

City of Richmond

Formal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, May 10, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
Virtual Meeting

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Andreas Addison (late arrival)
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert (early departure)
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., and presided.

ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

City Clerk Candice Reid, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as most recently amended by Ordinance No. 2020-232, adopted December 14, 2020, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means. City Clerk Reid stated notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on April 29, 2021, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated members of the public were encouraged to provide comments in writing prior to the meeting and all comments received prior to 10:00 a.m., on Monday, May 10, 2021, were provided to Council members. Ms. Reid indicated that members of the public who signed up to speak and provide comment would be called to speak at the appropriate time.

Invocation was offered by Deacon Francis Nelson, Jr. of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 3300 R. Street, Richmond, VA.

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

President Cynthia Newbille requested a moment of silence in memory of Adele C. Johnson.

Councilor Andreas Addison joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren provided citizen speaker guidelines.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no awards or presentations.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written citizen comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting, and are included as an appendix to the May 10, 2021 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

Danielle Cohen addressed Council and stated she was opposed to the establishment of a casino in the city. Ms. Cohen also stated she believed the proposed Live! Casino & Hotel Richmond would only offer temporary jobs to residents of the city, and that the casino operator would transfer in long-term employees from other locations outside the city. Ms. Cohen further stated that the casino would attempt to keep customers within its establishment, which would prevent customers from enjoying local businesses.

Jerome Legions addressed Council and stated he supported the proposed Live! Casino & Hotel Richmond. Mr. Legions also stated that the casino would help provide opportunities for jobs and economic equity in the city.

Oludare Ogunde, Project Give Back to Community co-founder and president, and labor union organizer, addressed Council and stated he supported the proposed ONE Casino + Resort. Mr. Ogunde informed Council that ONE Casino + Resort would work to ensure the employment of city residents and members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA).

Rodney Hall addressed Council and stated that he supported the proposed ONE Casino + Resort. Mr. Hall also informed Council that he spoke with several members of the Oak Grove community who shared their support for the proposed casino. Mr. Hall further stated that he supported the ONE Casino + Resort, because of the potential for jobs and resort amenities within the 8th Voter District.

Carolyn Johnson, McGuire Civic Association member, addressed Council and stated that she supported the proposed ONE Casino + Resort, because it would bring equity to the black and brown community within the city. Ms. Johnson also stated her support for the potential of jobs and restaurants the casino would provide.

Charles Page addressed Council and stated that he supported the proposed ONE Casino + Resort. Mr. Page informed Council that he supported the proposed casino due to the potential for job growth and economic opportunities in the city.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell expressed her gratitude for individuals from the 8th Voter District that provided comments.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

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

ORD. 2021-083

To authorize the special use of the property known as 109 North Plum Street for the purpose of no more than one dwelling unit within an accessory building to an existing single-family dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be amended and continued to Monday, June 14, 2021

ORD. 2021-095

To amend and reordain ch. 2, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-6, concerning the prohibition of the sale or distribution of symbols of hate by the City, for the purpose of ensuring that the City does not promote the distribution or display of symbols of hate or oppression.

To be amended and continued to Monday, May 24, 2021

ORD. 2021-098

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2601 Edgewood Avenue for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, May 24, 2021

ORD. 2021-102

To rezone the properties known as 300 Oliver Hill Way and 400 Oliver Hill Way from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District, and the property known as 510 Oliver Hill Way from the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District.

Moved to the Regular Agenda

ORD. 2019-106

To declare surplus and to direct the sale of certain City-owned real estate for nominal consideration to The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment thereof.

To be continued to Monday, May 24, 2021

ORD. 2021-097

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1500 North Lombardy Street for the purpose of four wall signs, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, July 26, 2021

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding pending legislation prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting and are included as an appendix to the May 10, 2021 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

There were no comments or discussion and the **motion to amend the agenda was seconded and approved:** Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2021-099

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3008 Garland Avenue for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling and a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2021-100

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3135 West Franklin Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling and a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2021-101

To rezone the property known as 103 East 2nd Street from the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District to the B-4 Central Business District, and the properties known as 104 East 2nd Street, 101 Stockton Street, and 121 Stockton Street from the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the B-4 Central Business District.

ORD. 2021-103

To rezone the property known as 711 Dawn Street from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District.

ORD. 2021-104

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to enter into a Facility Use Agreement between City of Richmond and School Board of the City of Richmond for the use of Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' community centers to be known as "Community Hubs" for the purpose of connecting Richmond Public Schools' families with information and resources to support student educational success.

ORD. 2021-105

To provide that the Director of Finance shall credit all funds received by the City, whether from the United States government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or otherwise, provided pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to a special reserve assigned for purposes authorized by such Act.

ORD. 2021-107

To amend and reordain City Code § 9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, to relocate and establish a new polling place for Precinct 111.

There were no comments or discussion and the **Consent Agenda was adopted:** Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None.

REGULAR AGENDA

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2021-102

To rezone the properties known as 300 Oliver Hill Way and 400 Oliver Hill Way from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District, and the property known as 510 Oliver Hill Way from the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District.

Kevin Vonck, Department of Planning and Development Review acting director, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed ordinance. Mr. Vonck stated that consideration of the ordinance was moved to the Regular Agenda at the request of a

member of the public. Mr. Vonck also stated that the Department of Planning and Development Review supported the adoption of ORD. 2021-102.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Ord. 2021-102 was adopted:** Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch was excused.

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2021-R025

To establish a process for completing the final disposition in accordance with Ord. No. 2020-154, adopted Aug. 3, 2020, of certain Confederate monuments removed from City-owned property.

Interim Council Chief of Staff Joyce Davis provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed resolution.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding RES. 2021-R025 prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting and are included as an appendix to the May 10, 2021 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

Public Hearing

Robert Floyd stated he believed the city had a responsibility to preserve the removed monuments for future generations. Mr. Floyd requested that the Council work to ensure the monuments remain in Virginia after disposition. Mr. Floyd spoke in support of the J.E.B Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust receiving the General James Ewell Brown Stuart monument, and for the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to help with the disposition of the remaining monuments.

Volpe Boykin requested that the city not destroy the removed monuments, and stated that the monuments should be treated as works of art. Mr. Boykin spoke in favor of disposition offers referenced within RES. 2021-R025.

Sarah Driggs, former member of the Monument Avenue Commission, Urban Design Committee, and the Public Art Commission, stated that Council should fully understand the impact the disposition of the monuments could have on other localities. Ms. Driggs also stated that Council should not act hastily on a decision, and she recommended that Council appoint a commission of scholars and leaders to review potential dispositions. Ms. Driggs also recommended that the monuments be destroyed if Council cannot determine a disposition that would avoid the promotion of hate.

