



City of Richmond

Formal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, April 23, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council met in the Council Chamber on Monday, April 23, 2018, at 6:07 p.m.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Michael DeNoia, Cathedral of The Sacred Heart, 800 South Cathedral Place, Richmond, VA.

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

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Chris Hilbert, President
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 (*early departure*)
The Honorable Reva Trammell (*early departure*)

CHAMBER EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order and presided. Upon the 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.

Staff from the Office of Multicultural Affairs announced that the evening's meeting was being translated in Spanish and those in attendance may utilize the receivers located in the back of the chamber for the translation.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Vice Chair Cynthia Newbille moved that the following appointment recommendations be approved, and to continue consideration of the appointment recommendations for the Slave Trail Commission, to the June 23, 2018, Formal Council meeting:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Terms</u>
Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks (13 members)	Monroe Park Conservancy nominee *	James Hill	04/23/2018 – 04/22/2021 <i>Succeeding Alice McGuire Massie</i>
Social Services Advisory Board (9 members)	Citizen of the city	Chelsea H. Wise	04/23/2018 – 09/26/2019 <i>Succeeding Germika T. Pegram, resigned</i>
Board of Building Code Appeals, Plumbing and Mechanical Division (5 members & 3 alternates)	Certified master plumber *	Anson Bell (reappointment)	04/24/2018 – 04/23/2021

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name	Terms
Board of Directors of the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (3 directors and 3 alternates appointed by the city)	Resident of the city of Richmond	Miles M. Jones, Jr.	04/23/2018 – 02/08/2020 <i>Succeeding Emmanuel Adediran, resigned</i>
Clean City Commission (15 members)	9 th District qualified voter	Nathan Tersteeg (reappointment)	04/23/2018 – 03/22/2020
Commission of Architectural Review (9 members)	Citizens of the city at-large	Ashleigh N. Brewer	04/24/2018 – 04/23/2021 <i>Succeeding Justin W. Gunther, resigned</i>
	American Institute of Architects nominee *	Sanford Bond (reappointment)	04/23/2018 – 04/22/2021
Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (12 members)	*	Heidi Abbott (reappointment)	06/29/2018 – 06/28/2022
Urban Design Committee (10 members)	Registered professional engineer *	Andrew Gould (reappointment)	04/24/2018 – 04/23/2021
	Member of the Commission of Architectural Review *	James W. Klaus	04/23/2018 – 07/09/2018 <i>Succeeding Bryan C. Green</i>

* Applicants must reside or work in the city.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Councilor Michael Jones, along with all members of Council, recognized the Richmond Police Department Third Precinct for its work on behalf of the community. Richmond Police Chief Alfred Durham, Lt. Harold Giles and officers of the third precinct were present to receive the award.

Councilor Ellen Robertson and all members of Council proclaimed the month of April as Richmond Child Abuse Prevention Month to help further increase public awareness and protect children against the scourge of abuse.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Jesse Faison addressed Council alleging that individuals were illegally using electronic devices to manipulate his mind and the minds of others. Mr. Faison stated that he was being victimized and wanted to bring awareness to the matter.

Marie Morton Hart provided Council a cost estimate to remove city-owned trees that ruined her yard and sewer line. Ms. Hart stated she has advised Council over the years about the problem and was frustrated that the issue has not been resolved.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Councilor Kim Gray and Councilwoman Trammell asked city administration to follow-up with Ms. Hart regarding her complaint.

Dirk Graham, owner of Bottoms Up Pizza, addressed Council regarding the impact current road construction and the Shockoe Bottom Cobblestone Restoration projects have had on his business. Mr. Graham provided a copy of the notification he received approximately one week prior

to the start of the cobblestone project and stated that the city should have discussed parking alternatives to minimize the impact of his day to day operations before the project started.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Earl Bradley urged Council to ensure that the next individual selected to serve as chief executive officer for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA), is familiar with the public housing environment and willing to work with and address the needs of the tenants. Mr. Bradley also expressed concern that minority business owners are not awarded contracts with RRHA.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Councilor Kim Gray moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2018-030

To amend ch. 12, art. I of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 12-18 and 12-19, concerning the preparation of strategic action plans by each City department, agency, and office, for the purpose of aligning the service delivery goals of each City department, agency, and office with the City's overall strategic plan.

To be continued to Monday, June 25, 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 amended and continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

ORD. 2018-118

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2822 Purcell Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$11,310.39 to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

To be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

ORD. 2018-119

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2820 Purcell Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$11,455.00 to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

To be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

ORD. 2018-120

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2807 Newbourne Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$17,009.89 to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

To be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

ORD. 2018-121

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2112 North 29th Street and to authorize the conveyance of such properties for \$20,476.63 to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

To be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

ORD. 2018-122

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2110 North 29th Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$21,869.60 to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

To be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

ORD. 2018-123

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2106 North 29th Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$30,434.10 to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

To be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

ORD. 2018-124

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2100 North 29th Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$10,461.71 to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

To be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

ORD. 2018-125

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2000 North 29th Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$22,250.16 to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

To be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

RES. 2017-R086

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer establish and implement a policy and methodology to require that any residential development agreement to which the City is a party or involving City financial incentives mandate that a minimum percentage of the new residential development's total units be designated as affordable housing.

To be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018

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.

