



City of Richmond

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann Frances Lambert (early departure)
The Honorable Kristen Nye
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President
The Honorable Michael Jones

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m., and presided.

Invocation was offered by Pastor David Dwight of Hope Church RVA, 12445 Patterson Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

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

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren 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.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

Awards and Presentations

[CD.2022.138](#) March 28, 2022 Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

Council President Cynthia Newbille, on behalf of City Council, honored and recognized the dedication of the Virginia Department of Health - Richmond District Office, and the important work of physicians. City Council and Mayor Levar Stoney proclaimed and established the first full week in April to be Richmond Public Health Week, and March 30, 2022, to be Richmond Doctor's Day.

Council President Cynthia Newbille, on behalf of City Council, honored and recognized public defenders, mitigation specialists, investigators, and staff of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission - Richmond Office of Public Defender. City Council and Mayor Levar Stoney proclaimed and established the full work week in March that includes March 18, to be Richmond Public Defender Week.

Council President Cynthia Newbille, on behalf of City Council, and Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders, on behalf of Mayor Levar Stoney, honored and recognized the dedication of social workers and the delivery of social service programs by organizations, entities and the Richmond Department of Social Services. City Council and Mayor Levar Stoney proclaimed and established the month of March to be Social Work Month.

Citizen Comment

[CD.2022.133](#) March 28, 2022 Citizen Comment Period Speakers List

Andrew Thomas, Department of Public Utilities employee, informed Council of issues he experienced with supervisors and colleagues within the Department of Public Utilities. Mr. Thomas stated that the level of stress he experienced negatively impacted his health. Mr. Thomas requested Council's assistance regarding his concerns.

President Cynthia Newbille confirmed that city administration would address the matter with Mr. Thomas.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her appreciation for Mr. Thomas speaking before Council.

Jonathan Davis, Richmond Crusade for Voters President, addressed Council and spoke in support of ranked choice voting. Mr. Davis stated that ranked choice voting would ensure a fair and improved voting process for residents. Mr. Davis also stated that it would guarantee that an individual would win an election by a true majority of voters.

Jane D. Newell, League of Women Voters of the Richmond Metro Area President, addressed Council and spoke in support of ranked choice voting. Ms. Newell stated that ranked choice voting ensured that a candidate would win an election with a true majority of votes, rather than a plurality.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated her appreciation for individuals that spoke in support of ranked choice voting, and she also stated that she hoped the city would examine the possibility of implementing the voting method.

Allan-Charles Chipman addressed Council and spoke to his concerns with proposed maps related to the Richmond Decennial Voter District Redistricting process. Mr. Chipman informed Council that in 2020, he was a City Council candidate for the 6th Voter District. Mr. Chipman stated that he was concerned about the proposed redistricting map being considered by Council, because it would remove his residence from the 6th Voter District. Mr. Chipman further stated that he did not want redistricting to prevent him from participating in a future election as a candidate for the 6th Voter District.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

President Cynthia Newbille addressed the process of redistricting and stated that Mr. Chipman would have the opportunity to participate in the process.

Interim Council Chief of Staff Joyce Davis provided an overview of the redistricting process, and informed Mr. Chipman that a public hearing regarding proposed redistricting maps would take place at the April 11, 2022 City Council Formal meeting.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Andreas Addison moved to amend the agenda as follows:

2. [ORD. 2022-020](#) To reduce the speed limits on Huguenot Road from its intersection with Riverside Drive to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Richmond Highway from its intersection with Hopkins Road to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Warwick Road from its intersection with Belt Boulevard to its intersection with German School Road; on Commerce Road from its intersection with Commerce Road Access to its intersection with Bells Road Access Road; on Forest Hill Avenue from its intersection with Sheila Lane to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Broad Rock Boulevard from its intersection with Belt Boulevard to its intersection with Patsy Anne Drive; on Ironbridge Road from its intersection with Patsy Anne Drive to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Belt Boulevard from its intersection with Warwick Road to its intersection with Broad Rock Boulevard; on the Manchester Bridge from its intersection with Byrd Street to its intersection with Semmes Avenue; and on U.S. Route 1 from its intersection with Rowe Street to its intersection with Riverside Drive, to 35 miles per hour.