Katherine Driggs addressed Council and provided a history of the city's Fifth Street Viaduct, and she also addressed race relations in the city. Ms. Driggs stated her concern that the city would transfer ownership of the monuments to other entities that may use them to promote hate. Ms. Driggs recommended that museums receive the monuments to both contextualize and provide an accurate history of the monuments.

Bo Traywick stated that much of the known history regarding causes of the Civil War were based on myth. Mr. Traywick spoke to reasons why the Commonwealth of Virginia seceded the United States of America during the Civil War.

There were no comments or discussions and **RES. 2021-R025 was adopted:** Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None.

MOTIONS

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved that the ordinance entitled:

ORD. 2021-083

To authorize the special use of the property known as 109 North Plum Street for the purpose of no more than one dwelling unit within an accessory building to an existing single-family dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

be amended and continued to Monday, June 14, 2021, as follows:

Page 4, Line 7

After the word “for”, strike the text “short-term”

Page 4, Line 8

At the beginning of the line, insert the text “However, rental of the accessory building to individuals having a familial relationship to the Owner by blood, marriage, legal guardianship, or adoption shall be permitted” followed by a period

Page 4, Line 10

At the beginning of the line, delete the text “(g) The accessory building shall not be rented out to the general public” and the following period

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilor Andreas Addison moved that the ordinance entitled:

ORD. 2021-095

To amend and reordain ch. 2, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-6, concerning the prohibition of the sale or distribution of symbols of hate by the City, for the purpose of ensuring that the City does not promote the distribution or display of symbols of hate or oppression.

be amended and continued to Monday, May 24, 2021, as follows:

Page 1, Line 5

After the word “or”, strike the word “distribution” and insert the word “display”

Page 2, Line 3

After the section number “2.”, insert the text “That section 2-6 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, shall not apply to the disposition of monuments removed pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-154, adopted August 3, 2020.”

Page 2, Line 6

At the beginning of the line, insert a section symbol and the section number “3.”

Councilor Kristen Larson informed Council of the Governmental Operations Standing Committee’s recommendation that ORD. 2021-095 be approved with an amendment.

There were no further comments or discussions and, **the motion was seconded and approved:** Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None.

BUDGET RELATED PAPERS

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2021-043

To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch addressed action taken by the Richmond Public Schools (RPS) Board regarding the procurement and construction of new school buildings. Councilor Lynch inquired if the proposed ordinance had any information regarding the additional staffing necessary within RPS to address school construction.

President Cynthia Newbille stated that the action taken by RPS occurred after the RPS budget was proposed in ORD. 2021-043, and that RPS has yet to provide Council with any additional information regarding the need for additional staffing.

Jay Brown, Department of Budget and Strategic Planning director, stated that RPS would have the best information regarding the need for additional staffing in the future. Mr. Brown also stated if RPS required additional funding to accommodate new staffing, then an appropriation request would be submitted to Council for consideration.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell discussed with members the history of school construction in the city. Councilwoman Trammell stated that she believed RPS should have more involvement with school construction.

Acting Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders stated that the Joint Construction Team (JCT) was established to address many of the concerns raised by Councilwoman Trammell. Mr. Saunders also stated that the JCT allowed for the city administration to address construction and procurement, while allowing RPS to address design aspects of new school construction.

Councilor Kristen Larson stated that she agreed with Councilwoman Trammell regarding past issues with school construction in the city and communication issues between RPS and city administration. Councilor Larson also stated that RPS should be leading the effort to build new schools in the city.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that he wanted the proposed George Wythe High School to be constructed as soon as possible, and that he believed city administration should lead the effort to ensure construction is completed by 2024 to ensure better academic success of students.

President Cynthia Newbille informed members that ORD. 2021-043 did not address RPS's request to oversee new school construction, but that she anticipated the subject being discussed by Council in the future.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Ord. 2021-043 was adopted:** Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilor Andreas Addison moved that the following budget-related ordinances entitled:

ORD. 2021-040

To adopt the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget.

be amended as follows:

Page 1, Line 11

After the words “sum of”, strike the dollar amount “\$770,270,893” and insert the dollar amount “\$772,831,559”

Page 1, Line 17

After the semicolon following the word “thereof”, strike the word “and”

Page 2, Line 2

After the closing quotation marks following the semicolon after the word “Programs”, add the word “and”

Page 2, Line 3

At the beginning of the line, add the paragraph “WHEREAS, the City Council’s amendments to the Mayor’s recommended budget are as set out in the attachments to this ordinance entitled ‘FY 2022 Adopted General Fund Budget,’ ‘Adopted General Fund Budget FY22,’ ‘FY22 Adopted Non-Departmental Appropriations,’ ‘Ordinance No. 2021-040, General Fund Budget, Text Amendments,’ and ‘Council FY 2022 District Funds;”

Page 2, Line 11

At the beginning of the line, strike the dollar amount “\$770,270,893” and insert the dollar amount “\$772,831,559”

Page 2, Line 12

After the word “entitled”, strike the text “‘Mayor’s Proposed Annual Fiscal Plan for FY2022,’ including” and insert the text “‘FY2022 General Fund Budget,’ including”

Page 2, Line 14

After the word “entitled”, strike the text “‘FY 2022 Non-Departmental Budget Programs,’ and insert the text “‘FY22 Adopted Non-Departmental Appropriations,’ supplemented by the attachments entitled ‘Adopted General Fund Budget FY2022,’ ‘Ordinance No. 2021-040, General Fund Budget, Text Amendments,’ and ‘Council FY 2022 District Funds’” followed by a comma

Page 2, Line 15

After the closing quotation marks following the comma after the word “Programs”, insert the text “as those attachments are amended or supplemented by the attachments to this ordinance entitled ‘Richmond City Council, FY 2020 General Fund Budget Amendments,’ ‘Ordinance No. 2019-041, General Fund Budget, Text Amendments,’ and ‘Council FY 2022 District Funds;”

Page 2, Line 19

After the words “sum of”, strike the dollar amount “\$770,270,893” and insert the dollar amount “\$772,831,559”

Page 3, Line 5

After the article “the”, strike the word “attachment” and insert the word “attachments”

Page 3, Line 6

After the word “entitled”, strike the text “‘Mayor’s Proposed Annual Fiscal Plan for FY2022.’” and insert the text “‘FY2022 Adopted General Fund Budget,’ and ‘FY22 Adopted Non-Departmental Appropriations,’ as supplemented by the attachments to this ordinance entitled ‘Adopted General Fund Budget FY22,’ ‘Ordinance No. 2021-040, General Fund Budget, Text Amendments,’ and ‘Council FY 2022 District Funds.’”

