



City of Richmond Formal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, April 11, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council met in the Council Chamber on Monday, April 11, 2016, at 6:06 p.m.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Ruth Crowell, Tenth Street Baptist Church, 2300 Fairmount Avenue, Richmond, VA.

Members of Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers Present

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

Reported Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson

CHAMBER EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

Council President Michelle Mosby called the meeting to order and presided. Upon the President's request, Candice Reid, deputy city clerk, provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with citizen speaker guidelines and conduct during the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Councilor Charles Samuels moved that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Commission of Architectural Review (9 members)	Citizen of the city appointed at large	David C. Cooley	04/11/2016 – 04/11/2019 <i>Succeeding Matthew D. Elmes, maximum number of terms served</i>
Urban Design Committee (10 members)	Member of a recognized local organization in one of the various fields of static arts	Dawn Hicks	04/11/2016 – 04/11/2019 <i>Succeeding Vaughn Whitney Garland, resigned</i>

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Advisory Board for the Assessment of Towing Fees and the Storage of Vehicles (7 members)	Police Department representative	Victoria Pearson	04/11/2016 – 03/22/2019 <i>Succeeding Sergeant Warren Andorfer, maximum number of terms served</i>

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

President Michelle Mosby, on behalf of Richmond City Council, and Selena Cuffee-Glenn, chief administrative officer, on behalf of Mayor Dwight C. Jones, proclaimed the month of April 2016 as Richmond Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Representatives of the YWCA of Richmond accepted and thanked city officials for the recognition.

President Michelle Mosby, on behalf of Richmond City Council, and Selena Cuffee-Glenn, chief administrative officer, on behalf of Mayor Dwight C. Jones, proclaimed the second full week of April 2016 as Richmond Public Safety Emergency 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Week. Director of the Richmond Department of Emergency Communications Stephen Willoughby, along with emergency communications staff, accepted the proclamation.

Councilor Charles Samuels and Councilor Parker Agelasto, on behalf of Richmond City Council, recognized Maymont on its 90th anniversary as a park and museum. Bruin Richardson, interim executive director of the Maymont Foundation, accepted the award, acknowledged Fred Murray, associate executive director, and Peggy Singlemann, director of horticulture, and encouraged everyone to visit Maymont for the 90th anniversary celebration.

Richmond City Council recognized Dick Harmon on the occasion of his 28th anniversary serving as the host announcer for WCVE-TV Public Broadcasting Service's (PBS) live television and web streaming broadcast of Richmond City Council formal meetings. Mr. Harmon accepted the recognition and expressed thanks to City Council for the award.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Councilor Charles Samuels moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2015-245

To conditionally rezone the property known as 2801 East Main Street from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the B-5 Central Business District, upon certain proffered conditions.

Continued to Monday, May 9, 2016

ORD. 2015-246

To conditionally rezone the property known as 2825 East Main Street from the [M-1 Light] M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the B-5 Central Business District, upon certain proffered conditions. (As Amended)

Continued to Monday, May 9, 2016

ORD. 2016-098

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain interests in real estate located east of Capitol Square for improvements related to Main Street Station and for public right-of-way purposes.

Continued to Monday, April 25, 2016

ORD. 2016-099

To declare surplus and direct the conveyance of City-owned interests in real estate located east of Capitol Square for nominal consideration for the purpose of clarifying the property interests held by the City and the Commonwealth.

Continued to Monday, April 25, 2016

ORD. 2015-033

To rename the building located at 900 East Broad Street and known as "City Hall" as "L. Douglas Wilder City Hall."

Continued to Monday, July 25, 2016

RES. 2015-R064

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study to determine the feasibility of developing a program to connect panhandlers in the city of Richmond with day jobs and charitable and social service organizations by using mobile services and the City's 311 Call Center as an initiative to reduce homelessness and panhandling.

Continued to Monday, May 9, 2016

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Charles Willis expressed thanks to attendees of a violence prevention/conflict resolution workshop.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

ORD. 2016-093

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2804 Idlewood Avenue for the purpose of permitting non-medical professional office use, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2016-094

To amend and reordain City Code § 2-1082, concerning the composition of the Audit Committee, for the purpose of clarifying membership requirements.