Patrons: Mr. Jones

To be continued to Monday, April 11, 2022

11. [ORD. 2022-054](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 2-1105, concerning the Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board, for the purpose of modifying the membership composition of such Board to specify that one member shall be a member at-large and one member shall be an employee of the City's Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services with program manager duties.

Patrons: Vice President Robertson

To be continued to Monday, May 9, 2022

20. [RES.](#) To request that the Mayor propose, as part of his annual budget for
[2021-R086](#) Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the necessary amendments to the City Code and appropriations to establish a Department of Mobility and Multimodal Transportation.

Patrons: Mr. Addison

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

25. [ORD.](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1500 North
[2021-097](#) Lombardy Street for the purpose of four wall signs, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, June 13, 2022

27. [ORD.](#) To amend ch. 2, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 20
[2022-091](#) (§§ 2-1202.1-2-1202.5) for the purpose of establishing a Civilian Review Board.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, May 9, 2022

28. [RES.](#) To express the Council's support, should the citizens of Richmond
[2022-R007](#) approve a second referendum for the development and operation of a resort casino, for using the revenues received as a result of the development and operation of such resort casino to provide a two-penny reduction in the City's real estate tax rate and funding for public schools and community infrastructure.

Patrons: Vice President Robertson, President Newbille, Ms. Trammell and Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

29. [RES.](#) To express the Council's support, should the citizens of Richmond
[2022-R014](#) approve a second referendum for the development and operation of a resort casino, for appropriating one-third of the revenues received as a result of the development and operation of such resort casino to a reserve fund for the purpose of supplanting any decrease in funds received by the School Board of the City of Richmond as a result of adjustments to the Commonwealth of Virginia's Composite Index of Local Ability to Pay.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch and Ms. Lambert

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille. Noes None.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

1. [ORD. 2021-368](#) To conditionally rezone the property known as 6422 Forest Hill Avenue from the R-2 Single-Family Residential District to the R-4 Single-Family Residential District, upon certain proffered conditions. (As Amended) (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

3. [ORD. 2022-036](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 80-260-81-41, adopted Mar. 9, 1981, as previously amended by Ord. Nos. 81-152-138, adopted August 24, 1981, 84-110-83, adopted May 29, 1984, 89-318-295, adopted Nov. 13, 1989, 2006-26-52, adopted Feb. 27, 2006, 2006-260-263, adopted Oct. 23, 2006, 2012-163-164, adopted Oct. 8, 2012, and 2017-169, adopted Oct. 9, 2017, concerning the Beaufont Oaks Community Unit Plan, to amend the use of the parcel known as 400 Hioaks Road to allow for an expansion of the multifamily development known as “Beaufont Towers” located on the parcel known as 7015 West Carnation Street and also known as 350 Hioaks Road. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

4. [ORD. 2022-047](#) To authorize the Director of Procurement Services, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Goods and Services Contract between the City of Richmond and CliftonLarsonAllen LLP for auditing services.

Patrons: President Newbille and Ms. Nye

This ordinance was adopted.

5. [ORD. 2022-048](#) To close, to public use and travel, an alley in the block bounded by Bellemeade Road, Columbia Street, Afton Avenue, and Lynhaven Avenue, consisting of 11,145± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

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6. [ORD. 2022-049](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2021-017, adopted Feb. 22, 2021, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 2525 Belt Boulevard, 2613 Belt Boulevard, and 2701 Belt Boulevard for the purpose of up to 36 single-family attached dwellings, to instead authorize up to 34 single-family attached dwellings and three two-family dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (8th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request), Vice President Robertson, President Newbille and Ms. Trammell
- This ordinance was adopted.**
7. [ORD. 2022-050](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 5 North Colonial Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to three dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
8. [ORD. 2022-051](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 417 Libbie Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 26 dwelling units and off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
9. [ORD. 2022-052](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2021-018, adopted Feb. 22, 2021, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 5300 Rear Hull Street Road, 5311 Warwick Road, 5315 Warwick Road, and 5323 Warwick Road for the purpose of up to 65 single-family attached dwellings, to instead authorize up to 73 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
10. [ORD. 2022-053](#) To amend City Code §§ 5-34, concerning appointments and divisions of the Board of Building Code Appeals, 5-35, concerning membership of the Board, 5-36, concerning meetings, officers, minutes, and records of the Board, and 5-37, concerning terms of office for members of the Board, to consolidate the divisions of Board into one board.
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney
- This ordinance was adopted.**
12. [ORD. 2022-083](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Gun Violence Prevention Fund Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and NextUp RVA for the

purpose of establishing a positive youth development and youth violence prevention fund to support efforts to alleviate the impact of gun violence on vulnerable youth in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

13. [ORD. 2022-084](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Health Equity Trust Fund Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the Richmond and Henrico Public Health Foundation for the purpose of establishing a health equity trust fund to support and strengthen community efforts to address health disparities and the disproportionate burden of adverse health effects.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert and President Newbille

This ordinance was adopted.