ORD. 2021-041

To adopt the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds for the said fiscal year.

be amended as follows:

Page 1, Line 13

Following the comma after the words "Attachment A", insert the text "as amended May 10, 2021" followed by a comma

Page 1, Line 15

After the words "sum of", strike the dollar amount "\$118,260,561" and insert the dollar amount "\$118,508,807"

ORD. 2021-045

To adopt the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Internal Service funds for the said fiscal year.

be amended as follows:

Page 1, Line 13

Following the comma after the words "Attachment A", insert the text "as amended May 10, 2021" followed by a comma

Page 1, Line 15

After the words "sum of", strike the dollar amount "\$68,410,308" and insert the dollar amount "\$68,131,364"

ORD. 2021-054

To amend the schedule of classifications and assigned ranges incorporated into section I of the Pay Plan for the purpose of revising the wording of certain classification titles and changing the pay ranges of certain classification titles; to amend section II of the Pay Plan by adding therein a new subsection (C) for the purpose of implementing the recommendations of a study completed in 2018 that found significant compression in the lower end of the pay ranges and pay bands for non-sworn employees and recommended pay increases to move those employees toward the midpoint of their pay ranges or pay bands; and to amend sections III(B)(11), providing for salary supplements for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, III(B)(12), providing for salary supplements for the Office of the Sheriff, III(B)(25)(e), suspending the education incentive for sworn fire and police employees, III(B)(36), to increase the hourly living wage for City employees from \$12.07 to \$13.00, and III(B)(40), to provide for the full implementation of the step-based pay plan for sworn fire and police employees, of the Pay Plan.

be amended as follows:

Page 1, Line 5

After the word "titles" strike the word "and" and insert a comma

Page 1, Line 6

After the word "titles" insert a comma followed by the text "and providing for a 3.25% adjustment of general pay ranges"

Page 1, Line 8

At the beginning of the line, insert the text “providing for a 3.25% increase for eligible employees and”

Page 2, Line 2

After the comma following the word “That”, insert a romanet “(i)”

Page 2, Line 9

After the article “the”, strike the word “nine-page” and insert the word “one-page”

Page 2, Line 10

After the word “ordinance”, insert a comma followed by the text “and (ii) effective beginning with the pay period commencing on October 9, 2021, the nine-page schedule entitled “Classifications and Assigned Ranges” and dated January 5, 2019, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 2019-292, adopted November 12, 2019, Ordinance No. 2020-102, adopted May 11, 2020, and the schedules described in clause (i) of this section 1, incorporated into the Pay Plan by section I of the Pay Plan, is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety by the ten-page schedule entitled “Classifications and Assigned Ranges, October 9, 2021, Include,” a copy of which schedule is attached to and incorporated into this ordinance”

Page 3, Line 6

After the word “funding”, strike the comma, the text “distributed among City agencies”, and the following comma and insert the text “in the Non-Departmental Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022” followed by a comma

Page 3, Line 19

After the preposition “on”, strike the month “June” and insert the month “September”

After the year “2020”, insert a comma followed by the text “unless the employee’s salary is below the minimum of the employee’s new pay range”

Page 4, Line 1

After the year “2021”, insert a comma followed by the text “except as provided in section II(C)(2)(b)”

Page 4, Line 14

At the beginning of the line, add the subdivision letter “e.” followed by the text “Employees with a performance issue, performance improvement plan, or disciplinary action, each documented according to the applicable City laws, regulations, and rules, occurring on or after October 8, 2020.”

Page 5, Line 2

After the month “October”, strike the number “9” and insert the number “8”

Page 5, Line 4

After the subdivision letter “b.”, strike the sentence “The Director of Budget and Strategic Planning shall cause the funding provided in the annual budget to achieve the purposes of this section II(C) to be identified by a unique service code within the records of each agency’s budget.” and insert the text “Each employee who is eligible under section II(C)(1) shall receive a pay increase equal to 3.25 percent of the employee’s salary as of October 8, 2021, unless the amount of such increase would exceed the maximum of the employee’s pay range. If the amount of such increase exceeds the maximum of the employee’s pay range, the employee’s salary will be equal to the greater of the maximum of the employee’s pay range or the employee’s salary as of October 8, 2021.”

Page 5, Line 18

After the subdivision letter "c.", strike the text "Prior to the date on which pay increases become effective pursuant to this section II(C), the Director of Human Resources shall cause:

- (1) The preparation of an analysis of each employee eligible for a pay increase pursuant to section II(C)(1) based on uniform standards approved by the Director of Human Resources and designed to identify the appropriate pay for each employee within that employee's pay range or pay band based on that employee's experience and tenure with the City; and
- (2) The distribution of this analysis to each appointing authority for review based on each employee's individual characteristics." and insert the text
"If the employee's salary remains lower than the midpoint of the employee's pay range after the application of section II(C)(2)(b), the employee will receive an additional salary increase based on the employee's years of service as determined by the Director of Human Resources and the employee's appointing authority in accordance with section II(C)(2). Using records available to the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Human Resources shall analyze and calculate each employee's years of service based on
 - (1) The employee's years of service in the employee's job classification as of October 9, 2021;
 - (2) The employee's years of service in a higher job classification in the job classification series to which the employee's job classification as of October 9, 2021, belongs as determined by the Director of Human Resources using the City's job class codes; and
 - (3) The employee's years of service in a classification equivalent to the employee's job classification as of October 9, 2021, as determined by the Director of Human Resources using the City's job class codes.

In developing the analysis for each employee, the Director of Human Resources shall include both City service and service that is not City service, provided that the Director of Human Resources shall include service that is not City service only for employees hired before April 1, 2021. The Director of Human Resources shall provide each employee's analysis to that employee's appointing authority for review based on each employee's individual experience, performance, and qualifications."