To be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018

RES. 2018-R033

To express the Council's support for the oversight of the design and construction of public schools in the city of Richmond by the School Board of the City of Richmond and to request that the School Board prepare and submit to the Council, the Mayor, and the Chief Administrative Officer a construction plan for the design and construction of such facilities.

To be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018

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.

To be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

ORD. 2018-126

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Stone Brewing Company Performance Agreement, Dated November 14, 2014, between the City of Richmond, Virginia, Stone Brewing Co., LLC, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond, Virginia for the purpose of revising the definitions of "Existing Building" and "Phase II" to allow the demolition of an existing structure and the construction of a new building.

To be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

RES. 2018-R034

To declare a public necessity to amend the zoning ordinance and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to rezone certain properties located in the West Cary Street area, generally bounded by West Main Street to the north, Cumberland Street to the south, South Belvidere Street to the east, and South Cherry Street to the west, from the B-3 General Business District to the UB-2 Urban Business District and the B-6 Mixed-Use Business District.

To be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes None. Agelasto was excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

ORD. 2018-113

To rezone the property known as 1 East Cary Street from the B-3 General Business District to the B-5 Central Business District.

ORD. 2018-114

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1303 and 1305 North 29th Street for the purpose of no more than two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2018-115

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Right of Way Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to allow temporary access to certain portions of Little John Park located at 1401 Little John Road in the city of Richmond for the purpose of constructing improvements to State Highway Route 95 east of its intersection with Hermitage Road.

ORD. 2018-116

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, and 9-59 and 9-60, which establish boundary descriptions for Precincts 101 and 102, respectively; to amend § 9-124, which assigns precincts to City Council and School Board Districts; and to amend ch. 9, art. III by adding therein a new § 9-67.1, concerning the precinct boundaries for a new Precinct 115, for the purpose of establishing new polling places and new precinct boundaries within the First Council District.

ORD. 2018-117

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services, of a perpetual, non-exclusive easement located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of East Franklin Street and North 15th Street for the public purpose of providing for the location of a traffic signal and all equipment, accessories, and appurtenances necessary in connection therewith.

RES. 2018-R029

To request that the Mayor secure from the Greater Richmond Transit Co., Inc. certain City-contributed funds projected to be unexpended for the operating costs of the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit project and introduce an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund Budget to establish, to the extent and in a manner permitted by law, financial and non-financial assistance programs for businesses in certain areas adversely affected by the construction of the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit project.

RES. 2018-R031

To approve expenditures in the total amount of \$3,710.92 from the Council District Funds for the First District to reimburse Andreas Addison for a payment of \$250.00 for the security deposit for the rental of office space used by the Council Member in the representation of the First District for October, 2017; payments of \$889.33, \$920.00, and \$825.00 for the rental of office space used by the Council Member in the representation of the First District for November, 2017, January, 2018, and February, 2018, respectively; payments of \$378.00 and \$298.59 to Constant Contact for the dissemination of electronic mail communications to residents of the First District; and a payment of \$150.00 to Left Plus Right, LLC, for website hosting and support billed for October, November, and December, 2017.

RES. 2018-R032

To approve expenditures in the total amount of \$1,178.20 from the Council District Funds for the Eighth District to reimburse Reva M. Trammell for a payment of \$591.34 to Carr's Texaco for rental trucks and fuel used to deliver Christmas food boxes to approximately 300 households in the Eighth District from December 14, 2017, through December 23, 2017; a payment of \$197.12 for the cost of gift bags, candy, and toys given to children at the Eighth District Community Meeting on December 14, 2017, and during the Eighth District 2017 Christmas Giveaway Run held on December 19, 2017; a payment of \$75.00 to Jerry C. Blow for providing music and sound system services for the Eighth District Community Meeting held on December 14, 2017; a payment of \$150.00 to Jerry C. Blow for distributing gifts during the Eighth District 2017 Christmas Giveaway Run held on December 19, 2017; and a payment of \$164.74 for the costs to provide meals for 19 volunteers who delivered Christmas food boxes to residents of the Eighth District on December 19, 2017.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-031

To amend ch. 12, art. II of the City Code by adding therein a new § ~~[42-37]~~ 12-38, concerning the disposition of cigarette tax proceeds, and to amend Chapter 26 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. XVIII, consisting of sections numbered 26-1277 through 26-1288, concerning the levy of a cigarette tax, for the purpose of imposing a new tax on the sale of cigarettes with the intent of making additional funds available for the ~~[renovation and replacement]~~ capital maintenance, repair, and improvements of public ~~[school facilities]~~ schools in the city. (As Amended)

Councilor Parker Agelasto briefly explained that the schools' maintenance budget has been inadequately funded for years and ORD. 2018-031 will be a means to generate funds to begin addressing some of the maintenance needs for the city's schools. Councilor Agelasto asked Council for its support.

Opposition

Mike Thompson, president of the Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy, stated that the proposed tax will create economic consequences for small business owners and have a greater financial impact on the city's low-income communities.

Benjamin Dessart read a letter on behalf of the Universal Corporation, stating that the proposed tax was unsustainable and will cause the city's small businesses to lose revenue to the surrounding counties, which do not have local cigarette taxes.

Brett Vassey, president and CEO of Virginia Manufacturers Association, stated that the food, beverage and tobacco industries are four times larger than other industries in the region; therefore, the proposed tax will directly impact the future of manufacturing.