ORD. 2016-100

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the total amount of \$99,125 from the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy; and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Fleet Replacement Program project in the City Equipment and

Other Infrastructure Investment category by \$99,125 for the purpose of abating the cost of purchasing replacement vehicles fueled by compressed natural gas.

RES. 2016-R008

To formally adopt, for itself, the Council Liaisons, and the employees in the Council Chief of Staff's office, the Operational Policies and Procedures Manual issued by the Council Chief of Staff, as updated by the Council Chief of Staff from time to time, to the extent consistent with applicable law.

RES. 2016-R025

To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the Council Districts Funds for the Third District to make a donation to Girls for a Change to defray costs associated with its 2016 Date with Dad Dinner and Dance.

RES. 2016-R026

To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$500.00 from the Council Districts Funds for the Sixth District to make a donation to Girls for a Change to defray costs associated with its 2016 Date with Dad Dinner and Dance.

ORD. 2016-092

To amend City Code § 12-32, concerning the disposition of funds from the sale of real estate and certain insurance proceeds, for the purpose of providing that real estate tax revenues from former school properties that the City has sold be set aside for the operations of the School Board of the City of Richmond.

Support

Garet Prior spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the proposed request provides funds for the operation of schools, creates a level of transparency and requires accountability from the city's school board.

There were no further comments or discussions and the **Consent Agenda** was **unanimously adopted**.

REGULAR AGENDA

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2016-115

To amend Ord. No. 2015-82-72, adopted May 4, 2015, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds; accepted funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$6,622,947; and appropriated \$6,622,947 for various projects, for the purposes of re-appropriating unexpended funds and appropriating additional funds in the total amount of \$458,605 and of reallocating funds for various projects.

ORD. 2016-116

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds; to accept funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in

the total amount of \$6,362,297; and to appropriate \$6,562,297, consisting of the accepted funds, \$98,535 in CDBG prior year surplus funds, and \$101,465 in CDBG program income, for various projects.

Denise Lawus, deputy director II – Economic and Community Development, introduced ORD. 2016-115 and ORD. 2016-116.

Support

Ed Solarz, president-elect of the Board of Directors for Rebuilding Together Richmond, spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that CDBG funds are used to assist numerous homeowners with repairs and modifications and for the preservation of home ownership stability in the city's most challenged neighborhoods.

Earl Bradley spoke in support of the proposed legislation and expressed concern that low-income residents are not provided the opportunities for employment in accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 3 program.

Alexandra James, chief executive officer for Trinity Family Life Center, spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the funding will provide assistance for the city's residents, especially vulnerable youth and young adults who were a part of the foster care system.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved to continue ORDS. 2016-115 and 2016-116 to Monday, April 25, 2016, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

BUDGET-RELATED PAPERS

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2016-046

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 27-245(a), concerning mandatory charges for using meters for on-street and off-street parking spaces, for the purpose of increasing on-street parking meter charges.

ORD. 2016-047

To adopt the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; 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.

ORD. 2016-048

To adopt the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2016-049

To repeal ch. 10, art. III of the City Code, consisting of sections 10-48 through 10-52, and concerning fire and burglar alarm systems; to amend and reordain ch. 10 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. III, consisting of sections 10-48 through 10-55, concerning burglar alarms, for the purpose of implementing a procedure to issue alarm permits and assess charges for excessive false alarms; and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by repealing the fees set forth therein for section 10-51 and adding new fees for sections 10-52, concerning permits, and 10-53, concerning false alarms.

ORD. 2016-050

To amend City Code §12-120, concerning rates and discounts for parking facilities operated by the City, to impose a penalty for late payments, and to amend the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 12-120(a)(1), 12-120(a)(2), 12-120(a)(3), 12-120(a)(4), 12-120(a)(5), 12-120(a)(6), 12-120(a)(7), 12-120(a)(8), 12-120(a)(9), 12-120(a)(11), 12-120(a)(13), 12-120(a)(14), 12-120(a)(17), 12-120(a)(21) and 12-120(a)(22) of the City Code, concerning rates and discounts for parking facilities operated by the City.

ORD. 2016-051

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, 2016, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2016-052

To adopt the Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017, and to appropriate the estimated expenditures from the Debt Service Fund for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2016-053

To adopt the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in the said budget.