Page 8, Line 7

After the word "qualifications", insert the text "and provide the appointing authority's concurrence or any changes to the Director of Human Resources"

Page 8, Line 10

At the beginning of the line, strike the text "that result in a pay increase greater than that recommended" and insert the text "to the calculation of years of service"

Page 8, Line 14

After the period following the word "Resources", strike the sentence "The total of each agency's or program's pay increases shall be less than or equal to the agency's or program's amount of funding identified by the Director of Budget and Strategic Planning pursuant to section II(C)(2)(b)." and insert the text "The determination of the Director of Human Resources as to whether years of service qualify under this section II(C)(2)(c) shall be final and not subject to further appeal. Once the Director of Human Resources has reviewed any changes by the employee's appointing authority and finally determined an employee's years of service in accordance with section II(C)(2)(c), the Director of Human Services shall apply one 2.5 percent salary adjustment for each of the employee's complete years of service to the minimum of the employee's pay range, apply a salary increase equal to the difference between the employee's salary immediately following the salary increase for which section II(C)(2)(b) provides and the midpoint of the employee's pay range, and implement that salary increase, if any, effective beginning with the pay period commencing on October 9, 2021."

Page 9, Line 14

At the beginning of the line, insert the subdivision letter “e.” followed by the text “No employee’s salary shall be decreased as a result of any application of this section II(C). If the appropriation for the salary increases for which section II(C)(2)(c) and (d) provide made in the Non-Departmental Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, is not sufficient to fund all of the salary increases for which section II(C)(2)(c) and (d) provide, the Director of Human Resources shall prorate the salary increases of all employees who would receive a salary increase pursuant to section II(C)(2)(c) and (d) so that those salary increases do not exceed the available appropriation. For purposes of this section II(C), the term ‘pay range’ has the meaning set forth in section III(A)(8), except that for each classification assigned a broad band established pursuant to section III(B)(38) within which the Chief Administrative Officer has established pay zones pursuant to section III(B)(38)(a), the term ‘pay range’ means the pay zone within that broad band to which the employee is assigned.”

Page 12, Line 13

At the beginning of the line, strike the date “March 5” and insert the date “May 10”

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch moved that the following budget-related ordinances be continued to Monday, May 24, 2021:

ORD. 2021-040

To adopt the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget. (As Amended)

ORD. 2021-041

To adopt the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds for the said fiscal year. (As Amended)

ORD. 2021-042

To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2021, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2021; and to determine the means of financing the same.

ORD. 2021-044

To adopt the Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated expenditures from the Debt Service Fund for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2021-045

To adopt the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Internal Service funds for the said fiscal year. (As Amended)

ORD. 2021-046

To adopt the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities’ Richmond Cemeteries Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Richmond Cemeteries for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of the facilities.

ORD. 2021-047

To adopt the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, 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. 2021-048

To adopt the Electric Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; 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.

ORD. 2021-049

To adopt the Gas Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; 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. 2021-050

To adopt the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Funds for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2021-051

To adopt the Stormwater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; 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 stormwater utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

ORD. 2021-052

To adopt the Wastewater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; 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. 2021-053

To adopt the Water Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; 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. 2021-054

To amend the schedule of classifications and assigned ranges incorporated into section I of the Pay Plan for the purpose of revising the wording of certain classification titles ~~[and]~~, changing the pay ranges of certain classification titles, and providing for a 3.25% adjustment of general pay ranges; to amend section II of the Pay Plan by adding therein a new subsection (C) for the purpose of providing for a 3.25% increase for eligible employees and implementing the recommendations of a study completed in 2018 that found significant compression in the lower end of the pay ranges and pay bands for non-sworn employees and recommended pay increases to move those employees toward the midpoint of their pay ranges or pay bands; and to amend sections III(B)(11), providing for salary supplements for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, III(B)(12), providing for salary supplements for the Office of the Sheriff, III(B)(25)(e), suspending the education incentive for sworn fire and police employees, III(B)(36), to increase the hourly living wage for City employees from \$12.07 to \$13.00, and III(B)(40), to provide for the full implementation of the step-based pay plan for sworn fire and police employees, of the Pay Plan. (As Amended)

ORD. 2021-055

To amend the fees set forth in the City Code for sections 7-6 (concerning fees for interments, disinterments, reinterments and entombments), 7-15 (concerning fees for installation of foundation for monuments or grave markers), and 7-92 (concerning fees for burial spaces and lots) of the City Code, to establish revised charges for certain cemeteries services.

ORD. 2021-056

To amend City Code §§ 28-191, 28-192, 28-194, 28-195, 28-196, 28-198, 28-199, 28-200, 28-201, 28-202, 28-203, and 28-204, concerning gas service, for the purpose of changing the measurement of natural gas from quantities per thousand cubic feet to quantities per hundred cubic feet, and to amend and reordain City Code §§ 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), 28-193(3) (concerning fees for small commercial gas sales), 28-194(2) (concerning fees for large volume gas service), 28-195(f) and 28-196(f) (concerning fees for transportation service), 28-198(2) and 28-198(3) (concerning fees for municipal gas service), 28-199(c), 28-199(d), and 28-199(g)(2), (concerning flexibly priced interruptible gas service), 28-200(2), 28-200(3) and 28-200(4) (concerning unmetered gaslight service), 28-201(c) (concerning gas air conditioning service), 28-202(c) (concerning fees for large volume gas sales service), 28-203(c) (concerning fees for large volume, high load factor, gas sales service), and 28-204(b) and 28-204(c) (concerning fees for natural gas vehicle gas service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July 2021, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2021-057

To amend the fees set forth in the City Code for sections 28-923 (concerning fees for residential stormwater service) and 28-924 (concerning fees for developed residential properties stormwater service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2021, to establish revised charges for the stormwater utility's services.

ORD. 2021-058

To amend the fees set forth in sections 28-650 (concerning fees for residential wastewater service), 28-651 (concerning fees for commercial wastewater service), 28-652 (concerning fees for disposal of industrial sewage and wastewater), 28-653 (concerning fees for disposal of state and federal sewage and wastewater), and 28-654 (concerning fees for disposal of municipal sewage and wastewater) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2021, to establish revised charges for the wastewater utility's services.