Tanya Cook, Philip Morris USA director of cigarette manufacturing, stated that an imposed cigarette tax places an unfair burden on the city's low-income residents and will negatively impact small businesses, and the potential tax revenue would amount to less than the tax revenue received from Philip Morris annually. She also stated that Philip Morris remains committed to its support of the city's schools, but the financial responsibility should include all industries.

Michael O'Connor, president and CEO of the Virginia Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, stated that a loss of cigarette sales will also result in a loss of sales for non-tobacco products, which will reduce the city's overall tax revenues.

Toby Hawley stated that Philip Morris has been a corporate sponsor of the city's schools, and the proposed tax is an insult to the company and its employees.

Vinkal Talati stated that his store is located within close proximity to a neighboring locality; therefore, customers will travel to that county for their cigarette purchases, negatively impacting his business.

Bernice Travers, president of the Richmond Crusade for Voters, stated that the Richmond Crusade for Voters supported the referendum that would require the mayor to craft a plan to modernize school facilities without raising taxes, and it was never imagined that meal and cigarette taxes would be proposed to pay for improvements. Ms. Travers also stated that the proposed tax will add additional burdens on low-income residents.

Marie Morton Hart stated that the imposed tax will cause job losses resulting in an increase in homelessness. Ms. Hart stated that the problems the school system face must be resolved without raising the cost of cigarettes.

Gloria Harris asked Council not to support the proposed cigarette tax stating that issues with the schools have been ongoing and will not be resolved overnight. Ms. Harris also stated that Council needs to consider other revenue sources without raising taxes.

Scott Trammell stated that Philip Morris and its employees do not support underage smoking, the company participates in annual outreach to benefit city residents and a cigarette tax could cause job losses for thousands.

Inayat Omar stated that he started his business in the city because there was no cigarette tax and the proposed tax would completely destroy him, his business and his employees.

Alsanai Ali stated that he supports funding for the city's schools, but the proposed tax will drive customers to the surrounding counties and hurt local businesses.

Dwarkesh Shah stated that cigarette sales equate to 30% of his business and Council's approval of the proposed tax would show a lack of support for small business owners.

Thakur Dangal asked Council to oppose the proposed tax and stated that his business has already lost revenue because of the construction on Broad Street.

Debbie Pscion stated that the imposed tax will put small business owners out of business.

Vernon Knapp, 7-Eleven field consultant, stated that the projected tax revenue from the proposed tax was unreliable, and the additional tax will discourage other businesses from locating in the city. He suggested that the city utilize surplus funds to provide funding for the schools.

Ernest GunaRatnam, 7-Eleven business consultant, stated that he supports funding for the city's schools; however, the funding should not be the responsibility of certain residents and businesses.

It was the consensus of Council to suspend Council's Rules of Procedure to allow additional time for citizens to speak.

Meena Tewodros explained that, as a parent, he wants better school facilities for the city, but he was concerned that a cigarette tax will cause him to lose business to the adjacent county and eventually force him to close his store.

David Campbell asked Council to oppose the proposed tax stating that the tax increase will cause business owners to lose business and eventually be forced to reduce their workforces.

Mike Welch, GPM Investments – Fas Mart Convenience Stores, expressed support of funding for the city's schools but stated that an effective funding plan should incorporate all businesses. Mr. Welch further stated that approximately 8% of Fas Mart stores could be forced to close if the proposed tax is approved.

Scott Burnett reported that Altria has provided millions in numerous afterschool programs which benefit the city's youth and approval of the tax could jeopardize that partnership. Mr. Burnett suggested increasing the real estate tax to fund the needs of the school system.

Sunzi Patel expressed opposition to the proposed tax.

Caroline Amin stated that increasing the cost of cigarettes may provide temporary funding for the schools, but if she is forced to close her store, she will not be able to provide the basic needs for her family.

Jill Van Syse stated that it was not fair for the federal or local government to force the cigarette industries out of business and the city should fund the needs of the schools before spending money on other projects.

Lee Wilburn, 7-Eleven Field Consultant, stated that the imposed tax will prohibit the city's business owners from being able to competitively compete with businesses outside of the city.

Marty Jewell remarked that the schools' maintenance budget has been underfunded for the last five years; however, the funding shortfall could be resolved by revising the city's debt capacity policy.

James J.J. Minor, reported that the Richmond branch of the NAACP takes a neutral stance regarding the proposed tax. Mr. Minor stated that a comprehensive plan should be developed to determine the total fiscal impact, and funding for the city's schools should be the responsibility of the entire city and not selected businesses.

Musa Patel stated that, if the city approves the proposed tax, small business owners will be forced to close their businesses.

Support

Shannon Harton, president of the Westover Hills Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association, stated that the city's schools have operated under minimal means and the revenue from the proposed tax along with the meals tax will convey to RPS students that they are important.

Dr. Danny Avula, director of the Richmond City Health District, commented that smoking is the leading cause of death and disability and largely impacts the city's low-income residents. Dr. Avula stated that a cigarette tax is the single most effective tool to reduce smoking rates and all of the city's students deserve safe and clean learning environments.

Robin Gahan, senior director of government relations for the American Heart Association, stated that she supports the proposed cigarette tax because the increased purchase price will force more current smokers to quit and prevent underage smoking.

Glennys Flemming recalled some of the medical challenges she endured due to smoking and stated that she supports the proposed tax because it will prevent children from smoking, force more smokers to quit and promote healthier lifestyles.

