



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
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Monday, January 23, 2017

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, January 23, 2017, 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
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Lou B. Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Lisa Braxton, Assistant City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Deputy Council Chief of Staff
Jean V. Capel, City Clerk
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, Deputy City Clerk

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Assistant 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

Assistant City Clerk Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2015-199 – to be continued to Monday, February 27, 2017

Councilor Ellen Robertson informed Council that the continuance of Ord. 2015-199 will allow city administration an opportunity to develop an alternative proposal regarding the collection of bulk items throughout the city.

John Buturla, interim deputy chief administrative officer – Operations, stated that he will provide a presentation regarding an alternative bulk collection proposal at the February 21, 2017 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting.

2. Ord. 2016-221 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2017

Councilor Andreas Addison requested a continuance of Ord. 2016-221 to allow an opportunity to resolve a matter related to the proposed project.

3. Ord. 2016-300 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2016-304 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2017
5. Ord. 2016-305 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Jeannie Welliver, Economic and Community Development project development manager, was available to answer questions regarding proposed Ord. 2016-305.

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested a comprehensive business plan for Main Street Station.

President Chris Hilbert asked that the plan be distributed to all members of Council no later than the end of the week.

6. Ord. 2016-307 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2016-308 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2016-309 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2017-001 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2017
10. Res. 2016-R092 – to be amended and continued to Monday, February 13, 2017

Councilor Michael Jones requested that Res. 2016-R092 be continued to allow an opportunity for a conversation with city administration regarding bus service in the 9th District.

Chief Administrative Officer Selena Cuffee-Glenn, David Green, Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC) chief executive officer, and Amy Inman, Economic and Community Development multi-modal transportation senior administrator, were available to answer questions regarding Res. 2016-R092.

Councilor Michael Jones invited members of Council to participate in a bus route tour within his district in order to better understand the impact imposed on GRTC patrons.

Councilor Parker Agelasto informed city administration and GRTC of route and frequency discrepancies with interactive maps and bus schedules.

After discussion regarding the implementation of the transit network plan and connectivity of the GRTC transit system, it was the consensus of Council to continue Res. 2016-R092, after it is amended later that evening at the Formal Session of Council.

11. Res. 2016-R093 – retained on the Consent Agenda

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

Regular Agenda:

12. Ord. 2015-033 – to be continued to Monday, February 27, 2017
13. Ord. 2016-140 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2017
14. Ord. 2016-270 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2017

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

Other Discussion

After President Chris Hilbert informed Council of several pieces of legislation that would be introduced for expedited consideration later that evening at the Formal Session of Council, newly elected members of Council, Kim Gray, Michael Jones and Kristen Larson, asked that information regarding future introductions for expedited consideration be provided prior to Council meetings for deliberation.

Councilor Ellen Robertson provided an introduction for a resolution designating properties known as 1031 Fourquare Lane, 1031 Fourquare Lane Rear, 1101 Fourquare Lane and 1111 Fourquare Lane, as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2, which is also to be introduced for expedited consideration.

FY 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Update

Lenora Reid, deputy chief administrative officer – Finance and Administration, provided Council with an update regarding the preparation of the FY 2016 CAFR. Ms. Reid reported that the external audit partner, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, indicated that the city is on target for meeting the established audit completion deadline of March 31, 2017 and that the FY 2016 CAFR should be completed no later than April 15, 2017. Ms. Reid also provided an introduction of her financial team, John Wack, Department of Finance director, and Mimi Terry, Department of Finance city controller.

Referral of Service Delivery Issues to City Administration

Meghan Brown, deputy council chief of staff, reported that a matter in Councilor Kim Gray's district, regarding the placement of gravel in an alley located behind Hanover Avenue, had been forwarded to Chief Administrative Officer Selene Cuffee-Glenn for action.

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested clarification regarding a \$35 charge being imposed on residents, when requesting an investigation of a suspected water leak on their property, after receiving an enormous water bill.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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