



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 10, 2022

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

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

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst
Haskell Brown, City Attorney
Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Candice Reid, City Clerk
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille 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, November 14, 2022
2. Ord. 2022-205 – to be continued to Monday, November 14, 2022

3. Ord. 2022-214 – to be continued to Monday, November 14, 2022
 4. Ord. 2022-219 – to be amended and continued to Monday, November 14, 2022
 5. Ord. 2022-228 – to be continued to Monday, November 14, 2022
 6. Ord. 2022-232 – to be continued to Monday, November 14, 2022
 7. Ord. 2022-234 – retained on the Consent Agenda
 8. Ord. 2022-262 – to be continued to Monday, November 14, 2022
 9. Ord. 2022-263 – retained on the Consent Agenda
 10. Ord. 2022-264 – retained on the Consent Agenda
 11. Ord. 2022-265 – retained on the Consent Agenda
 12. Ord. 2022-266 – to be continued to Monday, November 14, 2022
 13. Ord. 2022-267 – retained on the Consent Agenda
 14. Ord. 2022-268 – to be continued to Monday, November 14, 2022
 15. Ord. 2022-269 – retained on the Consent Agenda
 16. Ord. 2022-272 – retained on the Consent Agenda
 17. Ord. 2022-273 – retained on the Consent Agenda
 18. Ord. 2022-274 – retained on the Consent Agenda
 19. Res. 2022-R061 – retained on the Consent Agenda
 20. Res. 2022-R062 – retained on the Consent Agenda
 21. Res. 2022-R067 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- Regular Agenda:
22. Ord. 2021-097 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2022
 23. Ord. 2022-261 – to be amended and continued to Monday, November 14, 2022

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested Ord. 2022-261 be considered without the amendment she proposed during the September Public Safety Standing Committee meeting, which was recommended for approval.

Vice President Ellen Robertson arrived at 4:08 p.m. and was seated.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell noted several topics of concern for city residents while expressing her apprehension with the proposed adoption of Ord. 2022-261, stating the legislation posed a lot of unanswered questions.

City Attorney Haskell Brown clarified the public hearing advertising requirement and advised of Council's ability to consider Ord. 2022-261 without the introduction of the proposed amendment, later that evening during the Formal Session of Council.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch arrived at 4:20 p.m. and was seated.

24. Res. 2021-R026 – to be continued to Monday, December 12, 2022

25. Res. 2022-R049 – to be stricken

26. Res. 2022-R050 – to be stricken

Kevin Vonck, Planning and Development Review director, was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2022-205 and advised of the reason for its suggested continuance.

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

Other Discussion Item(s)

Enrichmond Foundation

Councilor Kristen Nye requested an update regarding a path forward for organizations impacted by the disbandment of the Enrichmond Foundation.

Chris Frelke, Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities director, addressed Council regarding the dissolution of the foundation and stated city administration is currently seeking advice from the city attorney's office regarding the matter; however, Verdant Richmond has offered their assistance to affected community garden groups.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch encouraged city administration to provide guidance to community groups who were utilizing the Enrichmond Foundation as their fiscal agent.

Mr. Frelke informed Council of Virginia Outdoors Foundation's continued maintenance of cemeteries owned by the Enrichmond Foundation.

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders welcomed the opportunity to devise a plan of action for affected entities and provide an update of the recommendation during an upcoming Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested the Enrichmond Foundation be added as one of the Council retreat's discussion topics and the dissemination of retreat materials well in advance of the work session.

Other Discussion

Councilor Kristen Nye requested an update regarding the Department of Planning and Development Review's revised permitting process at a future meeting.

Councilor Michael Jones informed Council and city administration of an issue within the 9th District involving the improper parking of construction vehicles within a residential neighborhood, which was forwarded to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee for further discussion.

Sharon Ebert, deputy chief administrative officer – Economic Development, introduced Laura Thomas, newly appointed Office of Sustainability director.

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders informed Council of the delayed introduction of inclement weather shelter legislation and stated it will be introduced at a special meeting preceding the October 13th Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting.

Councilor Kristen Nye introduced her new council liaison, Timothy Siverd.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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