ORD. 2016-054

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 26-873(a), 26-874(b), 26-931(a), 26-932, 26-933(a), 26-940(a), 26-941(a), 26-941(b), 26-942(a), 26-948(d), 26-951, 26-952(a), 26-953, 26-954, 26-955(a), 26-956(a), 26-957, 26-958, 26-960(a), 26-961, 26-964, 26-967(a), 26-969, 26-970, 26-971, 26-972(a), 26-972(j), 26-973, 26-974, 26-980(c), 26-989(b), 26-990(a), 26-990(b), 26-991(a), 26-992(a), 26-993, 26-994(a), 26-995, 26-996, 26-998, 26-1000, 26-1001(a), 26-1001(b), 26-1002(a), 26-1003, 26-1006(a), 26-1007(a), 26-1007(b), 26-1007(c), and 26-1008(a) concerning license fees to increase the license fee for certain licenses from \$30.00 to \$50.00.

ORD. 2016-055

To amend City Code §§ 26-977 (concerning vehicle license fees for motor vehicles) and 26-978 (concerning vehicle license fees for motorcycles) for the purpose of providing that such license fees shall be equal to the equivalent fee imposed by Va. Code § 46.2-694, and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by repealing the fees set forth therein for City Code §§ 26-977 and 26-978.

ORD. 2016-056

To amend City Code §§ 26-984 and 26-986, concerning license taxes for peddlers of crabs and for hawkers and hucksters, respectively, for the purpose of increasing the license tax for peddlers of crabs and for hawkers and hucksters from \$225.00 to \$300.00.

ORD. 2016-057

To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017.

ORD. 2016-058

To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2016, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2016; and to determine the means of financing the same.

ORD. 2016-059

To adopt the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Richmond Cemeteries Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Richmond Cemeteries for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of the facilities.

ORD. 2016-060

To adopt the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Internal Service funds for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2016-061

To authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$5,500,000 to finance the cost of equipment for the following purposes and uses: acquisition of equipment and vehicles for the stormwater utility of the City; 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.

ORD. 2016-062

To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$110,676,000 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.

ORD. 2016-063

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$62,500,000 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.

ORD. 2016-064

To cancel all authorized but unissued notes authorized by the City of Richmond in Fiscal Year 2014-2015, to authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$5,000,000 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.

ORD. 2016-065

To amend section 12A of Article III of Ord. No. 93-117-159, adopted May 24, 1993, concerning salary supplements for the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, to provide the Commonwealth Attorney with a salary supplement of \$46,768 and a contribution to the Virginia Retirement System on his behalf of \$9,713 and to provide the Commonwealth Attorney's Office with \$783,169 for salary supplements and \$185,229 for a contribution to the Virginia Retirement System for members of the office for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

ORD. 2016-066

To amend section 12B of Article III of Ord. No. 93-117-159, adopted May 24, 1993, concerning salary supplements for the Sheriff's Office, to provide the Sheriff with a salary supplement of \$23,069 and the Sheriff's Office with \$2,897,868 for salary supplements for members of the office for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

ORD. 2016-067

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 23-42(b) (concerning charges for recycling by the City) to increase the charges for recycling by the City.

ORD. 2016-068

To amend and reordain sections 3 and 25 of Article III of Ordinance No. 93-117-159, adopted May 24, 1993, to suspend the Educational Incentive Program for certain Police and Fire Officers for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

ORD. 2016-069

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, 2016, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2016-070

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, 2016, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2016-071

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), and 28-203(c) (concerning fees for large volume, high load factor, gas sales service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July 2016, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2016-072

To adopt the Water Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; 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.

ORD. 2016-073

To adopt the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Funds for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2016-074

To adopt the Gas Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; 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.

ORD. 2016-075

To adopt the Wastewater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; 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.

ORD. 2016-076

To adopt the Stormwater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; 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 plant and distribution system of the stormwater utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

ORD. 2016-077

To adopt the Electric Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; 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.

Speakers

Denise Waters asked that Council approve additional funding for supplies for Richmond Public Schools (RPS).

Annessha Johnson asked that Council show its support to RPS students by providing funding to RPS for supplies and teachers' raises.

