



City of Richmond

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 27, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Michael Jones, President
The Honorable Kristen Nye, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert (early departure)
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Call to Order

Council President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and presided.

Invocation was offered by Pastor Jason Nicholas of The Chapel, 1808 Mactavish 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

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved that the following appointments be approved:

[CD.2023.068](#) Board Appointments and Reappointments - February 27, 2023

City Charter Review Commission 2022:

Daisy Weaver
John Girardi

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Awards and Presentations

[CD.2023.073](#) February 27, 2023 Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

Councilor Ellen Robertson, on behalf of City Council, honored and recognized the importance of women in the Richmond community and noted that City Council proclaimed March 8, 2023 to be Richmond Women's Day.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch, on behalf of City Council, noted the negative impacts of invasive species. Councilor Lynch stated that to further awareness and action, City Council proclaimed the month of March to be Richmond Invasive Species Awareness and Action Month.

Citizen Comment

[CD.2023.065](#) February 27, 2023 Citizen Comment Period Speakers List

David Kohler, Newtowne Home Owners Association Vice President, Chamberlayne Industrial Corridor President, Richmond Property Owners Association Vice President, addressed Council and stated his opposition to the establishment of rental inspection districts referenced in RES. 2023-R006, adopted February 13, 2023. Mr. Kohler also stated that previously established government programs and regulations should be used to address rental inspections rather than establishing new law. Mr. Kohler further stated that the proposed regulations would require landlords to raise rents and add to the affordable housing shortage in the city.

Sylvester Artis addressed Council and informed members of his negative encounter with a Council employee. Mr. Artis stated that no member of the public should be subjected to the verbal abuse that he experienced.

Nancy Kunkel, Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities (RISC) member, addressed Council and stated that the city was experiencing a severe affordable housing crisis. Ms. Kunkel informed members of the difficulty city residents experience obtaining affordable housing. Ms. Kunkel also stated that the city should dedicated \$10,000,000 in funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF).

Martin Wegbreit, RISC member, addressed Council and referenced city legislation related to funding the AHTF. Mr. Wegbreit stated that the city needed to established \$10,000,000 in dedicated funding for the AHTF to adequately address the housing crisis in the city.

Angelino Montealegre, RISC member, with Spanish to English translation assistance provided by Roberto Garcia, addressed Council and informed members of the living conditions within mobile homes in the city. Mr. Montealegre requested the release of \$300,000 in city funding to repair and replace mobile homes in the city.

Reverend Derek Starr Redwine, RISC member, First Presbyterian Church Covenant Pastor for Discipleship, addressed Council and stated that he believed the city had broken its promises to provide dedicated funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and to provide \$300,000 for the repair and replacement of mobile homes in the city. Reverend Redwine requested that Council make things right by providing funds to the AHTF and for mobile home repair and replacement.

Pastor Ralph Hodge, RISC member, addressed Council and stated that RISC was present to inform Council of its concern for affordable and safe housing in the city. Pastor Hodge also stated that RISC would continue to voice its concerns until the city provides funding to address affordable housing and mobile home repair and replacement in the city.

A copy of all material provided has been filed.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved to amend the agenda as follows:

1. [ORD. 2022-205](#) To amend Ord. No. 2000-410-2001-10, adopted Jan. 8, 2001, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2001-220-231, adopted Jul. 23, 2001, and Ord. No. 2017-242, adopted May 29, 2019, which approved the "Shops at Stratford Hills Community Unit Plan," for the purpose of increasing the area subject to the community unit plan by 2.85 acres to 67.4± acres and modifying the development standards, under certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, April 24, 2023

2. [ORD. 2022-268](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 401 South Stafford Avenue for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing up to one second floor dwelling unit and a ground floor restaurant use, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, March 13, 2023

4. [ORD. 2022-375](#) To repeal Ord. No. 97-105-173, adopted May 27, 1997, which established a street light policy for the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

16. [RES. 2023-R011](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities to consult with the Office of the City Attorney concerning the development of a plan and the preparation of necessary documents to acquire, preferably by gift, the

properties known as Evergreen Cemetery and East End Cemetery and to present such a plan and documents to the Council.

