



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
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Monday, September 24, 2018

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, September 24, 2018, in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Chris Hilbert, President
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Kim Gray (late arrival)
The Honorable Michael Jones (late arrival)
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell (late arrival)

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, City Clerk

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and presided.

Upon the 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. 2017-242 – to be continued to Monday, October 8, 2018
2. Ord. 2018-030 – to be continued to Monday, October 8, 2018
3. Ord. 2018-153 – to be continued to Monday, December 10, 2018
4. Ord. 2018-203 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2018-204 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2018-205 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2018-207 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Michael Jones arrived at 4:05 p.m. and was seated.

8. Ord. 2018-218 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2018-219 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2018-221 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2018-222 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2018-223 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2018-224 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2018-225 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2018-226 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2018-230 – to be continued to Tuesday, November 13, 2018
17. Ord. 2018-232 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2018-234 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2018-237 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2018-238 – to be continued to Tuesday, November 13, 2018
21. Res. 2018-R074 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Res. 2018-R079 – retained on the Consent Agenda
23. Res. 2018-R080 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Res. 2018-R081 – to be amended and considered
25. Res. 2018-R082 – to be continued to Monday, January 14, 2019
26. Res. 2018-R083 – to be continued to Monday, October 8, 2018
27. Res. 2018-R084 – to be continued to Tuesday, November 13, 2018
28. Res. 2018-R085 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

29. Ord. 2018-101 – to be continued to Monday, October 8, 2018
30. Ord. 2018-110 – to be continued to Monday, October 8, 2018

Chief Administrative Officer Selena Cuffee-Glenn addressed Council regarding Ord. 2018-110 and stated that the residency requirement is too restrictive and limits the city's ability to recruit talented and competent individuals, especially for the executive candidate pool. Ms. Cuffee-Glenn asked that the proposed legislation be amended to extend the residency requirement to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Lenora Reid, deputy administrative officer – Finance and Administration, was also available to answer questions regarding the Ord. 2018-110.

It was the consensus of Council to continue Ord. 2018-110 to allow an opportunity to introduce recommended changes to the proposed legislation.

31. Ord. 2018-126 – to be continued to Monday, October 8, 2018
32. Ord. 2018-194 – to be continued to Tuesday, November 13, 2018
33. Ord. 2018-195 – to be amended and continued to Monday, October 8, 2018

President Chris Hilbert stated that, due to a conflict of interest, he will abstain from the final vote on Ord. 2018-195.

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested that Res. 2018-R083 be continued to the next Formal meeting of Council to allow an opportunity to introduce an amendment to the proposed legislation.

Councilor Parker Agelasto stated that he will not support Ord. 2018-195 since the proposed legislation considers the area median income (AMI) of the Richmond-Petersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area when determining the eligibility of housing applicants as part of the project's affordable housing efforts and not just that of the city.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell arrived at 4:29 p.m. and was seated.

Councilor Ellen Robertson informed Council that the AMI is the same affordable rate as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in which the city has utilized as standard for all past development projects.

34. Ord. 2018-206 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Councilor Ellen Robertson introduced Ord. 2018-206 and stated that even though alternative traffic calming measures have been proposed by city administration, the community still requests the adoption of the proposed legislation.

Councilor Kim Gray arrived at 4:38 p.m. and was seated.

35. Ord. 2018-227 – moved to the Consent Agenda

Robert (Bob) Steidel, deputy chief administrative officer – Operations, provided an introduction of Ord. 2018-227.

Bob Vincent, Public Works director, stated that the adoption of Ord. 2018-227 will not disrupt the recycling and/or bulk collection schedule; instead, the proposed legislation will assist the department with leaf collection efforts.

It was the consensus of Council to move Ord. 2018-227 to the Consent Agenda.

36. Ord. 2018-228 – to be continued to Tuesday, November 13, 2018
37. Ord. 2018-229 – to be continued to Monday, October 8, 2018

Councilor Ellen Robertson introduced Ord. 2018-229.

Councilor Kristen Larson questioned the purpose of Ord. 2018-229.

City Attorney Allen Jackson noted that Ord. 2018-229 only defined certain terms relating to affordable housing and does not address how the terms are applied.

After further discussion regarding the defined terms, it was the consensus of Council to continue Ord. 2018-229.

38. Ord. 2018-231 – to be continued to Tuesday, November 13, 2018
39. Ord. 2018-233 – to be continued to Tuesday, November 13, 2018
40. Ord. 2018-236 – to be continued to Tuesday, November 13, 2018
41. Res. 2018-R068 – to be amended and considered

Councilor Parker Agelasto introduced Res. 2018-R068.

42. Res. 2018-R073 – to be continued to Monday, October 8, 2018

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

Other Discussion

Councilor Kristen Larson provided an introduction for a resolution expressing the Council's support for a financial and compliance audit of the School Board of the City of Richmond Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) allocations and an overview of the processes used to develop, track and report such allocations for the City, which is to be introduced for expedited consideration later that evening at the Formal Session of Council.

Councilor Michael Jones expressed concern regarding the proposed legislation and stated that the suggested audit of the city's CIP allocations should be a separate request from that of the overview of CIP processes.

Lou Lassiter, city auditor, and Lenora Reid, deputy chief administrative officer – Finance and Administration, were available to answer questions regarding the proposed audit and overview of CIP processes.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell requested to be added as a co-patron of the proposed resolution.

2019 General Assembly Legislative Agenda

Councilor Michael Jones commented on Council's legislative process and proposals to the General Assembly (GA) and stated that he has been advised that the city's submission should be a consolidated agenda focusing on realistic objectives for a successful outcome, as well as a collaboration with city administration for non-legislative matters.

Ron Jordan, council lobbyist, Advantus Strategies, introduced his team and reviewed proposed recommended legislative initiatives for inclusion in the city's 2019 legislative packet for the upcoming GA session. Mr. Jordan noted that due to this year's short GA session, the city's legislative agenda was prioritized to focus only on areas that addressed public safety, housing, ethics and city operations. Mr. Jordan noted that Council will have an opportunity for further discussion regarding the legislative packet during the October Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Maggie Walker Community Land Trust (MWCLT) – Land Bank Priorities and Plans

Douglas Dunlap, acting deputy administrative officer – Economic Development, commented on the adoption of legislation designating the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust as a land bank entity and the components of the memorandum of agreement, which established the framework for the land bank’s activities. Mr. Dunlap introduced Robert Adams, MWCLT program development manager, who presented Council with the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust Land Bank Annual Plan for 2018-2019 along with information regarding the history, mission and need for the land bank. A copy of the information has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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