Heaven Reid stated that schools need better resources, supplies and more personnel.

Driona Spencer asked that Council allocate funds to RPS to improve education, increase teachers' salaries and hire bus drivers.

Elyjah Gunter stated that a lack of funding for RPS will result in a decrease in future working professionals and that RPS needs funding for supplies, computers and other needed resources.

Kimberly Bailey, RPS teacher, asked that Council amend the proposed budget to invest in RPS for needed repairs, supplies and teachers' salaries.

Sarah Ford stated that more funding is needed for RPS; she also stated that quality of education should be everyone's concern and full funding for RPS is a choice that Council should consider.

Lindsey Kelley, RPS teacher, stated that the conditions of some of the city's schools were deplorable and funding was needed for repairs, renovations and teachers' salaries, indicating that RPS teachers' salaries were lower than those of the surrounding localities.

Vera Small, RPS teacher, stated that RPS students are being negatively impacted because qualified and dedicated teachers are forced to leave the city's schools due to inadequate financial compensation.

Elizabeth Fuchs urged Council to invest in a more than adequate education for RPS students.

Shannon Harton, speaking on behalf of the Westover Hills PTA, requested full funding for RPS. Mr. Harton stated that neglect of RPS has a negative impact on attracting new homeowners to the city.

Bryce Lyle requested that Council show their support to RPS by fully funding the RPS budget for needed resources and teachers' salaries. Mr. Lyle stated that an investment in RPS is an investment in public safety, public health, civic infrastructure and poverty reduction.

Jamie Gordon, RPS teacher, stated that funding for education is more important than promoting sporting events and that the conditions of some of the schools were deplorable and in serious need of repair.

Keri Treadway asked that Council show their support for education, by fully funding RPS budget for needed resources and to reduce the thirteen percent turnover ratio of teachers who are forced to leave the city's schools system for better pay.

Chris Lombardi stated that the city could provide funding for RPS in the same manner that funding was presumably made available for football, ribbon cutting ceremonies and security for the mayor.

Ansley Perkins stated that public education should be a top priority for all of the city's officials as it is evident that a quality education breaks the cycle of poverty and improves economic development.

Mariah Walker urged that Council amend the proposed budget for RPS to show their support, not only for the students who have pleaded on behalf of RPS, but for all students in the RPS system. Ms. Walker suggested that revenues from other sources be used to provide the necessary funding for supplies, teachers' salaries and repairs for crumbling schools.

Emily Walker, RPS teacher, stated that teachers need funding to purchase the basic supplies they need on a daily basis and that the proposal to close several of the city's schools will negatively impact students.

Garet Prior urged that Council fully fund RPS to promote economic development and to provide safe and healthy environments for the students.

Paula Katz, RPS teacher, asked that Council look for ways to fully fund the RPS budget.

Claire Shute urged that Council fund the RPS budget stating that investment in education was more important than investing in bike races, training camps and baseball stadiums.

Mahri Jones urged the city's leaders to utilize their resources to invest in the needs of RPS.

Janet Clement urged that Council provide the necessary resources to improve the city's educational system.

Bradley Heath stated that RPS students have displayed their frustration over inadequate education funding, so now is the time for the city's leaders to invest in better education rather than investing in a baseball stadium, renovations of a courthouse, a security detail for the mayor, a community center and an equestrian stadium.

Justin Goodman suggested that the city's officials seek the necessary funding for the schools through private donations.

Kenya Gibson urged that Council fully fund the needs of RPS for salaries, resources and school repairs. Ms. Gibson stated that investment in an effective educational system will be instrumental in increasing the city's economy and decreasing poverty.

Marie Morton Hart stated that funding is needed for RPS to help build up the city's Southside and for the Richmond Police and Fire Departments.

Jarene Fleming stated that families are leaving the city because of lackluster school funding and urged that Council adopt the budget proposed by the RPS superintendent.

Creyona Macklin stated that poor school conditions and a lack of resources have a negative impact on her and fellow students and that merging schools to save resources, will decrease students' academic performance.

Amily Richie, RPS student, urged that Council fully fund the RPS budget.

A Fox Elementary School student stated that less than ideal school conditions make it hard for students to learn and thrive.