ORD. 2021-059

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 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, 2021, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2021-060

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$27,500,000 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. 2021-061

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$7,987,280 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the stormwater utility of the City for the following purposes and uses: replacement of and upgrades to the stormwater facilities, including but not limited to, construction, reconstruction, improvements, rehabilitation and upgrades of stormwater sewers and associated facilities; new and replacement infrastructure of the storm sewer system, drainage structures, catch basins, ditches, storm sewer pipes, culverts, green infrastructure; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and equipment for various infrastructure needs; and authorizes 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 and 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. 2021-062

To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$60,185,560 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. 2021-063

To authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$7,100,000 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.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, 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, April 26, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively, and Council approved the minutes as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2021-121

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Richmond, Virginia and the Public Defender for the City of Richmond, Virginia for the purpose of providing funds to supplement the salaries of employees in the Public Defender's Office for the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

ORD. 2021-122

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, and to appropriate the funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Pump House Park special fund by \$100,000.00 for the purpose of funding the planning, engineering, and construction of trail access improvements in Pump House Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

ORD. 2021-123

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic Development called the Maymont Below Stairs Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Economic Development's Maymont Below Stairs Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund by \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of providing a grant of such funds to the Maymont Foundation for the Maymont Below Stairs historic preservation project.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

ORD. 2021-124

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic Development called the VUU Center for African American History and Culture Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of

Economic Development's VUU Center for African American History and Culture Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund by \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of providing a grant of such funds to Virginia Union University for the Virginia Union University Center for African American History and Culture Project.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

ORD. 2021-125

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic Development called the Valentine Museum/JXN Project Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Economic Development's Valentine Museum/JXN Project Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund by \$500,000.00 for the purpose of providing a grant of such funds to the Valentine Museum Foundation, Inc. for the JXN Project celebrating the 150th anniversary of Jackson Ward.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

ORD. 2021-126

To amend Ord. No. 2020-051, adopted May 11, 2020, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvements Projects for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) establishing a new project for the Department of Social Services in the City Facilities category called the "DSS Marshall Plaza" project and by (ii) transferring \$3,607,410.44 from the Reserve Fund for Permanent Public Improvements and appropriating \$3,607,410.44 of transferred funds to the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the new DSS Marshall Plaza project in the City Facilities category for the purpose of renovating the Marshall Plaza Building located at 900 East Marshall Street for use by the Department of Social Services.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2021-127

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Seventh Amendment to the Agreement for the Provision of Services in the Downtown Richmond Special Service and Assessment Districts between the City of Richmond and Venture Richmond, Inc., for the purpose of extending the term of the agreement to June 30, 2026.

Patron: President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2021-R028

To express the Council's intent, to the extent authorized, to appropriate \$7,100,000.00 from funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and to request the Mayor to propose as soon as is practicable such an appropriation.

Patrons: Vice President Robertson, President Newbille and Mr. Jones

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2021-128

To repeal City Code § 2-3, concerning the City logo, and to amend ch. 2, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-3, concerning the City logo, for the purpose of abandoning the former City logo and establishing a new City logo.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

ORD. 2021-129

To amend Ord. No. 94-30-133, adopted Jun. 13, 1994, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 205 and 207 North Shields Avenue for the purpose of a restaurant and two dwelling units, together with accessory parking, to allow outdoor dining, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2021-130

To amend Ord. No. 2011-009-23, adopted Feb. 28, 2011, which authorized the special use of the property known as 405 Brook Road as a restaurant on a portion of the ground level of the building with a waiver of parking requirements, to allow a brewery, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2021-131

To authorize the special use of the property known as 212 East Clay Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2021-132

To authorize the special use of the property known as 501 Oliver Hill Way for the purpose of warehouse, brewery, and food and beverage manufacturing uses, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2021-133

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1705 Chamberlayne Parkway, 1705 ½ Chamberlayne Parkway, 1707 Chamberlayne Parkway, 1716 Roane Street, 1718 Roane Street, 710 West Fells Street, and 712 West Fells Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2021-134

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2015 North Avenue for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2021-135

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3511 P Street, for the purpose of a community center, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2021-136

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3700 Monument Avenue and 1301A North Hamilton Street for the purpose of a multi-family building containing up to 263 units, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1:30 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 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

CITY CLERK

From: Leonard Langford
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: As you make a final selection on a casino operator in the coming weeks, I sincerely urge you to choo
Date: Saturday, May 1, 2021 4:16:56 AM

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From: Leonard Lipscomb
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Jaki Dybuvarang



From: Claudine Puckett
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT THE ONE CASINO AND RESORT PROPOSAL
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From: Sarah Masters
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Mayor Levar Stoney - City Clerk's Office](#); [EconDev](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Saunders, Lincoln - Mayor's Office](#); [Ebert, Sharon L. - DED](#); [Steidel, Robert C. - DCAO of Operations](#); [Carter, Melvin D. - Fire](#); [Mitchell, Valaryee N. - CWB](#); [Pechin, Maritza - PDR](#); [Sledge, Leonard L. - DED](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia L. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#)
Subject: Re: Live! Casino & Hotel Richmond - The Destination Richmond Deserves
Date: Friday, May 7, 2021 10:40:29 AM

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Dear Mr. Cordish,

First, I don't know how you obtained my email address, but please remove it from your list.

Second, and most importantly, I am **absolutely opposed** to building a casino in any location in the City of Richmond.

Third, in the event a casino is approved by voters, I think the Bow Tie site is a horrible option for so many reasons that I won't list here. But in general, it would do harm to the surrounding area (both residential and business), and it would undo so much positive, organic growth that has been occurring in the area.

Finally, as I live near the site, I DO NOT want a casino dropped into my neighborhood! It is clear from the response of my neighbors that there is not public support for this site. Drive through the neighborhood and see all of the signs against this plan.

Please leave the City of Richmond out of your development plans!

Most sincerely yours,
Sarah Masters

On May 7, 2021, at 10:14 AM, Live! Casino and [REDACTED]



Dear Richmonder,

The proposed Live! Casino & Hotel Richmond is so much more than a casino. It has the best location of any casino proposal,

ideally located in the heart of Richmond's Scott's Addition Historic District and offering easy access off I-64 and I-95. Our resort will bring thousands of high-paying jobs and millions in new economic activity for Richmond as it works towards its vision for 2037. It's a place where you can play, escape and unwind. With world-class dining, spas and live music, it's everything you love about Scott's Addition and more.

Live! is the destination Richmond deserves because it provides the best economic benefits and jobs for Richmonders.

- **Highest estimated revenue projections** for Richmond at \$328 million
- **Most minority equity investment at \$180 million (50% of total)** and strongest financial structure
- **8,000 new construction and permanent jobs**, thousands more than any other proposal
- **Highest average pay of \$60,000** with benefits, including a minimum wage of \$15 per hour for hourly team members
- An **upscale 300 room resort hotel** and casino with 18 restaurants and entertainment venues by local and regional favorites

[CONTACT OFFICIALS](#)

We need your help to bring Live!'s excitement, entertainment, and economic impact to Richmond. Contact Richmond City Officials today with just a few clicks.

[MORE DETAILS](#)

Stay up to date by joining our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) social channels. The [Richmond Economic Development Authority](#) has a website that includes more information about the process.

I appreciate your help and look forward to welcoming Live! to Richmond!

Respectfully Yours,



David Cordish

PENDING FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE CITY OF RICHMOND



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From: Sonny Mao
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 11:51:02 PM

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Dear City Council,

I do not support any casino development in the city of Richmond however Urban One casino is the better proposal.