14. [ORD. 2022-085](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$900,000.00 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the City Sheriff called the FY 21 Second Chance Reentry Grant Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the City Sheriff's FY 21 Second Chance Reentry Grant Special Fund by \$900,000.00 for the purpose of funding a program to reduce recidivism by providing enhanced support services for the reentry of offenders into the Richmond community.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

15. [ORD. 2022-086](#) To amend Ord. No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) transfer \$624,000.00 from the Non-Departmental agency, Public Safety Employee COVID-19 Hazard Bonuses line item, and \$753,888.00 from the Non-Departmental agency, Employee COVID-19 Bonuses line item, and (ii) appropriate \$624,000.00 to the Non-Departmental agency, Richmond Ambulance Authority line item, \$175,000.00 to the Non-Departmental agency, Richmond Public Defenders' Office Supplement Salaries line item, \$125,775.00 to the Circuit Court agency, \$203,175.00 to the Judiciary - Commonwealth Attorney agency, \$246,713.00 to the Richmond Sheriff's Office agency, and \$3,225.00 to the City Treasurer agency, all for the purpose of providing for bonuses to certain employees of the Richmond Ambulance Authority, the Public Defender, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Commonwealth's Attorney, the Sheriff, and the

Treasurer.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

16. [ORD.](#)
[2022-087](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the parcels of real property owned by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and known as 400 East 15th Street, 426 East 15th Street, and 1421 Dinwiddie Avenue for the purpose of maintaining such properties as public greenspace and for playground and recreational uses. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

17. [ORD.](#)
[2022-088](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Deed of Lease between Richmond VA II SGF, LLC, as lessor, and the City of Richmond, as lessee, for the purpose of providing office and storage space for the Office of the General Registrar at 2134 West Laburnum Avenue. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

18. [ORD.](#)
[2022-089](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Fifth Amendment to Lease between the City of Richmond, as lessee, and Saul Subsidiary I Limited Partnership, as lessor, for the purpose of enabling the City to continue using 52,411± square feet of the property located at 4100 Hull Street Road for the Department of Social Services and other City functions. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

19. [ORD.](#)
[2022-090](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease of Property between the City of Richmond, as lessor, and People Cycle, Inc., as lessee, for the purpose of leasing to People Cycle, Inc., a certain portion of the City-owned property located at 3011 Water Street. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

21. [RES.](#)
[2021-R092](#) To establish a policy that Council members will make recommendations for their budget priorities to the Mayor no later than Oct. 1 of each year for consideration in the Mayor's proposed annual

budget for the purpose of developing a more collaborative budget development process.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch and Ms. Lambert

This resolution was adopted.

22. [RES. 2022-R015](#) To direct the City Planning Commission to prepare, submit to public hearing, and adopt an amendment to the Master Plan making certain changes to the Master Plan for the inclusion of Creighton Court, Fairfield Court, Gilpin Court, Hillside Court, Mosby Court North, Mosby Court South, and Whitcomb Court as priority growth nodes.

Patrons: Vice President Robertson, Ms. Lambert and President Newbille

This resolution was adopted.

23. [RES. 2022-R019](#) To approve the Mayor's appointment of Dironna Moore Clarke as a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a term commencing March 28, 2022, and terminating March 27, 2026, succeeding Darius A. Johnson.

Patrons: City Council

This resolution was adopted.

24. [RES. 2022-R020](#) To express the City Council's support for the City's participation in the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity funding program for an Arthur Ashe Boulevard over CSX bridge replacement project.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Addison, Vice President Robertson, Ms. Lambert and President Newbille

This resolution was adopted.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2022-049.