Phillip Ricks stated that a large number of the city's residents have attended the meeting to demonstrate their support of fully funding RPS and that Council should demonstrate its support as well.

Amy George stated that Council needs to utilize all of its resources to obtain the proposed funding that will keep all schools open and provide quality education for students.

Scott Barlow asked that Council look for ways to fully fund RPS to reward teachers for their dedication and commitment to tomorrow's generation.

Miriam Thomas, RPS teacher, stated that funding for RPS is not a political issue but a matter of respect, moral and social justice and that the city's residents and students feel disrespected every time the schools are denied funding for basic necessities.

Diane Marshall, RPS teacher, read a letter from a student who urged that Council provide funding for students and teachers.

Jonathan Miller urged that Council fully fund the RPS budget and alleged that Council has failed to be a good steward of the city's budget through its approval of the Bon Secours Redskins Training Facility, the UCI Road World Championships Bicycle Race (UCI) and the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

India Simmons expressed concern regarding the proposed closure of several of the city's schools and the impact it will have on the already burdened school bus system.

Lynetta Thompson, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), urged that Council fully fund the RPS budget in a similar manner that the city funded the Bon Secours Redskins Training Facility and the economic developments for the city's East End.

Aaron Garber, RPS teacher, stated that funding was needed to boost teachers' salaries and to repair the city's crumbling schools.

Charlotte Hayer, president of the Richmond Education Association, stated that every child in the city deserves a quality public education in an environment that is safe and staffed with highly qualified teachers.

Maria Cannady stated that the surrounding localities provide adequate funding for their school systems and that the city's students should have to the same opportunities so that they can thrive as adults.

Ariana Shahidi, RPS student, expressed concern regarding the proposed closure of several of the city's schools and stated that, if education was a priority for the city, the city's schools would not be in their current condition.

Jason Thompson stated that investing in the city's educational system will help the city thrive financially, reduce crime and provide opportunities for citizens to achieve the American dream.

Melissa Gray expressed concern regarding proposals to close several schools stating that students are not being rewarded for their hard work.

Michelle Jones stated that it appears that education is not a priority of city officials and that students are forced to fight for basic rights equal to students in the surrounding localities.

Laurie Hunter commented that statistics have shown that an increase in education decreases crime and failure to fund RPS will have lasting impacts on the city.

Andrea Hamilton, RPS teacher, stated that, despite the challenges she faces as a teacher, she is still dedicated to the needs of her students, and Council should be willing to provide funding to better the schools.

Latoya Parsatawna stated that school closures will cause an increase in crime and will negatively impact the current students of such schools.

Rahjay Davis, RPS student, stated that closing the school that he currently attends will affect his education.

Larjay Dean, RPS student, urged that Council fully fund RPS for needed supplies and school maintenance.

Rikita Dean spoke in opposition to the proposed closing of several of the city's schools stating that securing funding for education should not come at the expense of the students.

Kai Miesop, RPS student, commented about funding for RPS.

Alvin Miesop urged that Council use all resources at its disposal to fully fund RPS. Mr. Miesop stated that the closing of several of the city's schools will increase crime and negatively impact the city's revenue.

Tamika Daniel stressed the need for funding for RPS teachers stating that teachers motivated her siblings to reach their full potential and that students are negatively impacted by the high turnover of RPS teachers.

Emily Turner Collet stated that RPS students deserve a quality education and that it is morally wrong for the city's leaders to ignore the current issues that have plagued the city's educational system.

Joe Notarnicola urged that Council fully fund RPS stating that many residents do not have the means to relocate their children to ensure a good education; therefore, Council needs to make the decision to provide funding for the city's children.

Laura Bryant stated that a lack of school funding will affect the futures of many students and that education is not a privilege, but a right of the people.

Omar Al-Qaddafi stated that he opposes the proposed closings of several of the city's schools and that a lack of funding in education will result in a need for increased funding for more jails.

Dale Miles, RPS teacher, expressed opposition to the proposals to close several of the city's schools stating that the city's students need to know that their city officials are interested in improving their education.

Marty Jewell requested funding for RPS and expressed concerns regarding the city's budget.

Rich Morrison expressed concerns regarding the physical and mental challenges that RPS teachers are facing and urged that Council respond to the needs of its citizens.