Patrons: Ms. Newbille and Ms. Lambert

To be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

3. [ORD. 2022-342](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 4860 Warwick Road for the purpose of up to 16 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

5. [ORD. 2023-045](#) To close, to public use and travel, a portion of South 9th Street located just east of the Manchester Bridge and on Brown's Island, consisting of 3,936± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was adopted.

6. [ORD. 2023-047](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Planning and Development Review called the Stabilization of Moore Street School Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Planning and Development Review's Stabilization of Moore Street School Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund by \$75,000.00, for the purpose of providing a grant to the Moore Street School Foundation for the stabilization of the Moore Street School. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was adopted.

7. [ORD. 2023-048](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$750,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues

and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's Department of Criminal Justice Services Special Fund by \$750,000.00, for the purpose of supporting a real-time crime center consisting of equipment and technology to assist in reducing violent crime in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Robertson and Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was adopted.

8. [ORD. 2023-049](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Police called the Virginia Union University Campus Safety and Security Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's Virginia Union University Campus Safety and Security Special Fund by \$1,000,000.00, for the purpose of supporting campus safety and security initiatives for Virginia Union University in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was adopted.

9. [ORD. 2023-050](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-062, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Parking Enterprise Fund Budget, by re-appropriating \$1,800,00.00 from the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Parking Enterprise Fund's fund balance to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for the purpose of funding capital improvements and maintenance for City-owned parking facilities.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

10. [ORD. 2023-051](#) To amend City Code § 8-284, concerning meeting fees and exceptions for the use of public grounds, parks, playfields, and playgrounds, for the purpose of prescribing the conditions under which certain organizations may use park houses, recreation centers, or other facilities at no cost to the organization.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Newbille, President Jones, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Lambert, Vice President Nye and Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

11. [ORD. 2023-052](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Amendment No. 4 to a U.S.

Government Lease for Real Property (Short Form) with Lease Number GS-03P-LVA00156 between the City of Richmond and the Government of the United States of America, for the purpose of prohibiting certain telecommunications and surveillance equipment within a City-owned parking facility located at 501 North 7th Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was adopted.

12. [ORD. 2023-053](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-057, adopted May 9, 2022, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) establishing a new project for the Department of Public Works in the City Facility Maintenance & Improvements category called the “Diamond Capital Maintenance” project and (ii) transferring funds in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 from the Capital Maintenance Reserve and appropriating such transferred funds to the Department of Public Works’ new Diamond Capital Maintenance project in the City Facility Maintenance & Improvements category, for the purpose of funding capital maintenance of the City’s baseball stadium known as the Diamond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

13. [ORD. 2023-054](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Agreement between City of Richmond and Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation for Adjustment of Water and Sanitary Sewer Facilities, for the purpose of setting forth the water and sanitary sewer facilities adjustments associated with improvements to the intersection located at U.S. Route 1 and Hopkins Road.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was adopted.

14. [RES. 2023-R009](#) To set the rate of personal property tax relief for qualifying vehicles for the 2023 tax year pursuant to City Code §§ 26-495-26-497.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This resolution was adopted.

15. [RES. 2023-R010](#) To approve of the City’s participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and their related corporate entities, and to direct the City Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City’s

participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against the settling entities.

Patrons: President Jones, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Newbille, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Lynch

This resolution was adopted.

17. [RES. 2023-R012](#) To name the alley located in the block bounded by South Lombardy Street, West Main Street, South Plum Street, and West Cary Street as "Blueberry Alley."

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This resolution was adopted.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

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

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

The Regular Agenda

There were no Regular Agenda items.