Sincerely,
Sonny Mao

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From: Nicole Brown
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: I support ONE Casino
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 10:16:59 PM

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Dear City Council,

I am writing you today to let you know I strongly support the ONE casino and resort proposal. It's the right choice for all of Richmond.

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As you make a final selection on a casino operator in the coming weeks, I sincerely urge you to choose ONE!

Sincerely,
Nicole Brown



From: Anthony Starks
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: I support ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 9:06:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Anthony Starks



From: Zaria Smith-Taylor
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: ONE Casino is a great fit for Richmond! Please consider
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 12:15:35 AM

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I would love a job here and to have a new place to go and have fun. Thank you for your time .

Sincerely,
Zaria Smith-Taylor

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From: Alvin Remouns
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 12:06:55 AM

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Sincerely,
Alvin Remouns



From: Della Winston
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 11:30:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Della Winston



From: Lynette Wilkins
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 10:33:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Lynette Wilkins



From: SHEILAH Greer
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 10:16:04 PM

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Sincerely,
SHEILAH Greer



From: Tyranne Kennard
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 10:07:07 PM

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Dear City Council,

I am writing you today to let you know I strongly support the ONE casino and resort proposal. It's the right choice for all of Richmond. I also would have an issue with any entity, business or otherwise that is tied even remotely to Donald Trump.

It's the complete package and the right fit for our community. It has over 55 acres of green space for all to enjoy, the team behind it is committed to being a part of and giving back to our community, the project has over 50 local minority investors, it will feature profit-sharing for employees, and it will be located in a perfect location off of I-95 in South Richmond.

As you make a final selection on a casino operator in the coming weeks, I sincerely urge you to choose ONE and prayerfully ONE will keep its word as a business towards the plans for the citizens of Richmond. Thank you..

Sincerely,
Tyranne Kennard
2 W 33rd St



From: Nichele Blakes
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 9:46:08 PM

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Sincerely,
Nichele Blakes



From: Bryan Reaves
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 9:31:04 PM

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Sincerely,
Bryan Reaves



From: Corey Campbell
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 9:18:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Corey Campbell



From: Eric Starkes
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 8:55:04 PM

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Sincerely,
Eric Starkes



From: Barbara Wright
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 8:38:33 PM

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Sincerely,
Barbara Wright



From: Darryl Ruffin
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 8:21:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Darryl Ruffin



From: Jerry Thurston
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 8:15:04 PM

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Sincerely,
Jerry Thurston



From: Heather McCormack
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 8:07:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Heather McCormack



From: JoAnne Hall
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 8:03:03 PM

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Sincerely,
JoAnne Hall



From: Adrienne Staton
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Vote for the casino one
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 8:03:33 PM

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Sincerely,
Adrienne Staton

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From: Chris Wade
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Keep building Richmond toward #1 with ONE!!!
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 8:50:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Chris Wade



From: Tee Blanco
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 4:54:05 AM

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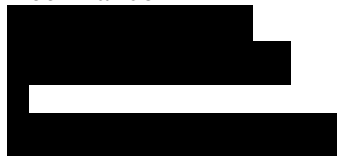
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Sincerely,
Tee Blanco



From: Michael Davis
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 10:52:43 PM

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Sincerely,
Michael Davis



From: London Glasco
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 10:52:42 PM

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Sincerely,
London Glasco

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From: Alvin Remouns
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 9:52:22 PM

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Sincerely,
Alvin Remouns



From: Pedro Quintero
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 8:48:23 PM

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Sincerely,
Pedro Quintero



From: Donté Sharpe
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 8:45:57 PM

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Sincerely,
Donté Sharpe



From: Tameka Williams
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 8:45:54 PM

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Sincerely,
Tameka Williams



From: Maureen Spicer
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 8:45:53 PM

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Sincerely,
Maureen Spicer



From: Phillip Harrington
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 8:45:53 PM

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Sincerely,
Phillip Harrington



From: Shannon Howard
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 1:52:30 AM

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Sincerely,
Shannon Howard



From: L Myers
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 1:35:26 AM

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L Myers



From: Hazella Thornhill
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 12:58:00 AM

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From: Trina Carter
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Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 12:16:30 AM

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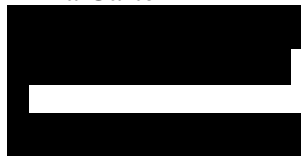
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From: K Henderson
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 9:34:30 AM

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K Henderson

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From: Raymond Hanna
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 9:37:25 AM

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Raymond Hanna



From: J Hill
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please choose ONE
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 9:43:27 AM

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From: J Henderson
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Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 11:40:15 AM

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From: Gregory Kay
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Very excited
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 10:46:01 AM

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Sincerely,
Gregory Kay



From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ord.No.2021-098
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 10:15:14 PM
Attachments: [Ord No 2021-098.docx](#)

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Attn.: Candace Reid

Please find attached my input to be distributed to City Council members.

Thank You,
Vermeadia S. Holmes

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
April 28, 2021

City of Richmond

Dept. of Planning & Development Review

Land Use Administration

City Hall, Rm. 511

Richmond, VA 23219

RE: Ord. No 2021-098

I am opposed to special use authorization for the property known as 2601 Edgewood Avenue for the following reasons:

1. As per the notice of public hearing, the proposed subdivision would result in lots that do not meet the minimum lot area and yard requirements.
2. The capacity of the existing infrastructure is commensurate with R-5 Single-Family Residential zoning district requirements. The adequacy of the infrastructure, specifically sewer line functioning, has been tested on more than one occasion, as the neighborhood has historical experience with significant flooding issues. Improvements have resulted in significant water and sewer services cost increases for residents. Disregard for current zoning requirements would add greater demand on the existing infrastructure, as well as increase costs for services.
3. Lot size requirements directly relate to property value of individual lots, as well as the value of lots in the larger community. Over time, this would result in negative value impact on the neighborhood.
4. The possibility for increase in growth of smaller lots, is apparent in this case, as the originally zoned lot is smaller than most in the area. Consideration of dividing such a lot would have significant, negative precedence setting potential for neighborhood development.
5. Built in the early 20th century, the Battery Park neighborhood has a distinct architectural, geographical and physical footprint in the city of Richmond. Physical boundaries of residential lots provide definition to that footprint and constitute the essence, and indeed, the character of the neighborhood. Neighborhood development should protect these assets.
6. Zoning changes should maintain the historical assets of the community, as well as, have long term benefits for the neighborhood and residents. Lot subdivision in city neighborhoods, may be lucrative real estate transactions but, the integrity, continuity and quality of life of the neighborhood holds greater value to the larger community.