Carolyn Burns stated that tobacco is the number one cause of death and disability and increasing the cost of cigarettes will help reduce the number of smokers and create healthier environments.

Ansley Perkins stated that the proposed cigarette tax will provide money for immediate school maintenance, the city is the only city in the state without a local cigarette tax, and students, teachers and staff deserve better school conditions.

A. Ramon Moore, president of the Richmond Education Association, stated that RPS students are tomorrow's future; therefore, the city must make the investment to provide state-of-the-art learning environments for all of its youth.

Brad Mock stated that teachers and students are being forced to deal with various maintenance issues on a daily basis, and the city needs to appropriate money to address the issues.

Portia Foster stated that she understands how the proposed tax will impact small businesses; however, the most important matter is funding for the city's schools. She also stated that the students deserve better schools and urged Council to find the necessary funding.

Sarah Birckhead reiterated health statistics regarding adult and youth smokers and stated that increasing the tax on cigarettes is the single most effective tool for reducing tobacco use. Ms. Birckhead also stated that the result of a survey showed that approximately two-thirds of Virginia residents support a cigarette tax.

Juliane Codd Toce recalled how students and teachers at Binford Middle School have to routinely deal with insufficient heat, poor internet connection, inadequate classrooms and faulty equipment; she urged Council to provide the necessary funding to address the deplorable conditions of many of the schools.

Sarah Peterson stated that the 100 year-old Binford Middle School has faulty wiring and plumbing, plaster falling from the ceilings, and unstable windows; however, the school's condition is better than that of many of the other area schools. Ms. Peterson further stated that Council needs to support better conditions for the city's teachers and students.

Keri Treadway reported that conditions at city schools have gotten progressively worse over the years and stated that citizens are counting on Council to take the necessary steps to ensure better conditions for students.

Pat Levy-Lavelle, along with one of his daughters, urged Council to approve additional funding for schools. Mr. Levy-Lavelle stated that the proposed cigarette tax is not enough to address all their needs, but the revenue would be a start to address some of the most critical.

Chris Lombardi asked Council to choose funding for the city's schools over the threat of losing a rapidly declining industry.

Jessica Chen stated that the proposed tax will provide the necessary funding for the schools, and increasing the cost of cigarettes is an effective way to reduce the number of current smokers.

Tanya Francis reported that her son's health and grades have been impacted because of the condition of his school, and the cigarette tax will provide maintenance dollars to improve it. Ms. Francis urged Council to support the proposed tax.

Kenyondra Holloway stated that the city's children should be provided the best education in healthy learning environments, and city leaders should be willing to correct the problems in many of the city's schools.

Amy Popovich, director of community engagement, Virginia Department of Health, stated that smoking not only affects a family's finances, it also affects the health of those in the home and the proposed tax will cause current smokers to quit and will improve the health of generations to come.

Alana Wilson reported that she has spent hundreds of dollars of her own money to try and make the classroom an acceptable environment; however, this year, she has dealt with no heat, cracked paint falling off the walls, patching a window to prevent cold air from entering through cracks, a dead mouse and mouse droppings in a storage area, and roaches. She urged Council to support funding for the schools.

It was the consensus of Council to suspend Council's Rules of Procedure to allow additional time for citizens to speak.

Molly McPhillips remarked that the impact on the cigarette industry and small businesses cannot compare to the efforts that teachers, staff and students at Albert Hill Middle School have exerted to maintain the school. Ms. McPhillips urged Council to support the proposed tax and all future financial endeavors to support the city's schools.

Jenny McDonald stated that the proposed tax will improve the condition of many of the city's schools, which in turn, will attract more people to the city and ultimately increase the sales of local business owners.

Montigue Magruder compared conditions of the city's schools to those of third world countries. He challenged Council to support the proposed tax.

Caroline Cox shared a picture of her family with City Council and explained the affect cigarette smoking has had on her friends and members of her family.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Jason Kamras, superintendent of Richmond Public Schools (RPS), stated that the revenue stream from the proposed tax will allow RPS to implement most of the actions outlined in the Phase I Schools' Facilities Plan. Mr. Kamras remarked that the tax revenue will not be enough to address the needs of the schools, but it would be a start in a positive direction.

Chuck Richardson spoke in opposition to the proposed cigarette tax stating that an increase in the cost of cigarettes will create illegal activities relative to the buying, selling and distribution of cigarettes.

Charles Pool provided a copy of a newspaper article and emphasized that the proposed tax will be a win win situation for the city because the tax revenue will help address poor conditions of the schools and will discourage the use of tobacco among current smokers.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

John Richmond remarked that funding is needed to improve the condition of the schools and urged Council to support the proposed tax.

Bret Clawson stated that the condition of the city's schools and the profound health disparities that exist in the city were an embarrassment. He stated that an increase in the cost of cigarettes will improve lives because more smokers will quit.

TeQuan Grant stated that the schools' maintenance issues have worsen over the years and asked Council to support the proposed tax so that the schools can receive the funding to pay for the critical needs of the schools.

Mariah White shared pictures of the inside of a local high school, and expressed dissatisfaction that the condition of many of the city's schools had not been addressed since she was a RPS student.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

It was the consensus of Council to suspend Council's Rules of Procedure to allow more time for citizens to speak.

