



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023

4:00 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 (late arrival)
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (late arrival)
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Ellen Robertson (late arrival)
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal
Haskell Brown, City Attorney
LaTasha Holmes, Council Chief of Staff
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney

Call to Order

Council President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst 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

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2022-191 – to be continued to Monday, March 27, 2023
2. Ord. 2022-262 – to be continued to Monday, April 10, 2023

Councilor Stephanie Lynch arrived at 4:04 and was seated.

3. Ord. 2022-268 – to be continued to Monday, February 27, 2023
4. Ord. 2022-333 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2022-342 – to be amended and continued to Monday, February 27, 2023
6. Ord. 2022-346 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2022-348 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2022-375 – to be continued to Monday, February 27, 2023
9. Ord. 2022-376 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2023-023 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2023-024 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2023-025 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2023-026 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2023-027 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2023-028 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2023-029 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2023-030 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Katherine Jordan arrived at 4:06 and was seated.

18. Ord. 2023-031 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2023-032 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2023-033 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2023-034 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2023-035 – retained on the Consent Agenda
23. Ord. 2023-036 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2023-037 – retained on the Consent Agenda

- 25. Ord. 2023-038 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 26. Ord. 2023-039 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 27. Ord. 2023-040 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 28. Ord. 2023-041 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 29. Ord. 2023-042 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 30. Ord. 2023-043 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 31. Ord. 2023-044 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 32. Res. 2022-R079 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 33. Res. 2023-R005 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2023-R005.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert mentioned her desire to consider Ord. 2021-097 without the proposed amendment later that evening during the Formal Session of Council.

Regular Agenda:

- 34. Ord. 2021-097 – to be amended and continued to Monday, February 27, 2023
- 35. Res. 2023-R006 – moved to the Consent Agenda

Vice President Kristen Nye requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2023-R006.

Upon President Michael Jones' request, it was the consensus of Council to move Res. 2023-R006 to the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch provided an introduction and answered questions regarding Res. 2023-R006.

Councilor Ellen Robertson arrived at 4:12 p.m. and was seated.

Sharon Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer – Planning and Economic Development, was available to answer questions regarding Res. 2023-R006 and stated the proposed legislation would be beneficial to the city, since it would allow for inspections within rental units of multi-housing dwellings when there are suspected code violations.

Councilor Andreas Addison expressed his support for the proposed legislation and requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2023-R006.

President Michael Jones clarified that Res. 2023-R006 would not include inspections of commercial lodging such as extended stay motels.

Councilor Katherine Jordan inquired regarding possible oversight for the illegal conversion of apartments to short-term rentals. Councilor Jordan requested to be added as co-patron of Res. 2023-R006 as well as Ords. 2023-024, 2023-027, 2023-029, 2023-033, 2023-037, 2023-039, 2023-042 and 2021-097.

Councilor Ellen Robertson also requested to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2023-R006; however, she expressed her concern regarding possible adverse effects to tenants due to the implementation of the proposed rental inspection districts program and insisted on a provision to mitigate negative outcomes.

Councilors Cynthia Newbille and Reva Trammell also made a request to be added as a co-patron of Res. 2023-R006.

Councilor Robertson requested an analysis of tax sales and overlay maps of the city focusing on gentrification due to the proposed rental inspection districts program.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell informed her colleagues of the recent community support for Ords. 2022-333 and 2022-342.

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

Other Discussion Item(s)

Council Budget Priorities Survey

Council Chief of Staff LaTasha Holmes provided Council with a handout of the budget priorities survey aimed at setting shared collective priorities of Council and asked that it be completed and submitted to her prior to the February 15th deadline. Ms. Holmes also presented Council with a draft of the fiscal year 2024 budget establishment meeting schedule. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

President Michael Jones announced the appointment of two new budget analysts within the Office of the Council Chief of Staff.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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