Jamil Jasey stated that students are forced to plead for funding for their education while city officials continue to invest in other unrelated projects.

Illya Davis urged that Council fully fund RPS and stated that any school closings will ultimately increase crime.

Bruce Tyler stated that education is a key component for the city and that Council should utilize all of its resources to fully fund RPS.

Oriel Mitchell, representative of Black Business Owners of Richmond, urged that Council respond to the needs of the residents.

Parker Maury expressed concern that crime will increase if several city schools close.

Miles Lewis stated that the battle over school funding could cause the current schools' superintendent to seek other employment and that he believes citizens are willing to forgo some city services in order to fund RPS.

Abby Wood, RPS student, urged that Council reject the mayor's proposed budget and fully fund RPS for necessary school maintenance and to avoid the proposed closings of several of the city's schools.

Joe Morrisey stated that funding levels for RPS have amounted to less than twenty percent of the city's budget and the quality of Richmond's educational system affects the entire city.

Gloria Harris stated that the city should invest in the youth of today because they are our future.

Amber Foster urged that Council fully fund RPS so that parents are not forced to choose between living in the city or a quality education for their children.

Dawn Chrislow urged that Council fully fund the needs of RPS, stating that the city's current educational system is broken due to inadequate funding levels.

Lorenzo Granderson urged that Council fully fund RPS.

Derrick Bates, RPS teacher, urged that Council fully fund RPS to relieve the daily traumas that students and teachers endure.

Jen Ramachandran stated that students and parents participated in a rally, held earlier in the day, to demonstrate their support for education and that Council should support fully funding RPS.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved that all budget-related papers be continued to Monday, April 25, 2016, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jonathan Baliles moved to approve the following Richmond City Council meeting minutes: Informal Council Session held on Monday, March 28, 2016, at 4:00 p.m., and the Formal Council Session held on Monday, March 28, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Kathy Graziano thanked all attendees for showing their support and dedication to Richmond Public Schools (RPS) during that night's meeting and announced that the Greater Staffordshire Civic Association will meet on Tuesday, April 12th, 7:00 p.m., at Bon Air Library, 3103 Rattlesnake Road.

Councilor Charles Samuels thanked all participants of the Ukrop's Monument Avenue 10K held on Saturday, April 9th, and announced that the West Grace Street Association will meet on Monday, April 18th, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Orchard House School, 500 North Allen Avenue. Councilor Samuels also announced that the Historic Jackson Ward Association will meet on Tuesday, April 19th, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the UNOS Jackson Center, 501 North 2nd Street.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille thanked all attendees for coming out in support of Richmond Public Schools (RPS). Councilor Newbille encouraged citizens to attend one of a series of Richmond Transit Network Plan meetings, on Tuesday, April 19th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Southside Community Service Center, 4100 Hull Street Road, April 20th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Peter Paul Development Center, 1708 North 22nd Street, Tuesday, May 3rd, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the DMV Richmond Central Service Center, 2300 West Broad Street, and Wednesday, May 4th, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at 101 East Franklin Street.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell acknowledged the dedicated service of Virginia State Trooper Chad Dermeyer, who lost his life in the line-of-duty involving an incident at the Greyhound bus station, and thanked all emergency personnel who responded to the incident. Councilwoman Trammell also thanked attendees of that night's meeting, with a special thanks to present residents of the 8th District. Ms. Trammell further announced that the regularly scheduled 8th District meeting will be held Thursday, April 21st, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Satellite Restaurant, 4000 Jefferson Davis Highway. Ms. Trammell reminded citizens to contact her at 804-233-7382 or 804-240-5050 and to contact their nearest fire station to arrange for the installation of a smoke alarm or to have existing alarms inspected at no cost.