Giles Harnsberger expressed support for the proposed tax indicating that Richmond is the only locality in the state without a cigarette tax.

Vilma Seymour stated that she understands the financial concerns of small business owners and urged Council to make funding for the city's schools a priority.

Andy Brower commented that the proposed tax will reduce the smoking rate among current smokers and prevent one less child from being exposed to harmful smoke.

Liz Doerr, Richmond School Board 1st District representative, stated that the School Board's request for funding has been challenged with opposition which has resulted in the deplorable conditions at the schools. Ms. Doerr also stated that the schools' budget is below pre-recession levels and asked Council to end the cycle of delay for school funding.

Garet Prior remarked that the proposed tax will have very little financial impact on the local tobacco manufacturing company, the city of Petersburg collected thousands above the projected tax revenue from its cigarette tax, and increasing the cost of cigarettes will decrease the illegal trafficking of cigarettes to other states.

President Hilbert recessed the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

President Hilbert reconvened the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Councilor Kristen Larson expressed support for the proposed request stating that maintenance dollars are needed to address critical repairs of the schools.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille stated that, with the approved meals tax, the city can now focus on the development of a comprehensive school funding plan with a sustainable reliable funding source which could include local, state and federal dollars. Vice President Newbille further stated that she was not willing to support a piecemeal plan, and she was committed to the development of a fully funded comprehensive plan.

Councilor Kim Gray stated that, when she was a member of the Richmond School Board, she assisted in the development a comprehensive school facilities plan which included consolidation and the rezoning of some of the schools; however, the current school facilities plan does not consider such options. Councilor Gray also stated that Altria has contributed millions of dollars over the years to the city's schools, and the tax revenue paid by Altria equates to more than the projected five million dollars from the cigarette tax; therefore, she was not willing to support the proposed request. Councilor Gray further stated that she would like to work with Council and the board to develop a comprehensive facilities plan that consolidates and rezones certain schools.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated that the city's geographical location differs from other regions; therefore, a cigarette tax will have a larger impact on the city's businesses. Councilor Addison further stated that the projected tax revenue may not be realistic in its calculations and a comprehensive financial plan should incorporate broader funding sources. Mr. Addison reported that Council has worked hard to appropriate additional funds to maintain schools; however, he is not willing to support a tax increase that is not sustainable.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell explained Council's dedication to the city's schools and remarked about Philip Morris' contributions to the city and the schools. Councilwoman Trammell stated that Philip Morris employs thousands of the city's residents and the city would be devastated if the company moved to another locality. Ms. Trammell also stated that she would not support an increase to cigarette prices.

President Hilbert stated that he will support the proposed tax as it will reduce the number of current smokers and provide funding for the city's schools.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that he would have supported the proposed tax if at least four other Councilmembers supported it; however, since that was not the case, he will not support the request. Councilor Jones challenged convenient store owners to do more to support the communities in which they do business, and urged collaboration between Council and the School Board to develop plans to improve schools.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated that she will support the development of a strategic comprehensive plan for school funding and academic achievement; however, she will not support a

proposed cigarette tax unless the resulting tax revenue was used to support smoking cessation and to minimize health disparities. Councilor Robertson asked Council to support her upcoming introduction of legislation to establish a commission to develop a comprehensive sustainable, dedicated funding plan for schools, to be completed no later than January 2019.

Councilor Agelasto stated that it was the responsibility of Council to adopt a balanced budget to support the priorities of the city; however, there were no other plans proposed to provide additional funding for schools. Councilor Agelasto further stated that, included in the current budget proposal, are requests for funding other projects that should not take priority over RPS. Mr. Agelasto remarked that conditions at some of the city's schools need to be addressed immediately, and the cigarette tax would mean a double win for the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and **ORD. 2018-031 was rejected**: Ayes 3, Larson, Agelasto, Hilbert. Noes 6, Jones, Robertson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille.

President Hilbert recessed the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

President Hilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

BUDGET RELATED PAPERS

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2018-057

To adopt the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019; to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in the said budget; and to approve the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2018-058

To adopt the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019, to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds for the said fiscal year and to approve the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2018-059

To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2018, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2018; and to determine the means of financing the same.

ORD. 2018-060

To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019.

ORD. 2018-061

To adopt the Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019, and to appropriate the estimated expenditures from the Debt Service Fund for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2018-062

To adopt the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019, to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Internal Service funds for the said fiscal year, and to approve the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2018-063

To adopt the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Richmond Cemeteries Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Richmond Cemeteries for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of the facilities; and to approve the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Richmond Cemeteries Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2018-064

To adopt the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of parking facilities; and to approve the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2018-065

To adopt the Electric Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Electric Utility for the said fiscal year; to make appropriations from the Electric Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Electric Utility and for the purchase of vehicles; and to approve the Electric Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2018-066

To adopt the Gas Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Gas Utility for the said fiscal year; to make appropriations from the Gas Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Gas Utility and for the purchase of vehicles; and to approve the Gas Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2018-067

To adopt the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Funds for the said fiscal year; and to approve the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2018-068

To adopt the Stormwater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Stormwater Utility for the said fiscal year; to make appropriations from the Stormwater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the stormwater utility and for the purchase of vehicles; and to approve the Stormwater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2018-069

To adopt the Wastewater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Wastewater Utility for the said fiscal year; to make appropriations from the Wastewater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Wastewater Utility and for the purchase of vehicles; and to approve the Wastewater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2018-070

To adopt the Water Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2018, and ending Jun. 30, 2019; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Water Utility for the said fiscal year; to make appropriations from the Water Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or

extending the plant and distribution system of the Water Utility and for the purchase of vehicles; and to approve the Water Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2019, and ending Jun. 30, 2020.