Vermeadia S. Holmes

From: Tracy Epp & Michele Cadwallader
To: [PDR Land Use Admin](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Special Use Permit for 2601 Edgewood Avenue, Ordinance No. 2021-098
Date: Monday, May 3, 2021 9:35:24 AM

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Attn: Mathew J. Ebinger, Secretary to the Planning Commission & Candice D. Reid, City Clerk

To City of Richmond Planning Commission and City Council,

We respectfully request that Ordinance 2021-98 - Special Use Permit for 2601 Edgewood Avenue under Ord be denied. The property is located within the R-5 Single-Family Residential zoning district and should follow the guidelines for single-family detached dwellings. The property should follow the existing requirements for lot area and yard requirements.

The Richmond 300 Master Plan states: "Goal 4: Urban Design: Establish a distinctive city comprising architecturally significant buildings connected by a network of walkable urban streets and open spaces to support an engaging built environment. Objective 4.1.a Develop zoning districts that support, protect and enhance neighborhood character, especially in areas that are not protected by City Old & Historic Districts" The request for a special use permit goes against this stated goal.

Additionally there is Goal 7: Vision Zero: Reduce all traffic-related deaths and serious injuries to zero by implementing the Vision Zero Action Plan." 2601 Edgewood Avenue does not currently have any sidewalks on the lot yet many pedestrians walk on that side of the street to avoid the pedestrian traffic and pedestrians gathering on the sidewalk (tennis spectators) on the opposite side of the street, adjacent to Battery Park. The lot 2601 Edgewood Avenue is at the intersection of W. Lancaster Road and Montrose Avenue which changes from a two-way street to one-way street. Many drivers ignore the one-way, Do Not Enter signs and recklessly drive up Montrose Avenue. A further concern for pedestrian safety at this particular juncture is that W. Lancaster Road and Montrose Avenue slope downhill towards Edgewood Avenue and cars gather speed down these streets. Pedestrians, often children, and cyclists routinely cross at this intersection to access Battery Park and could benefit from sidewalks on both sides of the street. It is important to consider parking and pedestrian safety at this particular intersection. If the proposed two single-family detached dwellings on lots that do not meet the minimum lot area and yard requirements then it seems that residents would be required to park on the street. Sidewalks for pedestrian safety would further reduce yard size. Street parking will further reduce visibility at this intersection.

Given our respect for the current zoning requirements, our respect for the goals outlined in the Richmond 300 Master Plan, and our concerns regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety at this particular intersection, we urge you to deny this special use permit for 2601 Edgewood Avenue.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michele Cadwallader

Tracy Epp



From: Jack Blizzard
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Opposing ORD. 2021-095
Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 10:01:42 AM

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Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to oppose ORD. 2021-095 that defines the Confederate Flag as a symbol of "hate."

Definitely info any American historical flag as a "hate" symbol is inappropriately biased.

The attached documentation further defines Monument Avenue as symbols of oppression and inequality.

"Hate" is a political oppression tool to limit freedom of speech and exclude opposing perspectives of history.

Thank You,

Anonymous

From: jray250443@aol.com
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Comments Regarding Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-095
Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:13:21 PM

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The mayor's proposed ordinance, if enacted, would be a clear violation of the first amendment to the constitution. The Confederate Battle Flag is NOT a symbol of hate or white supremacy except to anyone not correctly educated on Confederate history.

I also wish to make the following corrections to the BACKGROUND paragraph of the pages attached to the proposed ordinance. The monuments formerly located on Monument Avenue are NOT symbols of oppression and inequality. The BACKGROUND paragraph omits the fact that the removal of the monuments from Monument Avenue was illegal, done in a corrupt manner, and that the City Council's acquiescence to/tolerance of/failure to prevent those actions makes you complicit. Would that we could learn from our mistakes.

I urge you NOT to pass this ordinance.

Sincerely,

James Ray

From: Eric Steigleder
Subject: The Valentine Museum's Testimony
Date: Friday, May 7, 2021 1:02:31 PM
Attachments: [Valentine Museum Testimony.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well. Attached to this email you will find an official letter containing the Valentine Museum's testimony for the City Council Meeting taking place on Monday, May 10. We would be happy to answer any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Eric Steigleder

Eric V. Steigleder
Director of Communications
The Valentine
804-649-0711 ext. 322
He/Him/His



RICHMOND STORIES™

May 7, 2021

Richmond City Council
900 E. Broad Street, Suite 305
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Council Members:

As the sole institution in the region dedicated to engaging, educating, and challenging a diverse audience by collecting, preserving, and interpreting Richmond’s history, the Valentine fully supports the considered disposition of the Confederate monuments that once stood on city-owned property. The matrix drafted in March and shared with City Council in April provides a detailed reflection of each of the organizations or individuals that have requested the monuments. The City Council staff and the City Administration crafted a thoughtful rubric by which to measure the disposition for each of the monuments and artifacts under consideration. We are similarly in favor of the weighted scoresheet’s prioritization of nonprofits and government entities. The city’s disposition rubric is also reflective of the 2020 amendment to Virginia’s code that requires war memorials be offered to “to any museum, historical society, government, or military battlefield.” (§ 15.2-1812) No matter where each monument is transferred, the Valentine will continue to preserve and interpret their complete stories for future generations.

The City of Richmond is serving as a national example for how public spaces can be reimaged to be inclusive and reflective of the current community. Finalizing the disposition of these monuments with an open and public process serves as a fitting bookend to the exclusive and inequitable manner in which they were first erected.

Sincerely,

William J. Martin
Director, The Valentine

Neelan A. Markel
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From: james Whitehead
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Appeal to the Mayor and Council
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 9:01:58 AM
Attachments: [Letter to Richmond City Council.docx](#)

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please submit the attached letter to the Mayor and Council regarding the disposition of the monuments and markers recently removed from Monument Avenue and other locations across the city.

Your assistance is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jim Whitehead
Former City resident, Citizen, Tax payer, Historian

James W. Whitehead



May 7, 2021

Richmond City Council
Office of the City Clerk
900 East Broad Street
Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

As Virginian, former City Resident, citizen, tax payer and passionate historian I beg the Mayor and Council to protect the past, all the past and in particular the historical monuments and markers recently or about to be removed.

The State and the City have a rich history in the formation of the republic; we today walk on and over the accomplishments of our past citizens be they White, Black, Indian or some other race. As they benefactors we have a responsibly.