Public Hearing

Birdie Hairston Jamison spoke in opposition of ORD. 2021-368. Ms. Jamison informed Council that previous improvement projects on Forest Hill Avenue have created drainage issues on her property, due to the removal of trees and bushes. Ms. Jamison also stated that she was in opposition to the rezoning referenced in ORD. 2021-368, because it would impact the charm of the surrounding neighborhood, and she also worried more drainage issues would be created.

Gerald Carter spoke in opposition to ORD. 2021-368, and stated he was concerned that the rezoning would impact the aesthetic of the surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Carter also stated that the rezoning would create congestion in the area due to overdevelopment.

Paul Bliley spoke in opposition to ORD. 2021-368, and informed Council of drainage issues in the surrounding neighborhood referenced in ORD. 2021-368. Mr. Bliley also stated that the proposed development for the area would increase drainage issues because of the development size.

Brian Britton spoke in opposition to ORD. 2021-368, and stated his concerns with a potential increase of noise due to overcrowding in the surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Britton also stated the proposed development would decrease safety and property values in the area.

Councilor Kristen Nye stated her appreciation for individuals that spoke regarding ORD. 2021-368. Councilor Nye provided additional information regarding the proposed development in reference to concerns raised during the public hearing. Councilor Nye informed members that she shared residents' concerns regarding drainage with city administration to be addressed.

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders stated that city administration would contact Birdie Jamison regarding her concerns with drainage.

Kevin Vonck, Department of Planning and Development Review Director, stated that additional permitting review would be necessary for the proposed development associated with ORD. 2021-368. Mr. Vonck also stated that a draining plan would be enforced on the development by city administration. Mr. Vonck further stated that there would be opportunities in the future to incorporate more buffers and drainage assistance.

Councilor Nye also stated her appreciation for city administration's efforts related to ORD. 2022-086, and providing hazard pay to employees of the city's constitutional officers.

Commonwealth Attorney Colette McEachin addressed Council and informed members of the work that the employees of the city's constitutional officers provided during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. McEachin spoke in support of ORD. 2022-086.

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders provided additional information regarding ORD. 2022-086.

President Cynthia Newbille stated her appreciation for the work performed by city employees of constitutional officers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There were no further comments or discussion and the Consent Agenda was adopted: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille. Noes None.

THE REGULAR AGENDA

The following ordinance was considered:

26. [ORD. 2021-308](#) To amend Ord. No. 2021-042, adopted May 24, 2021, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and determined a means of financing the same, by transferring funds in the amount of

\$7,310,391.00 from the School Planning and Construction project in the Education category and appropriating such transferred funds to the School Modernization - George Wythe High School project in the Education category for the purpose of funding the planning and design of a new George Wythe High School.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Lincoln Saunders provided an introduction and background information regarding ORD. 2021-308. CAO Saunders stated that the Mayor was informed by the Richmond School Board Chair Shonda Harris-Muhammed, that the School Board would not consider the proposed 1,800 student capacity compromise for the new George Wythe High School, and that the School Board planned to move forward with construction that accommodated 1,600 students. CAO Saunders also stated that he believed the city's Southside would continue to experience a population growth, and he requested that Council continue consideration of ORD. 2021-308, to allow for continued discussion related to school capacity.

Public Hearing

Stephanie Starling spoke in opposition of ORD. 2021-308, and stated that Council should not approve the transfer request of \$7,310,391.00 for school planning and design. Ms. Starling also stated that the city's Southside would continue to experience population growth and that an appropriate sized high school was needed.

Emily Kavanaugh spoke in opposition of ORD. 2021-308, and stated that she believed the proposed compromise of a 1,800 student capacity for a new George Wythe High School was an elegant solution. Ms. Kavanaugh also stated that she believed it was the duty of Council to maintain a financial review of school construction.

Charles Willis spoke in opposition of ORD. 2021-308, and stated his concerns with what he believed was School Board members not meeting with constituents.

Becca Duval spoke in opposition of ORD. 2021-308, and addressed the quality of Richmond Public Schools (RPS) buildings in the city. Ms. Duval also stated her concerns with the proposed sized of a 1,600 student capacity George Wythe High School, because of the possibility of busing students to other high schools and classrooms taking place in trailers, due to possible overcrowding.

