



City of Richmond

Formal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, March 12, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council met in the Council Chamber on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Michael L. W. Moore, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 1902 Rosewood Avenue, Richmond, VA.

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

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Kim Gray
The Honorable Michael Jones (Early departure)
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Reported Absent

The Honorable Chris Hilbert, President

CHAMBER EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

Vice President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order and presided. Upon the Vice President's request, Interim Deputy City Clerk Lisa Braxton provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with citizen speaker guidelines.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Councilor Michael Jones moved that the following appointment and reappointment recommendations be approved:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name	Terms
Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration (15 members)	Higher educational institution	Kristin E. Reed	03/12/2018 – 04/09/2019 <i>Succeeding Lathaniel V. Kirts, resigned</i>
	At-large residents of the city	Daniel P. Callahan	03/15/2018 – 03/14/2020 <i>Succeeding Iman Shabazz</i>
		Cindy P. Chambers	03/15/2018 – 03/14/2020 <i>Succeeding Rachel C. Casey</i>
	At-large resident of the city nominated by the mayor	Brandon T. Cox	03/12/2018 – 03/11/2020

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name	Terms
Community Criminal Justice Board (15 members)	Judge of the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court	Judge Marilyn C. Goss	03/12/2018 – 03/11/2020 <i>Succeeding Judge Richard B. Campbell</i>
	Citizens of the city of Richmond	Kelly King Horne (reappointment)	04/15/2018 – 04/14/2020
		Eric Reynolds (reappointment)	03/15/2018 – 03/14/2020
	Local educator	Dr. Blythe Alison Bowman Balestrieri	04/15/2018 – 04/14/2020 <i>Succeeding Julie Molloy</i>
Richmond Ambulance Authority (11 members)	No criteria need be met for appointment	DeWitt C. Baldwin, III	03/12/2018 – 01/09/2020 <i>Succeeding Susangeline Strickland</i>
		Dr. Joseph W. Boatwright, III (reappointment)	03/12/2018 – 11/28/2019
City Planning Commission (9 members)	Qualified voter	Vivek Murthy (reappointment)	04/24/2018 – 04/23/2021
Board of Directors of the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (15 members)	*	Thomas Bannard	03/12/2018 – 07/01/2020 <i>Succeeding Lawrence Everette, resigned</i>
		Karah L. Gunther	03/12/2018 – 07/01/2019 <i>Succeeding Marcellus Plummer, resigned</i>

* Applicants must reside or work in the city.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Councilor Kim Gray, on behalf of City Council, recognized Associate Professor and Director of Costume Design at the Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Theatre Toni-Leslie James, for her work on behalf of students.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Councilor Andreas Addison moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2017-242

To amend Ord. No. 2000-410-2001-10, adopted Jan. 8, 2001, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2001-220-231, adopted Jul. 23, 2001, which approved the "Shops at Stratford Hills Community Unit Plan," for the purpose of increasing the area subject to the community unit plan by 3.4 acres to 67.9± acres and modifying the development standards, under certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

To be continued to Monday, April 9, 2018

ORD. 2018-022

To amend Ord. No. 2002-17-48, adopted Feb. 11, 2002, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 8 and 10 East Main Street for conversion and use of the ground floor levels of the existing buildings for dwelling purposes, together with off-street parking, to also permit such properties to be used for short-term rental, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be amended and continued to Monday, April 9, 2018

ORD. 2018-023

To authorize the special use of the property known as 806 Cathedral Place for the purpose of permitting up to five rooms or groups of rooms for short-term rental, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be amended and continued to Monday, April 9, 2018

ORD. 2018-044

To amend ch. 2, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 18 (§§ 2-1167-2-1172) and to amend ch. 17, art. I of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 17-1-17-3 for the purpose of establishing a Human Rights Commission and prohibiting certain discriminatory practices.

To be continued to Monday, April 23, 2018

RES. 2018-R003

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study of data pertaining to the occurrence of homicides in the city of Richmond between 2008 and 2018.

To be amended and voted on

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

ORD. 2018-010

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Police Mutual Aid Joint Aviation Agreement between the County of Henrico, Virginia, the County of Chesterfield, Virginia, and the City of Richmond, Virginia, for the purpose of operating a joint aviation unit to support aerial law enforcement activities in the party jurisdictions.

ORD. 2018-011

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and Virginia Commonwealth University for the purpose of establishing cooperation between the City's Department of Police and the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department in the furnishing of certain law enforcement services.