Motions

Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved that the ordinance entitled:

2. [ORD. 2022-268](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 401 South Stafford Avenue for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing up to one second floor dwelling unit and a ground floor restaurant use, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

be amended and continued to Monday, March 13, 2023, as follows:

Page 3, Line 10

After the word "entitled", strike the text "'SK-1, 1st Floor Plan, 401 S. Stafford Ave, Richmond, VA 23230,' prepared by an unknown preparer, and dated April 8, 2022, and entitled"

Page 3, Line 12

After the word "dated", strike the date "April 14, 2022" and insert the date "February 14, 2023"

Page 4, Line 5

After the word "than", strike the hour "7:30" and insert the hour "8:00"

Page 4, Line 6

After the word “than”, strike the hour “10:00” and insert the hour “9:00”

Page 4, Line 9

After the period, insert the text “The outdoor dining area shall be limited to 24 seats” followed by a period

Page 4, Line 22

After the word “wine”, strike the comma

After the word “on-premises”, strike the text “or off-premises”

After the word consumption, strike the comma

Page 4, Line 23

At the beginning of the line, insert the word “only”

Page 5, Line 1

After the period, insert the text “No sale of liquor shall take place on the Property” followed by a period

Page 5, Line 9

At the beginning of the line, insert a subsection “(k)” followed by the text “A minimum of two exterior security cameras shall be installed on the Property” followed by a period

Page 5, Line 10

At the beginning of the line, insert a subsection “(l)” followed by the text “A bicycle rack shall be installed on the Property with a capacity of no fewer than four bicycles” followed by a period

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. 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, February 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively

[CD.2023.066](#) February 13, 2023 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2023.055](#) February 13, 2023 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2023.077](#) February 27, 2023 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

18. [ORD. 2023-058](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations

pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Fifth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503, for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Fifth District.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

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

19. [ORD. 2023-059](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) transfer \$250,000.00 from the Non-Departmental agency, Reserve for Children's Fund line item (ii) create a new line item entitled "YWCA Richmond (for Sprout School - Oregon Hill)" in the Non-Departmental agency, and (iii) appropriate such \$250,000.00 to such new line item in the Non-Departmental agency, for the purpose of funding capital costs for a new Sprout School for early childhood education in the Oregon Hill neighborhood.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

20. [RES. 2023-R013](#) To designate the property known as 1203 East Brookland Park Boulevard as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This resolution was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(2).

21. [RES. 2023-R014](#) To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$4,178.61 from the Council District Funds for the Fifth District to pay BBR Print, Inc., doing business as Bamboo Ink, for the preparation and mailing of constituent outreach flyers sent to Fifth District residents.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

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

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

22. [ORD. 2023-060](#) To rezone the properties known as 1400 Bryan Street, 1402 Bryan Street, 1404 Bryan Street, and 1406 Bryan Street from the R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential District to the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

23. [ORD. 2023-061](#) To rezone the property known as 2104 Sale Street from the R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential District and the R-53 Multifamily Residential District to the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District and the property known as 2108 Sale Street from the R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential District to the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District. (6th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**
24. [ORD. 2023-062](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1005 North 27th Street and 1007 North 27th Street, for the purpose of one single-family detached dwelling and one single-family attached 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, March 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**
25. [ORD. 2023-063](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 707 North 31st Street for the purpose of four single-family attached dwellings, 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, March 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**
26. [ORD. 2023-064](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 201 West Blake Lane, 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, March 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**
27. [ORD. 2023-065](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 822 Blanton Avenue 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, March 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**
28. [ORD. 2023-066](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 310 West Brookland Park Boulevard for the purpose of a mixed-use building with outdoor dining, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

29. [ORD. 2023-067](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1619 West Cary Street for the purpose of two two-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, March 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

30. [ORD. 2023-068](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3600 Grove Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 260 dwelling units and amenity spaces, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

31. [ORD. 2023-069](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Franchise Agreement by and between the City of Richmond and Waste Management of Virginia, Inc., for the purpose of linking fee adjustments to certain changes in the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

32. [ORD. 2023-070](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Exercise of Renewal Option and Second Amendment to Operating and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Richmond and Richmond First Tee, for the purpose of providing for the use by Richmond First Tee of City-owned real estate known as the Elson Redmond Memorial Driving Range located at 400 School Street to provide golf, learning facilities, and educational programs for area youth. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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