Shannon Heady spoke in opposition of ORD. 2021-308, and stated her concerns with the functionality of the School Board. Ms. Heady requested that Council continue to engage and hold the School Board accountable.

School Board Member Dawn Page stated that she believed a compromise of a 1,800 student capacity high school was insufficient, and that a 2,000 student school was necessary due to population growth. Ms. Page also stated that she believed her colleagues on the School Board were relying on outdated data to support a 1,600 student capacity.

School Board Member Cheryl Burke addressed the history of George Wythe High School construction, and stated her concerns with the impact school overcrowding would have on the wellbeing of students.

Lorraine Wright spoke in support of ORD. 2021-308, and stated that students at George Wythe High School had waited too long for a new high school. Ms. Wright also stated she was concerned that there was not a sense of urgency regarding the construction.

Kristin Reed spoke in support of ORD. 2021-308, and requested that Council not withhold the requested transfer of \$7,310,391.00 for school planning and design.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated that Council approved the city's meals tax increase in order to help the city fund new school construction. Councilor Jordan also stated that she reviewed a school construction audit report, and that she did not believe the claim that city administration spent \$30,000,000 over budget during construction of the three new schools was accurate. Councilor Jordan further stated that the Education and Human Services Standing Committee would have City Auditor Lou Lassiter address the matter at a special committee meeting.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated that he believed the new George Wythe High School should contain a student capacity of 2,000 students, and he informed Council that Henrico County had recently built two high schools at that capacity. Councilor Addison also stated his concerns that a 1,600 student high school would soon experience overcrowding.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that George Wythe High School construction would have previously started had the School Board not passed a resolution removing the city administration's authority to oversee school construction. Councilor Lynch also stated her concerns that the School Board was attempting to build a lower capacity George Wythe High School in order to reallocate additional funding to build a new Woodville Elementary School. Councilor Lynch further stated that she would vote to adopt ORD. 2021-308, but that Council needed to collaborate with the School Board regarding the need for a 2,000 student George Wythe High School.

Councilor Kristen Nye stated that she believed the transfer request of \$7,310,391.00 for school planning and design was a procedural matter before Council, and that members should vote to adopt ORD. 2021-308.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her concerns with the condition of schools in the city. Councilor Lambert also stated that she was concerned that members of the School Board were not interacting with school staff and city residents. Councilor Lambert further stated that the majority of her constituents informed her of the preference for a 2,000 student George Wythe High School. Councilor Lambert informed members that she would vote to adopt ORD. 2021-308, but that she would work with Council to hold the School Board accountable.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated that she was concerned about the proposed size of a 1,600 student George Wythe High School, because of continued development and population growth in the city's Southside. Councilwoman Trammell suggested that Council continue consideration of ORD. 2021-308 to allow for additional discussion. Councilwoman Trammell further stated her concerns with members of the School Board not collaborating with Council and other School Board members.

President Cynthia Newbille stated that she supported the idea of schools building schools, but noted schools must have the capacity to do so. President Newbille also stated that she believed accurate data indicated the need for a 2,000 student George Wythe High School. President Newbille informed Council she had reservations about moving forward with adopting ORD. 2021-308.

At the request of Councilor Lambert, School Board members Dawn Page and Cheryl Burke addressed Council regarding a potential compromise with the School Board.

School Board Member Page stated that she did not believe a compromise was possible, because School Board members were not aligned.

School Board Member Burke stated that School Board members were not collaborating with one another, and that she did not believe a collaboration between School Board and Council was possible. Member Burke informed Council that she and Member Page were not included in the decision of the School Board to not move forward with the proposed compromise of a 1,800 student George Wythe High School.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated that she did not believe Council had delayed the start of construction of a new George Wythe High School. Councilor Jordan also stated her concerns with the impact of rezoning students in the city's Southside to other areas of the city.

There were no further comments or discussion and ORD. 2021-308 was rejected: Ayes 4, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Lynch. Noes None. Abstentions 3, Addison, Trammell, Newbille.

Councilor Andreas Addison inquired if Council could take action regarding the transfer request of \$7,310,391.00 for school planning and design, during review of the city's Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) budget.

President Cynthia Newbille stated that Council could discuss a path moving forward regarding school construction with both the School Board and city administration.

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders stated that he believed Council could address the matter of funding school construction within the city's capital budget.