ORD. 2018-071

To amend section 2 of Article I of the pay plan adopted by Ordinance No. 93-117-159 on May 24, 1993, as previously amended, to provide a 1% pay increase for classified and unclassified permanent City employees.

ORD. 2018-072

To amend and reordain section 3 of Article III of Ord. No. 93-117-159, adopted May 24, 1993, to suspend the Career Development Program for certain Police and Fire officers for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

ORD. 2018-073

To amend section 12A of Article III of Ord. No. 93-117-159, adopted May 24, 1993, concerning salary supplements for the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, to provide the Commonwealth Attorney with a salary supplement of \$49,586 and a contribution to the Virginia Retirement System on his behalf of \$10,006 and to provide the Commonwealth Attorney's Office with \$830,586 for salary supplements and \$203,108 for a contribution to the Virginia Retirement System for members of the office for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

ORD. 2018-074

To amend section 12B of Article III of Ord. No. 93-117-159, adopted May 24, 1993, concerning salary supplements for the Sheriff's Office, to provide the Sheriff with a salary supplement of \$27,154 and the Sheriff's Office with \$3,545,177 for salary supplements for members of the office for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

ORD. 2018-075

To amend and reordain section 25 of Article III of Ordinance No. 93-117-159, adopted May 24, 1993, to suspend the Educational Incentive Program for certain Police and Fire Officers for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

ORD. 2018-076

To amend section 43 (Step-Based Pay System for Sworn Fire Fighters and Police Officers) of Article III of the pay plan adopted by Ord. No. 93-117-159 on May 24, 1993, for the purpose of providing for a step advancement for certain sworn fire and police personnel.

ORD. 2018-077

To amend ch. 2, art. IV of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 21, consisting of §§ 2-751-2-753, concerning the Department of Citizen Service and Response; and to repeal § 28-3 of the City Code, concerning the management and operation of the City's 311 Call Center.

ORD. 2018-078

To amend City Code §§ 2-297, 2-298, 2-299, 2-300, 2-1392, 2-1393, 5-12, and 16-84 and to amend ch. 2, art. IV of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 3.1 for the purpose of effectuating the reorganization of the Department of Economic and Community Development into a new Department of Economic Development and a new Department of Housing and Community Development.

ORD. 2018-079

To reassign the duties and powers assigned by ordinance not codified in the City Code, by resolution adopted by the City Council, or by agreements entered into by the City from the Director of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Director of Economic Development, the Department of Economic Development, the Director of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Housing and Community

Development, as appropriate, for the purpose of effectuating the reorganization of the Department of Economic and Community Development into a new Department of Economic Development and a new Department of Housing and Community Development.

ORD. 2018-080

To amend City Code §§ 2-1183, concerning a residency requirement for certain City officers and employees, and 22-317, concerning an additional retirement allowance for certain City officials, for the purpose of effectuating the abolition of the Department of Economic and Community Development and the creation of the Department of Citizen Service and Response, the Department of Economic Development, and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

ORD. 2018-081

To amend the pay plan adopted by Ord. No. 93-117-159 on May 24, 1993, to exclude the classification of Director of Economic and Community Development from and to include the classifications of Director of Citizen Service and Response, Director of Economic Development, and Director of Housing and Community Development in the unclassified executive service.

ORD. 2018-082

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for § 2-729(c), concerning fees applicable to subscribers who use the City's emergency communications systems and for whom the Department installs, maintains, or repairs equipment in vehicles, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2018-083

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for City Code § 7-112 for the purchase of niches in columbaria, to establish revised charges therefor.

ORD. 2018-084

To amend and reordain City Code § 8-277, concerning fees for use of Dogwood Dell Amphitheater; and to repeal the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for the use of the Carillon in Byrd Park by City Code § 8-277(b).

ORD. 2018-085

To amend and reordain City Code § 14-336, concerning stormwater management program fees, and to amend and reordain Appendix A of the City Code by adding therein new fees for City Code § 14-336.

ORD. 2018-086

To amend the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 12-120(a)(1), 12-120(a)(2), 12-120(a)(3), 12-120(a)(4), 12-120(a)(5), 12-120(a)(6), 12-120(a)(7), 12-120(a)(8), 12-120(a)(9), 12-120(a)(14), 12-120(a)(17), 12-120(a)(21) and 12-120(a)(22) of the City Code, concerning rates and discounts for parking facilities operated by the City.

ORD. 2018-087

To amend City Code § 27-219, concerning fines for parking violations, for the purpose of adjusting the fines for certain violations.

ORD. 2018-088

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 27-245(a), concerning mandatory charges for using meters for on-street and off-street parking spaces, for the purpose of increasing on-street parking meter charges.

ORD. 2018-089

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A for City Code § §30-1020.4(a) and 30-1020.5, for the purpose of amending fees for filing applications for certificates of zoning compliance.

