) and 7-92 (concerning fees for care of burial spaces and lots) to increase the charges for internments, disinternments, reinternments, and entombments.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-062

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for City Code §§ 7-122 for the scattering gardens, and 7-132, for the purchase of memorial site for cremation bench, to establish revised charges therefor.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-063

To amend and reordain City Code § 8-274, concerning the issuance of permits and conditions for concessions in public parks and playgrounds of the City, and the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for § 8-274(a)(2), for the purpose of providing for permit fees for the issuance of permits for concessions in public parks and playgrounds of the City.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-064

To amend the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 12-120(a)(4), 12-120(a)(5), 12-120(a)(6), 12-120(a)(7), 12-120(a)(9), 12-120(a)(15), 12-120(a)(16), 12-120(a)(17), 12-120(a)(21), and 12-120(a)(22), concerning rates and discounts for parking facilities operated by the City.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-065

To amend City Code § 27-219, concerning fines for parking violations, for the purpose of adjusting the fines for certain violations.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-066

To amend City Code § 14-152, concerning permits and fees for erosion and sediment control; and to amend and reordain Appendix A of the City Code by adding therein a new fee for § 14-152(c).

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-067

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 24-365 (concerning fees for installing gaslights) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2019, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-068

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-191(2) and 28-191(3) (concerning fees for residential gas service), 28-192(2) (concerning fees for residential gas peaking service), 28-193(2) (concerning fees for general gas service), 28-195(f) and 28-196(f) (concerning fees for transportation service), 28-198(2) (concerning fees for municipal gas service), 28-202(c) (concerning fees for large volume gas sales service), 28-203(c) (concerning fees for large volume, high load factor, gas sales service) and 28-204(b) (concerning fees for natural gas vehicle gas service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July 2019, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-069

To amend the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-923 (concerning fees for residential stormwater service) and 28-924 (concerning fees for developed residential properties stormwater service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2019, to establish revised charges for the stormwater utility's services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-070

To amend and reordain certain fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-650 (concerning fees for residential wastewater service), 28-651 (concerning fees for commercial wastewater service), 28-652 (concerning fees for industrial wastewater service), 28-653 (concerning fees for state and federal wastewater service), 28-654 (concerning fees for municipal wastewater service) and 28-799 (concerning fees for discharge of hauled materials into designated septage receiving stations by contractors) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2019, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-071

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-326 (concerning fees for residential water service), 28-327 (concerning fees for commercial water service), 28-328 (concerning fees for industrial water service), 28-329 (concerning fees for municipal water service), 28-330 (concerning fees for state and federal water service),

28-458 (concerning fees for water for fire protection) and 28-549 (concerning fees for water use during conservation periods) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2019, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-072

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 23-42 (concerning fees for solid waste) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2019, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-073

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$48,365,559 to finance the cost of school projects and general capital improvement projects of the City for the following purposes and uses: construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public schools; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for various infrastructure needs, including traffic control facilities, streets, sidewalks and other public ways, bridges, storm sewers, drains and culverts, and refuse disposal facilities; participation in redevelopment, conservation and community development programs, including the construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for targeted public facilities included in these programs; construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public institutional, operational, cultural, educational and entertainment buildings and facilities, including but not limited to the theaters, parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, libraries and museums; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and the making of appropriations to the City's Economic Development Authority ("EDA") to be used by the EDA to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-074

To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$87,191,049 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the gas, water and wastewater utilities and public utilities buildings and facilities for the following purposes and uses: enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the gas plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the waterworks plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the wastewater plant and intercepting lines; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, and improvement of sanitary and storm water sewers, pumping stations, drains and culverts; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of public utility buildings and

facilities therefor, including but not limited to the stores division; and acquisition of real property and real property rights (including without limitation easements and rights-of-way) therefor as appropriate; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to approve the form of supplemental indenture of trust; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such public utility revenue bonds.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

ORD. 2019-075

To authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$5,291,067 to finance the cost of equipment for the following purposes and uses: acquisition of computer, radio, office, solid waste collection, office furniture and miscellaneous equipment and vehicles for the various departments, bureaus and agencies of the City, and equipment for City schools; and to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell equipment notes to finance the acquisition of such equipment, and to authorize the issuance of taxable notes, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation equipment notes.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Committee referral waived {Rule VI(B)(2)}

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilor Kristen Larson moved to suspend Rule Six of Council's Rules of Procedure for all budget-related ordinances, introduced that day, so that those ordinances are not referred to or reviewed by a standing committee but are instead reviewed during a budget review process developed by the Council and the council chief of staff and heard during the budget public hearing scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

CITY CLERK