ORD. 2018-016

To authorize the special use of the property known as 900 St. James Street for the purpose of a building with non-residential uses on the first floor and up to 12 dwelling units on the upper floors, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

ORD. 2018-039

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and the Sheriff of the County of Hanover, Virginia, for the purpose of establishing cooperation between the City's Department of Police and the Sheriff in the furnishing of certain law enforcement services.

ORD. 2018-040

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and the City of Petersburg, Virginia, for the purpose of establishing cooperation between the City of Richmond's Department of Police and the City of Petersburg's Police Department in the furnishing of certain law enforcement services.

ORD. 2018-041

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1218, 1224, 1226, and 1228 East Brookland Park Boulevard for the purpose of permitting a multifamily dwelling containing up to 76 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2018-042

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$12,000.00 from The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Inc.; to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of Community Wealth Building called the Richmond Area Living Wage Certification Program Special Fund; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Office of Community Wealth Building's Richmond Area Living Wage Certification Program Special Fund by \$12,000.00 for the purpose of recognizing employers that pay their employees a living wage.

ORD. 2018-043

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Justice Services by \$50,000.00 for the purpose of providing court-involved youth with educational programming designed to increase cultural awareness and reduce racial violence.

RES. 2017-R093

To express the City Council's support for making improvements and repairs to streets, sidewalks, ~~and~~ alleys, and bridges a priority to ensure that all people may travel safely and conveniently upon them, and to reaffirm Council's support for the development of a Vision Zero program in the City of Richmond. (As Amended)

RES. 2018-R020

To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount up to \$25,000,000.00 for the acquisition, construction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of an approximately 216-unit multifamily residential rental housing project to be known as The Belt Atlantic located at 4000 Midlothian Turnpike in the city of Richmond.

Councilor Parker Agelasto provided an overview of RES. 2018-R020 and asked Council for its support of the proposed legislation.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-026

To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of certain easements upon, over, under, and across certain property located at 3801 Douglasdale Road for the construction, maintenance, and operation of electrical power transmission and distribution lines and associated appurtenances in accordance with a certain Right of Way Agreement. (As Amended)

Vice President Newbille read a summary of the bid offer for ORD. 2018-026 from Virginia Electric and Power Company d.b.a. Dominion Energy Virginia.

Brian Cople, chief of construction/permits inspections for the Department of Public Works, stated that city administration supported the bid, and he provided a summary of ORD. 2018-026.

Councilor Kim Gray moved to accept the bid and to adopt ORD. 2018-026, accordingly, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

MOTIONS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the ordinance entitled:

ORD. 2018-022

To amend Ord. No. 2002-17-48, adopted Feb. 11, 2002, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 8 and 10 East Main Street for conversion and use of the ground floor levels of the existing buildings for dwelling purposes, together with off-street parking, to also permit such properties to be used for short-term rental, upon certain terms and conditions.

be amended and continued to Monday, April 9, 2018, as follows:

Page 2, Line 7

After the comma following the first appearance of the date "October 31", strike the year "2017" and insert the year "2001"

After the comma following the second appearance of the date "October 31", strike the year "2017" and insert the year "2001"

Page 4, Line 11

After the period following the word "amended", insert the sentence "Signage pertaining to the special use shall also meet the requirements of the Commission of Architectural Review."

Page 4, Line 14

At the beginning of the line, strike the word "room" and insert the word "bedroom"

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Kim Gray moved that the ordinance entitled:

ORD. 2018-023

To authorize the special use of the property known as 806 Cathedral Place for the purpose of permitting up to five rooms or groups of rooms for short-term rental, upon certain terms and conditions.

be amended and continued to Monday, April 9, 2018, as follows:

Page 4, Line 7

After the word “per”, strike the word “room” and insert the word “bedroom”

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell moved that the resolution entitled:

RES. 2018-R003

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study of data pertaining to the occurrence of homicides in the city of Richmond between 2008 and 2018.

be amended as follows:

Page 2, Line 11

After the period following the numeral “2”, strike the text “A map overlay to the map requested in item 1, prepared by the City Assessor, showing, according to the records of the City Assessor, changes in factors affecting real estate tax assessments between 2008 and 2018, that includes real property values; the number and percentage of rental properties in the area; the number of parcels currently receiving partial real estate tax exemption; and the number of new real estate development projects based on the City’s records of building permits.”