ORD. 2018-090

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 24-365 (concerning fees for installing gaslights) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2018, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2018-091

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-191(2) and 28-191(3) (concerning fees for residential gas service), 28-192(2) (concerning fees for residential gas peaking service), 28-193(2) (concerning fees for general gas service), 28-195(f) and 28-196(f) (concerning fees for transportation service), 28-198(2) (concerning fees for municipal gas service), 28-202(c) (concerning fees for large volume gas sales service), 28-203(c) (concerning fees for large volume, high load factor, gas sales service) and 28-204(b) (concerning fees for natural gas vehicle gas service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July 2018, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2018-092

To amend City Code §§ 28-899, 28-922, 28-923, and 28-924, concerning the City's stormwater utility, and to amend the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-923 (concerning fees for residential stormwater service) and 28-924 (concerning fees for developed residential properties stormwater service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2018, to modify the stormwater utility's rate structure and to establish revised charges for the stormwater utility's services.

ORD. 2018-093

To amend and reordain certain fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-650 (concerning fees for residential wastewater service), 28-651 (concerning fees for commercial wastewater service), 28-652 (concerning fees for industrial wastewater service), 28-653 (concerning fees for state and federal wastewater service), 28-654 (concerning fees for municipal wastewater service) and 28-799 (concerning fees for discharge of hauled materials into designated septage receiving stations by contractors) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2018, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2018-094

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-326 (concerning fees for residential water service), 28-327 (concerning fees for commercial water service), 28-328 (concerning fees for industrial water service), 28-329 (concerning fees for municipal water service), 28-330 (concerning fees for state and federal water service), 28-458 (concerning fees for water for fire protection) and 28-549 (concerning fees for water use during conservation periods) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2018, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2018-095

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$173,000,000 to finance the cost of school projects and general capital improvement projects of the City for the following purposes and uses: construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public schools; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for various infrastructure needs, including traffic control facilities, streets, sidewalks and other public ways, bridges, storm sewers, drains and culverts, and refuse disposal facilities; participation in redevelopment, conservation and community development programs, including the construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for targeted public facilities included in these programs; construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public institutional, operational, cultural, educational and entertainment buildings and facilities, including but not limited to the theaters, parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, libraries and museums; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and the making of appropriations to the City's Economic Development Authority ("EDA") to be used by the EDA to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development;

to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

ORD. 2018-096

To cancel all authorized but unissued bonds authorized by the City of Richmond in Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2015-2016, to authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$54,000,000 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the gas, water and wastewater utilities and public utilities buildings and facilities for the following purposes and uses: enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the gas plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the waterworks plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the wastewater plant and intercepting lines; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, and improvement of sanitary and storm water sewers, pumping stations, drains and culverts; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of public utility buildings and facilities therefor, including but not limited to the stores division; and acquisition of real property and real property rights (including without limitation easements and rights-of-way) therefor as appropriate; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to approve the form of supplemental indenture of trust; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such public utility revenue bonds.

ORD. 2018-097

To cancel all authorized but unissued notes authorized by the City of Richmond in Fiscal Year 2015-2016, to authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$2,457,600 to finance the cost of equipment for the following purposes and uses: acquisition of computer, radio, office, solid waste collection, office furniture and miscellaneous equipment and vehicles for the various departments, bureaus and agencies of the City, and equipment for City schools; and to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell equipment notes to finance the acquisition of such equipment, and to authorize the issuance of taxable notes, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation equipment notes.

Public Hearing Speakers

William Shulleeta asked Council to approve funding to increase the monthly pensions for the city's retired fire and emergency services personnel.

Alexandria Lewis asked for support of funding for the Virginia Treatment Center for Children.

Kamran Shaikh, vice president of the Carytown Merchants Association, asked for continued funding for the Carytown Merchants Association.

Kenneth Williams, CEO of the Adult Alternative Program, recalled the condition of a former school property that had been renovated by participants of the Adult Alternative Program and urged Council to continue its funding efforts for the program.

William Pantele, on behalf of the Richmond Coalition of Police, thanked Council for its diligence in funding step advancement for the city's police officers.

Nancy Thomas, speaking on behalf of the Retail Merchants Association, thanked Council for its consideration of rebates for restaurants to recover credit card fees for the meals tax.

Ben Blevins expressed the importance for Council to approve funding for Carytown.

Susan Davenport, Tazza Kitchen, expressed support for a proposed rebate for restaurants to recover the credit card fees for the submission of the meals tax.

John Haggai, Tazza Kitchen, expressed support for a proposed rebate for restaurants to recover the credit card fees for the submission of the meals tax.

Keith Andes, president of the Richmond Firefighters Association, thanked Council for its support of the pay plan for the city's fire and emergency services personnel.

Kenya Gibson, Richmond School Board 3rd District representative, stated that she was disappointed that a proposal to generate funds for school maintenance was not approved. Ms. Gibson also stated that the needs for the schools are great and funding is desperately needed.

Betsy Milburn stated that a lack of funding for the schools also impacts administrative functions such as routine and accurate updates to the students' transcripts. Ms. Miller recalled the issues her son experienced as a result of an incomplete transcript.

Shannon Conway asked Council to support a proposed budget amendment to assist restaurant owners with a rebate for the credit card processing fees for meals tax.

Chris Tsui reported that his fees associated with the credit card processing of the meals tax could equate to thousands of dollars and asked Council to support the proposed rebate for restaurant owners.

Marty Jewell, on behalf of the NAACP Richmond branch, remarked that the city's budget could address the needs of the schools and other priorities if the money was appropriated properly.