Councilor Parker Agelasto thanked attendees of the 5th District meeting which was held on Thursday, April 7th, and announced that there will be a 5th District clean-up on Saturday, April 16th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at George Wythe High School; he asked that volunteers register online at <http://www.meetup.com/RVA-Clean-Sweep/> or www.handsonrva.org. Councilor Agelasto also announced that, on Tuesday, April 12th, the Carillon Civic Association will meet, at 6:00 p.m., at the Carillon, in Byrd Park, and the Woodland Heights Civic Association will meet at 7:00 p.m., at the Woodland Heights Baptist Church, 611 West 31st Street. Mr. Agelasto stated that, on Thursday, April 14th, at 6:30 p.m., the Richmond School Board member for the 5th District, Mamie Taylor, will hold a meeting to discuss Richmond Public Schools at John B. Cary Elementary School, 3021 Maplewood Avenue. Councilor Agelasto stated that citizens can contact him at 804-646-6050 or via email at parker.agelasto@richmondgov.com.

Vice President Chris Hilbert reported that he was honored to participate in the Tech Connect program, a program designed to provide computers and training for Richmond Public Schools students and announced that the next 3rd District meeting will be held on, Monday, April 28th, at 6:00 p.m.; he asked residents to contact him at 804-646-6055 or contact Lisa Townes, 3rd District Liaison at lisa.townes@richmondgov.com for more information on the location of the meeting. He also stated that those contacting him via email, should do so at chris.hilbert@richmondgov.com.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Michelle Mosby announced that a Midlothian Team meeting, chaired by Alma Moore, will be held on Tuesday, April 11th, at 6:00 p.m., at the Southside Social Services Building in Conference Room A, 4100 Hull Street.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, April 25, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2016-117

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the City of Richmond 2015-2016 Continuum of Care Contract in the amount of \$859,878 for the Richmond Shelter Plus Care program between the City of Richmond and Virginia Supportive

Housing for the purpose of completing necessary projects and services for homelessness assistance.

Patrons: Mayor Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2016-118

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the City of Richmond 2015-2016 Continuum of Care Contract in the amount of \$61,681 for the Richmond Shelter Plus 2 - A Place to Start program between the City of Richmond and Virginia Supportive Housing for the purpose of completing necessary projects and services for homelessness assistance.

Patrons: Mayor Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2016-119

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the City of Richmond 2015-2016 Continuum of Care Contract in the amount of \$154,287 for the Richmond Shelter Plus 3 - Housing First program between the City of Richmond and Virginia Supportive Housing for the purpose of completing necessary projects and services for homelessness assistance.

Patrons: Mayor Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2016-120

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the City of Richmond 2015-2016 Continuum of Care Contract in the amount of \$68,893 for the Richmond Shelter Plus 4 - Expansion program between the City of Richmond and Virginia Supportive Housing for the purpose of completing necessary projects and services for homelessness assistance.

Patrons: Mayor Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2016-121

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the City of Richmond 2015-2016 Continuum of Care Contract in the amount of \$103,394 for the Richmond Shelter Plus 5 - Capacity program between the City of Richmond and Virginia Supportive Housing for the purpose of completing necessary projects and services for homelessness assistance.

Patrons: Mayor Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2016-122

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the City of Richmond 2015-2016 Continuum of Care Contract in the amount of \$179,169 for the Richmond Shelter Plus 6 - A Place to Start program between the City of Richmond and Virginia Supportive Housing for the purpose of completing necessary projects and services for homelessness assistance.

Patrons: Mayor Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2016-123

To amend and reordain City Code § 9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, to correct the address of the polling place for Precinct 208.

Patrons: Mr. Samuels

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2016-124

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,722,818 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Utilities' Stormwater Facilities Improvements program in the utilities category by \$1,722,818 for the purpose of constructing the Maury Cemetery Stream Restoration project and the Pocosham Creek Stream Restoration project.

Patrons: Mayor Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

RES. 2016-R031

To set the rate of personal property tax relief for qualifying vehicles for the 2016 tax year pursuant to City Code §§ 26-495-26-497.

Patrons: Mayor Jones

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, May 9, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2016-125

To amend City Code §§ 27-197, concerning prohibitions on parking in specified places, and 27-219, concerning fines for parking violations, for the purpose of prohibiting parking on curbs, on medians, and in bicycle lanes.

Patrons: Mr. Agelasto

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2016-126

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1300 McDonough Street, 1302 McDonough Street, 1304 McDonough Street, and 1306 McDonough Street for the purpose of a mixed-use development with up to 12 dwelling units and ground floor commercial space, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Jones (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2016-127

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2701 Woodrow Avenue for the purpose of an addition to an existing single-family dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Jones (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.