Page 2, Line 17

At the beginning of the line, strike the numeral “3” and the following period

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

There were no comments or discussions and **RES. 2018-R003 (As Amended) was unanimously adopted.**

Councilwoman Reva Trammell moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

RES. 2018-R023

To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount up to \$20,000,000.00 for the acquisition, construction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of an approximately 159-unit multifamily residential rental housing project to be known as Richmond ArtistSpace Lofts located at 716 Jefferson Davis Highway in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Ms. Trammell

Thomas A. Wilkinson III, founder and chief executive officer of Maramjen Investments, LLC, acknowledged Michael Graff Jr., attorney with McGuireWoods LLP, and provided an overview of the multifamily residential rental housing project.

Councilwoman Trammell urged Council to approve RES. 2018-R023.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2018-R023 was unanimously adopted.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Michael Jones moved to approve the following Richmond City Council meeting minutes: Informal Council meeting held on Monday, February 26, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities were provided by the following council members: Councilor Jones, Councilor Gray, Councilor Addison, Councilwoman Trammell, Councilor Larson, Councilor Robertson, Councilor Agelasto and Vice President Newbille.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, March 26, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2018-098

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services by \$50,000.00 for the purpose of providing first responder training and supplies in order to administer critical care in the event of an active threat attack.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

ORD. 2018-099

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$6,500.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's Department of Criminal Justice Services special fund by \$6,500.00 for the purpose of funding police officer safety and wellness training initiatives.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

ORD. 2018-100

To amend City Code § 12-16, concerning the provisions of monthly financial synopses to the Council, and City Code § 12-32, concerning the disposition of funds from sale of real estate and certain insurance proceeds, for the purpose of revising the basis for calculating receipts to be credited to a special reserve assigned to support public schools in the city and requiring that monthly financial synopses provided to the City Council include activities with regard both to such special reserve and to another special reserve assigned to support the educational curriculum and programming of public schools in the city.

Patrons: Mr. Agelasto and Ms. Larson

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-101

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Stone Brewery Cooperation Agreement, as Amended, dated March 2, 2015, between the City of Richmond and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of revising the definition of "Phase 2 Facility" to allow for the demolition of an existing structure and construction of a new building.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-102

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the rehabilitation of the Mayo Bridge.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-103

To designate the portion of County Road located between its intersection with North 23rd Street and its intersection with North 24th Street in honor of Willie M. Andrews.

Patron: Vice President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-104

To designate the 1500 block of Williamsburg Road in honor of Mary Lou Decossaux.

Patron: Vice President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-105

To designate the portion of Williamsburg Avenue located between its intersection with Goddin Street and its intersection with Williamsburg Road in honor of Spencer E. Jones, III.

Patron: Vice President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-106

To designate the portion of Stony Run Road located between its intersection with Williamsburg Avenue and its intersection with Government Road in honor of Carl H. Otto.

Patron: Vice President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-107

To designate the 700 block of Goddin Street in honor of Earl A. Robinson.

Patron: Vice President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-108

To designate the portion of N Street located between its intersection with North 30th Street and its intersection with North 31st Street in honor of Percy and Angie Strickland.

Patron: Vice President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-109

To designate the 1100 block of North 22nd Street in honor of Mary W. Thompson.

Patron: Vice President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

Councilor Michael Jones departed the meeting.

RES. 2018-R024

To declare a public necessity to amend the zoning ordinance and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to make such changes as may be necessary to reduce or eliminate requirements concerning the minimum number of off-street parking spaces for business zoning districts within the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mr. Addison

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2018-R025

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be developed and implemented regulations requiring that temporary sidewalks be provided within the city of Richmond whenever a sidewalk is closed due to construction or demolition and propose such lawful changes to the City Code and to Appendix A of the City Code as may be necessary to implement fully such proposed regulations and to establish a new permit fee structure for encroachments or work in streets, sidewalks, and public ways.

Patron: Mr. Agelasto

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 12:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2018-110

To amend City Code § 2-1183, concerning the residency requirement for certain officers and employees, to modify the City's residency requirement so that it applies only to the Chief Administrative Officer, the Chief of Fire and Emergency Services, and the Chief of Police.

Patrons: Mr. Addison and Mr. Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-111

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1208 and 1212 McDonough Street and 314, 316, 318, and 322 West 12th Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing up to 33 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

CITY CLERK