Arthur Burton, director of Kinfolk Community Empowerment Center, asked Council for its support of the Kinfolk Community Empowerment Center.

Omari Al-Qaddafi, director of the Richmond Food Justice Alliance, urged Council to support a proposed budget amendment for the Dream Academy and explained that the Richmond Food Justice Alliance, along with the help of other organizations and sponsors, use resources to address health and economic disparities in the city's low-income communities.

Keri Treadway expressed disappointment regarding the mayor's proposed schools budget. Ms. Treadway stated that the schools are asking for funding to address basic needs to make classrooms safe for the students.

Jessica Chen stated that school funding is needed for such things as facilities, supplies, and incentives for first year recruitment, retention of teachers, nurses and professional development.

Councilwoman Trammell explained that more funding for the schools could mean a reduction in city services.

Councilor Agelasto stated that he is growing frustrated with the city's current government structure because it is seemingly ineffective and not financially resourceful. Councilor Agelasto further stated that the City Charter should be revised.

Councilor Andreas Addison moved that all budget-related papers be continued to the Monday, May 7, 2017 special meeting, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes None. Larson excused.

MOTIONS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the ordinance entitled:

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.

be amended and continued to Monday, May 14, 2018, as follows:

Page 2, Line 11

After the word "Council", insert the text "and the Mayor"

Page 2, Line 13

After the word "members", insert the text "of whom the Council shall appoint six and the Mayor five"

Page 2, Line 14

After the word "two", insert the word "non-voting"

Page 2, Line 16

After the period following the word "grades", insert the sentence "Of these two youth members, the Council shall appoint one and the Mayor shall appoint one."

Page 5, Line 7

After the word "The", strike the word "Department" and insert the word "Office"
After the word "of", insert the text "the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for"

Page 5, Line 8

After the word "Human", strike the word "Resources" and insert the word "Services"

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes None. Larson excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to approve the following Richmond City Council meeting minutes: Informal Council Session held on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., and the Formal Council Session held on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes None. Larson excused.

REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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

Councilors Jones, Robertson and Trammell departed the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2018-129

To amend Ord. No. 2018-029, adopted Feb. 26, 2018, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$2,710,314.00 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Lead Hazard Control, created a new special fund for the Department of Economic and Community Development in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget entitled "Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program," and appropriated the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community Development's new Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program special fund by \$2,710,314.00 to support the City's lead-based paint hazard control efforts and make grants to the Richmond City Health District and to ElderHomes Corporation, doing business as Project: Homes, in furtherance of these efforts, for the purpose of specifying that grant funds will also be used to support the City's "Healthy Homes Supplement" efforts and revising the Richmond City Health District's grant amount to \$385,932.08 and ElderHomes Corporation's grant amount to \$2,221,993.45.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

ORD. 2018-130

To amend Ord. No. 2017-036, adopted May 15, 2017, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring \$50,000.00 from Department of Economic and Community Development's Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization program, and to amend Ord. No. 2017-037, adopted May 15, 2017, which adopted the 2017-2018 Special Fund Budgets and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by appropriating the transferred \$50,000.00 to the Department of Economic and Community Development's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program special fund the sum of \$50,000.00, all for the purpose of providing matching funds for the City's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grant.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

ORD. 2018-131

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Communications Commission, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and the City of Richmond for the purpose of setting forth conditions pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act that the City must fulfill in order to construct an E911 self-support communications tower at 1201 North 38th Street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

RES. 2018-R035

To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$360.00 from the Council District Funds for the First District to reimburse Andreas Addison for a payment of \$360.00 for a subscription to SurveyMonkey,

an online survey platform, from March 25, 2018, to March 24, 2019, used by the Council Member in representation of the First Council District for the purpose of receiving electronic survey data on projects, issues, and services from residents of the First Council District.

Patron: Mr. Addison

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

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2018-132

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to enter into the Twenty-Second Commercial Area Revitalization Effort Program Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of providing for the operation of the Commercial Area Revitalization Effort (“CARE”) Program.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-133

To amend and reordain City Code § 2-1128, concerning applications for equalization of real estate assessments, for the purpose of reflecting amendments to Va. Code § 58.1-3378.

Patron: President Hilbert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-134

To amend and reordain City Code § 26-366, concerning the real estate tax exemption for qualified veterans, for the purpose of reflecting amendments to the Constitution of Virginia.

Patron: President Hilbert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

ORD. 2018-135

To conditionally rezone the property known as 104 North Belvidere Street from the R-73 Multifamily Residential District to the B-4 Central Business District (Conditional), upon certain proffered conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2018-136

To conditionally rezone the properties known as 701, 705, and a portion of 715 West 19th Street from the R-53 Multifamily Residential District to the RF-2C Riverfront District (Conditional); a portion of the property known as 715 West 19th Street, a portion of the property known as 1701 Stonewall Avenue,

and 700 Cowardin Avenue from the B-3 General Business District to the RF-2C Riverfront District (Conditional); and a portion of the property known as 1701 Stonewall Avenue from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the RF-2C Riverfront District (Conditional), upon certain proffered conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2018-137

To rezone the property known as 127 North 17th Street from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2018-138

To authorize the special use of the property known as 800 West Marshall Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing a restaurant and up to two 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, May 21, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 a.m.

CITY CLERK