



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

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Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, November 9, 2020

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
Virtual Meeting

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President (late arrival)
The Honorable Andreas Addison (late arrival)
The Honorable Kim Gray
The Honorable Kristen Larson (late arrival)
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Reported Absent

The Honorable Michael Jones

Staff Present

Lawrence Anderson, Council Chief of Staff
Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst
Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Deputy 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 4:03 p.m. and presided.

ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as amended by Ordinance No. 2020-183, adopted August 20, 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 October 23, 2020, 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. 2020-177 – to be continued to Monday, December 14, 2020
2. Ord. 2020-207 – retained on the Consent Agenda

3. Ord. 2020-214 – to be continued to Monday, January 11, 2021
4. Ord. 2020-216 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2020-218 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2020-219 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2020-220 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2020-221 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2020-222 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2020-223 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2020-224 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2020-225 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2020-227 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2020-228 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2020-230 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Res. 2020-R051 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

17. Ord. 2018-236 – to be continued to Monday, December 14, 2020
18. Ord. 2020-103 – to be continued to Monday, December 14, 2020
19. Ord. 2020-104 – to be continued to Monday, December 14, 2020
20. Ord. 2020-105 – to be continued to Monday, December 14, 2020
21. Ord. 2020-215 – retained on the Regular Agenda
22. Ord. 2020-217 – to be continued to Monday, January 11, 2021
23. Ord. 2020-226 – to be continued to Monday, December 14, 2020
24. Ord. 2020-229 – retained on the Regular Agenda
25. Res. 2019-R057 – to be continued to Monday, April 26, 2021

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

Councilor Andreas Addison joined the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

FY 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Sheila White, Finance deputy director, formally presented Council with the Fiscal Year 2020 CAFR and acknowledged the outstanding contribution of key staff members from the Departments of Finance and Public Utilities responsible for the compilation of the report. Ms. White introduced the city's external audit partner, CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA), LLP's Greg Bussink, who provided a presentation regarding an overview of the CAFR, CLA's audit approach and results, technical update and new standards, and required governance communications. Mr. Bussink reported that the city received an unmodified (clean) opinion of its FY 2020 finances. A copy of the presentation and report has been filed.

Councilor Kristen Larson joined the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Vice President Chris Hilbert joined the meeting.

Additional Proposed Change to Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (PlanRVA) Charter Agreement

Interim City Attorney Haskell Brown informed Council of an additional proposed change to PlanRVA's charter agreement and stated that the suggested amendment would adjust the number and type of member jurisdictions' voting seats by accounting for increases in population, thus aligning with current financial contribution assessments. Interim City Attorney Brown further stated that the immediate effect of the proposed change would allow the Counties of Henrico and Chesterfield an opportunity to increase their membership. Mr. Brown indicated that prior to PlanRVA finalizing changes to the charter agreement, he seeks to communicate the consensus of Council regarding their acceptance of the suggested amendment.

Councilor Ellen Robertson questioned the possible adverse effort of the additional proposed change to PlanRVA's charter agreement for the city.

Councilor Andreas Addison requested a comparison of other planning district commissions throughout the Commonwealth with similar regional transportation challenges.

President Cynthia Newbille asked that Council receive a copy of the recommended changes to the charter agreement as well as city administration's opinion regarding the inclusion of the proposed amendment.

Councilor Kristen Larson solicited Council's PlanRVA representatives to attend the upcoming planning district meeting to assess the sentiments of other member jurisdictions regarding the intended amendment.

After further discussion, there was no consensus of Council concerning the additional proposed change to PlanRVA's charter agreement.

Councilor Robertson inquired about information involving changes to the Central Virginia Transportation Authority.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

CITY CLERK