Interim City Attorney Haskell Brown stated that Council could take such action, but that any action taken within the city's FY23 capital budget would not become effective until July 1, 2022.

Councilor Kristen Nye stated her opposition to addressing the funding request within the FY23 budget, due to possible delays with the transfer, and she inquired about the process of reconsidering Council's rejection of ORD. 2021-308.

Interim City Attorney Brown informed members he would provide clarification after the meeting regarding procedural actions available to Council regarding a request to reconsider.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated her concerns with the delay that would occur with addressing the budget transfer during review of the FY23 capital budget. Councilor Lynch suggested a joint meeting between the School Board and Council to address the matter quickly.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated that additional members of the School Board should have been present to speak to ORD. 2021-308.

Motions

Councilor Stephanie Lynch moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

30. [RES. 2022-R021](#) To amend Res. No. 2021-R004, adopted Jan. 4, 2021, as previously amended by Res. No. 2021-R007, adopted Jan. 11, 2021, which designates which Council members shall serve on the Council's Standing Committees and the various boards, commissions, and other collegial bodies on which Council members serve, for the purpose of modifying the City's representation on the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, also known as "PlanRVA," and making clerical updates.

Patrons: President Newbille

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille. Noes None.

President Cynthia Newbille provided an introduction and additional information regarding RES. 2022-R021.

There were no further comments or discussion and RES. 2022-R021 was adopted: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

31. [RES. 2022-R022](#) To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount up to \$10,000,000.00 for the acquisition, construction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of an approximately 62-unit multifamily residential rental housing project to be known as the Swansboro Apartments located at 3600 East Broad Rock Road and 3601 East Broad Rock Road in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell provided an introduction and additional information regarding RES. 2022-R022.

Public Hearing

John Badman, McGuireWoods Associate, on behalf of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, was present and available to address questions raised by Council.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated his support for RES. 2022-R022.

There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R022 was adopted: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille. Noes None.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2022.115](#) March 14, 2022 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2022.121](#) March 14, 2022 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2022.139](#) March 28, 2022 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:

32. [ORD. 2022-098](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' State Fire Programs Special Fund by \$50,000.00 for the purpose of funding the purchase of a self-contained breathing apparatus training aid for Department of Fire and Emergency Services' personnel and regional emergency services partners.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

33. [ORD. 2022-099](#) To amend Ord. No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) create certain new line items in the Non-Departmental agency, (ii) transfer \$1,283,288.00 from the Department of Housing and Community Development, and (iii) appropriate such \$1,283,288.00 to the new line items in the Non-Departmental agency, all

for the purpose of providing grants to certain entities for the provision of housing-related services.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c). (Public hearing date revised)

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:

34. [ORD. 2022-100](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 6 West 21st Street and 20 West 21st Street for the purposes of a community center, office use, and special events, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

35. [ORD. 2022-101](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1514 North 22nd Street for the purpose of a wildlife rehabilitation facility accessory to an existing single-family dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

36. [ORD. 2022-102](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 908 West 31st Street for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

37. [ORD. 2022-103](#) To abolish the Slave Trail Commission; repeal the relevant portions of Res. No. 98-R102-107, adopted Jul. 13, 1998, as amended by Res. No. 2000-R111-109, adopted Jul. 24, 2000, Res. 2003-R132-123, adopted Jul. 14, 2003, Res. No. 2003-R155-141, adopted Sept. 8, 2003, and Res. No. 2004-R125-131, adopted Jun. 28, 2004, concerning the creation, composition, terms of office, duties, and functions of the Commission; and to terminate the terms of the Commission's members.

Patrons: President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

38. [ORD. 2022-104](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to issue grants, loans, or a combination thereof from the City's 1st Tranche of American Rescue Plan

Act of 2021 funds to certain entities in designated amounts and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to execute all necessary documents to effect such issuance for the purpose of financing the construction and preservation of single-family and multifamily dwellings.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

39. [ORD. 2022-105](#) To install an appropriate number of speed tables to be determined by the Department of Public Works in Moss Side Avenue between West Laburnum Avenue and Walton Avenue.

Patrons: Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

40. [ORD. 2022-106](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Façade Improvement Program Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond, Virginia for the purpose of promoting economic development in the City's Arts and Cultural District by supporting projects that enhance neighborhood building façades.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

Members of Council provided reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

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