



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, June 28, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
Virtual Meeting

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison (late arrival)
The Honorable Michael Jones (late arrival)
The Honorable Katherine Jordan (not audible during roll call)
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (late arrival)
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

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

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and presided.

ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton, 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, and stated that notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on June 17, 2021, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated there would be no opportunities for public comment and no public hearings during the meeting.

Docket Review

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2021-132 – to be amended and continued to Monday, July 26, 2021
2. Ord. 2021-144 – retained on the Consent Agenda
3. Ord. 2021-146 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2021-147 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2021-148 – retained on the Consent Agenda

6. Ord. 2021-149 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2021-150 – to be continued to Monday, July 26, 2021
8. Ord. 2021-151 – to be continued to Monday, July 26, 2021
9. Ord. 2021-152 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Andreas Addison joined the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

10. Ord. 2021-154 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2021-155 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2021-156 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2021-157 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2021-159 – to be continued to Monday, July 26, 2021
15. Ord. 2021-160 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2021-161 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2021-162 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2021-179 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2021-180 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2021-181 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Res. 2021-R035 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Res. 2021-R036 – to be continued to Monday, July 26, 2021
23. Res. 2021-R037 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Interim City Attorney Haskell Brown identified the voter precincts recommended to be split precincts during the 2021 election with the adoption of Res. 2021-R037.

Regular Agenda:

24. Ord. 2021-163 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

25. Ord. 2021-164 – retained on the Regular Agenda
26. Ord. 2021-165 – retained on the Regular Agenda
27. Ord. 2021-166 – retained on the Regular Agenda
28. Ord. 2021-167 – retained on the Regular Agenda
29. Ord. 2021-168 – retained on the Regular Agenda
30. Ord. 2021-169 – retained on the Consent Agenda

31. Ord. 2021-170 – retained on the Regular Agenda
32. Ord. 2021-171 – retained on the Regular Agenda
33. Ord. 2021-172 – retained on the Regular Agenda
34. Ord. 2021-173 – retained on the Regular Agenda
35. Ord. 2021-174 – retained on the Regular Agenda
36. Ord. 2021-175 – retained on the Regular Agenda
37. Ord. 2021-176 – retained on the Regular Agenda
38. Ord. 2021-177 – retained on the Regular Agenda
39. Ord. 2021-178 – retained on the Regular Agenda

President Cynthia Newbille, Councilor Kristen Larson, Councilwoman Reva Trammell and Councilor Stephanie Lynch requested to be added as co-patrons of Ords. 2021-165, 2021-166, 2021-167, 2021-168, 2021-169, 2021-170, 2021-171, 2021-172, 2021-173, 2021-174, 2021-175, 2021-176, 2021-177 and 2021-178.

Councilor Michael Jones joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Councilor Katherine Jordan informed Council that Ords. 2021-165, 2021-166, 2021-167, 2021-168, 2021-169, 2021-170, 2021-171, 2021-172, 2021-173, 2021-174, 2021-175, 2021-176, 2021-177 and 2021-178 were placed on the Regular Agenda as an opportunity to recognize the JXN Project and commemorate the 150th anniversary of Jackson Ward.

40. Res. 2021-R026 – to be continued to Monday, July 26, 2021

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

Vice President Ellen Robertson joined the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Other Discussion

Interim Council Chief of Staff Joyce Davis reminded Council of the upcoming work session scheduled for July 6, 2021 to discuss next steps regarding the American Rescue Plan Act, and a potential follow-up work session on July 12, 2021.

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated she will be contacting standing committee chairs to discuss the review and development of related action plan priorities as identified during Council's retreat.

Closed Session

At 4:16 p.m., Councilor Kristen Larson moved that the City Council hold a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss, consider, and interview a prospective candidate for employment in the position of City Attorney.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Andreas Addison motioned to exit closed session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilors reconvened in open session at 6:16 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

June 28, 2021

WHEREAS, the Council has convened in closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certifying resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

WITNESS the following vote of Council members, as recorded by Candice D. Reid, City Clerk:

CERTIFYING:

Cynthia I. Newbille, President
Ellen F. Robertson, Vice President
Andreas D. Addison
Katherine L. Jordan
Ann-Frances Lambert
Kristen N. Larson
Stephanie A. Lynch
Reva M. Trammell
Michael J. Jones

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

CITY CLERK