The City of Richmond possesses a fundamental responsibility to protect the monuments previously entrusted to the City and now removed from its public property. I believe the best way to achieve this goal is to give each Monument to organizations or individuals with plans to place the monuments on private property in Virginia where they will be displayed for future generations to make their own decisions; this history, important to some, despised by others, is still our history. When I visit Richmond, I made it a practice to visit Monument Avenue, the Capitol, and many other historic locations. Without them the City is much poorer; these acts also say something about the character of Richmond. Please place them in caring hands so that we may admire these works of art and preserve all our history.

The Richmond monuments and the people they depict are all a part of our national memory; please save them.

As you consider this I want to voice support for several of the requesting organizations.

The JEB Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with an established track record preserving Virginia history and the history of its namesake. Furthermore, the Stuart family, many of whom still bear their ancestors' name, possess multi-generational service to the United States Army, in which they commanded soldiers of all races and from all walks of life. Their patriotism and intentions are above reproach, and I hope you will strongly consider their application for the Stuart Monument.

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Finally, The Ratcliffe Foundation in Tazewell Virginia is a very worthy applicant with a long association of philanthropy. They would be a worthy caring applicant.

The preservation of this history is a duty that the City owes every citizen in this State and by extension the Nation. Duty is one of the most sublime words in our language and we all should strive to do our Duty.

Thank you,

James W. Whitehead

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Citizen and taxpayer

From: Paul Sigur
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Paul Sigur](#)
Subject: Confederate Monuments
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 9:17:31 AM

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The monuments are pieces of history. Move them to the property surrounding the Civil War Museum on the James River on Tredegar Street. Museums host/house pieces of history and put them in context.

From: Rich Souser
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Resolution 2021-R025
Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 2:24:52 AM

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Regarding Resolution 2021-R025.

As an historian, former museum professional, and 35-year resident of the city, I heartily agree that the city needs to have a formal written process in place for the evaluation of plans for the relocation of the various monuments. Public input, especially from historians, architects, and art professionals should weigh heavily in any approved plans. However, aren't there still a number of legal issues that need to be resolved? These include:

- Legal actions that are ongoing regarding the mayor's apparently unauthorized removal of some of the statues, resulting in an injunction, and a continuing investigation into the unauthorized expenditure of city funds.
- A recent Supreme Court of Virginia ruling on statues in Charlottesville. I'm not a lawyer, but based on the news reports, the state law cited in the Richmond ordinance last August does not appear to apply to monuments erected before the law was passed. (Which, by my reckoning, is all of the monuments in question.) Therefore, doesn't the Richmond ordinance have to be re-done citing the applicable legal authorities.
- The erroneous inclusion in ordinance 2020-154 of the A.P. Hill grave and memorial. It is my understanding from news reports that the city attorney had determined that the city did not have authority under Va. Code § 15.2-181 (the 2020 law that gave city government authority over war memorials) to move, let alone sell, a grave and funerary monument.
- To me, the state law on cemeteries and graves is clear. Moving the grave and monument requires Richmond Circuit court review/approval to ensure the plans are sound and that the remains and grave markings would be treated respectfully. Further, the city does not appear to have the authority to separate parts of the grave and the funerary monument and statue. These are all part and parcel of the grave and markings. My recommendation is that the language on the AP Hill monument be removed from the current ordinance. Then, with input from the public and the approval of Council, appropriate plans need to be made to move the grave to a suitable location, such as the confederate section at Oakwood Cemetery. With plans in place, court approval may then be sought.
- In any case, the news reported that the city is in negotiation with Hill's descendants. This is curious. According to historical sources, there are no direct descendants. What is the legal role of any extremely remote relative in the relocation of the grave and monument?
- Finally, what parts of the discussion and review of the relocation of the monuments are exempt from Virginia's open meetings law? Council needs to be clear on this issue. Other Virginia localities seem to have been able to do this in totally open sessions. So far, most of the Richmond discussions seem to be happening behind closed doors.

Richard Souser

Joseph Judson Smith, III



May 6, 2021

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Thank you, Richmond.

But alas, no more.

The monuments are physical reminders of the histories of the City of Richmond, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States.

Upon taking office, President Joe Biden highlighted the Nation's responsibility to preserve our national treasures and monuments:

Our nation has an abiding commitment to empower our workers and communities; promote and protect our public health and the environment; and conserve our national treasures and monuments, places that secure our national memory (Executive Order 13990; 20 January 2021).

President Biden made no distinction between types of monuments or only those which Americans can find universally acceptable. The Richmond monuments and the people they depict are all a part of our national memory.

Many proposals are outright divisive and will breed further resentment among citizens, like myself, who were upset when the monuments were defaced and subsequently removed from public view.

Delivering the monuments to organizations or individuals for placement on private property is the wise course of action because it ensures these monuments will be preserved for future generations without placing a burden on local entities. Tax-paying citizens and communities who do not want to incur the cost of long-term maintenance should not be forced to do so. Thus, the private property approach serves both opposing viewpoints.

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I offer these thoughts as a patriotic American interest are healing the divisions in our community and the preservation of American history for future generations.

Sincerely,

Joseph Jackson Smith, III

From: Jèanne Chappman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 5:18 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fwd: Public hearing on Monuments disposition May 10, 2021

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From: Jèanne Chappman [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, May 8, 2021, 11:44 AM
Subject: Re: Public hearing on Monuments disposition May 10, 2021
To: Floyd, Tavares M. - City Council [REDACTED]

Hi. Thanks for sending me all the information. On my limited equipment and lack of technical knowledge, I was not able to open nor download anything you sent me.

Therefore I am writing this email to have Ms Robertson take to the Monday meeting to be read as described on the city's instructions.

To City Committee on Statues

My idea is to erect the said statues in Bryan Park in Richmond VA.

I know that Bryan was a Confederate and very much for slavery before and after the war. I know HIS statue was taken down in Monroe Park.

My reasons are:

1. I think the statues should remain in Richmond as a tourist attraction
2. Bryan did donate the land for a park for the citizens which needs improvement on its grounds.
3. Bryans family descendants went on to establish and run our Newspaper which still exist today.
4. The Statues would be in an enclosed area that one would have to decisively enter to see. They would not be in the open where you would see by just driving by.
5. For those that did not want the Statues taken down, it would give those citizens a place to go not too far away where they could go to view them.

In addition, I propose that all the painted structures around all the removed Statues be removed and cleaned. I know some view this as art, but it reflects badly on our beautiful City. This includes the Lee Monument, whether it stays up or not.

Thank you.
Jeanne Chapman
[REDACTED]