



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

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

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal
Haskell Brown, City Attorney
LaTasha Holmes, Council Chief of Staff
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Council President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 4:01 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. 2022-268 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2023
2. Ord. 2022-369 – retained on the Consent Agenda

3. Ord. 2022-373 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2022-374 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2022-375 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2023
6. Ord. 2022-376 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2023
7. Ord. 2023-001 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2023-002 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2023-003 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2023-004 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2023-005 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2023-006 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2023-007 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2023-008 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2023-009 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2023-010 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2023-011 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2023-012 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2023-013 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2023-014 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2023-015 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2023-016 – retained on the Consent Agenda
23. Ord. 2023-017 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2023-018 – retained on the Consent Agenda
25. Ord. 2023-019 – retained on the Consent Agenda

- 26. Ord. 2023-020 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 27. Ord. 2023-021 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 28. Ord. 2023-022 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 29. Res. 2022-R079 – to be continued to Monday, February 13, 2023
- 30. Res. 2023-R004 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

- 31. Ord. 2021-097 – to be amended and continued to Monday, February 13, 2023

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert informed her colleagues of her desire to consider Ord. 2021-097 without the proposed amendment later that evening during the Formal Session of Council.

- 32. Res. 2021-R026 – moved to the Consent Agenda

Upon President Michael Jones' request, it was the consensus of Council to move Res. 2021-R026 to the Consent Agenda.

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

Other Discussion Item(s)

General Assembly (GA) Update

Kathy Burcher, Council lobbyist, Advantus Strategies, updated Council on several House and Senate bills progressing through the 2023 General Assembly Session. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.025](#) General Assembly Update Presentation

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders commented on Senate Bill 1391, stating that the proposed legislation poses concern, since it would limit localities' ability to regulate short-term rental use, by allowing exemptions or setting policies that supersede local authority.

Ms. Burcher mentioned a tentative GA special meeting to discuss proposed casino bills and stated she will notify Council once it is scheduled.

President Michael Jones announced that the Governmental Operations Standing Committee has been tasked with overseeing Council's legislative agenda and Councilor Stephanie Lynch is the Council lobbyists' point-of-contact as proposed GA bills progress through the 2023 session.

Councilor Andreas Addison shared information regarding his attendance at last week's Virginia Municipal League's 2023 Local Government Day event.

Council's Rules of Procedure Training and Standard Operating Procedures

City Clerk Candice Reid and City Attorney Haskell Brown provided information regarding Council's Rules of Procedure, which pertained to the Informal meeting agenda, speaking limitations during meetings for councilmembers and citizens, and the citizen comment period, along with standard operating procedures for the utilization of the microphones in the Council Chamber. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.028](#) Council's Rules of Procedure Training and Standard Operating Procedures Handout

After the discussion, Ms. Reid stated that an additional review of Council's Rules of Procedure and standard operating procedures will occur during the next Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch was excused.

Closed Session

At 4:57 p.m., Councilor Katherine Jordan moved that the City Council go into a closed meeting pursuant to subdivision (A)(3) of section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss and consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and the disposition of publicly held real property located in the "City Center" area of the city where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, and pursuant to subdivision (A)(7) of section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to receive a briefing from and to consult with the City Attorney pertaining to actual litigation (i) arising from a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Bells Road and Castlewood Road and (ii) related to the effects of the national opioid epidemic on the City, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the City.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None. Lynch was excused and Robertson had not yet arrived.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert and Councilwoman Reva Trammell had departed the meeting.

Councilor Ellen Robertson arrived at 5:56 p.m. and was seated.

Councilor Katherine Jordan motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Robertson, Lynch, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None. Lambert and Trammell had departed the meeting.

Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:57 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

January 23, 2023

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:

- Michael J. Jones, President
- Kristen Nye, Vice President
- Andreas D. Addison
- Katherine Jordan (early departure)
- Ann-Frances Lambert (early departure)
- Cynthia I. Newbille
- Stephanie A. Lynch
- Ellen F. Robertson (absent)
- Reva M. Trammell (early departure)

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

CITY CLERK

