



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, February 27, 2017

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, February 27, 2017, in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

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 (late arrival)
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Lisa Braxton, Assistant City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Jean V. Capel, City Clerk
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, Deputy City Clerk

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Assistant 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.

Docket Review

Assistant City Clerk Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2015-199 – to be continued to Monday, March 27, 2017
2. Ord. 2015-245 – to be continued to Monday, March 13, 2017

City Attorney Allen Jackson and Mark Olinger, Planning and Development Review director, were available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2015-245.

Councilor Parker Agelasto expressed concern that the Pulse Corridor Plan could potentially impact current rezoning overlays.

Due to an oversight regarding the remittance of adjacent property notices, Council was informed that Ord. 2015-245 needed to be continued to the next Formal Session of Council for consideration.

3. Ord. 2016-221 – to be continued to Monday, March 27, 2017

Jonet Prevost-White, Public Utilities operations manager, and Bob Steidel, Public Utilities director, were available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2016-221.

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested a determination of Crooked Branch Stream as a perennial stream (a body of water flowing in a natural or man-made channel year-around), which would warrant it as a resource protection area.

Councilor Andreas Addison requested that Ord. 2016-221 be continued and forwarded to the March 21st Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting in order to allow an affected constituent an opportunity to provide additional input.

4. Ord. 2017-001 – to be continued to Monday, March 27, 2017
5. Ord. 2017-008 – to be continued to Monday, March 27, 2017
6. Ord. 2017-009 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2017-010 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2017-011 – to be continued to Monday, March 13, 2017
9. Ord. 2017-012 – to be continued to Monday, March 27, 2017
10. Ord. 2017-013 – to be amended and continued to Monday, March 13, 2017
11. Ord. 2017-014 – to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2017
12. Ord. 2017-015 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2017-016 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2017-017 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2017-018 – to be continued to Monday, March 27, 2017

Matthew Ebinger, Planning and Development Review acting principal planner, was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2017-018.

16. Ord. 2017-019 – retained on the Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2017-020 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Kim Gray arrived at 4:10 p.m. and was seated.

18. Ord. 2017-021 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2017-023 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2017-024 – to be continued to Monday, March 27, 2017
21. Ord. 2017-025 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2017-026 – retained on the Consent Agenda

23. Ord. 2017-027 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2017-028 – retained on the Consent Agenda
25. Res. 2017-R010 – to be continued to Monday, March 27, 2017
26. Res. 2017-R011 – retained on the Consent Agenda

President Chris Hilbert stated that, due to a conflict of interest, he will abstain from voting on Res. 2017-R011.

27. Res. 2017-R012 – to be continued to Monday, March 27, 2017

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

Regular Agenda:

28. Ord. 2015-033 – retained on the Regular Agenda

City Attorney Allen Jackson provided Council with information regarding the legislation withdrawal process by patrons cited in Council's Rules of Procedure.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell requested that the proposed legislation remain on the Regular Agenda in order to allow her an opportunity to provide remarks, prior to withdrawing Ord. 2015-033 later that evening at the Formal Session of Council.

Councilor Michael Jones expressed admiration for former Governor and Mayor L. Douglas Wilder and his accomplishments, and he asserted that the city should recognize Mr. Wilder in some fashion.

29. Ord. 2016-140 – to be continued to Monday, April 24, 2017
30. Ord. 2016-270 – to be continued to Monday, March 13, 2017

Lee Downey, deputy chief administrative officer – Economic and Community Development, informed Council that a proposed amendment to Ord. 2016-270 would not be introduced later that evening at the Formal Session of Council for consideration.

31. Ord. 2017-022 – retained on the Regular Agenda

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

Education Compact Overview

Thad Williamson, senior policy advisor for opportunity – Office of the Mayor, presented Council with an initial draft of the Education Compact and a detailed proposal for organizational collaboration at both the elected official and the administrative levels, between the city and Richmond Public Schools. A copy of the information has been filed.

Mr. Williamson asked that Council hold a special meeting focusing solely on the Education Compact proposal in order to obtain input from all members. He also offered to meet with each member to review the proposal in detail.

Councilor Kristen Larson suggested that previous (RPS) Richmond Public Schools' strategic and facilities plans be incorporated into the Education Compact and not reinvented.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that the Education Compact team should consist of all members of Council and all of the team meetings should be open to the public.

Mr. Williamson stated that he could provide Council with a list of city programs that support adolescents.

Councilor Ellen Robertson asked for an update regarding a proposal mirroring that of the Roanoke 40, which would dedicate revenue to RPS for ensuring annual funding for the school system, and whether or not the proposal is being explored for inclusion or concurrently to the Education Compact. Ms. Robertson also made an inquiry regarding the circulation of a survey soliciting citizens' willingness to support additional fees and taxes as a source of revenue for funding RPS.

Councilor Kristen Larson further suggested that facility forecasting be another aspect of the Education Compact.

Councilor Parker Agelasto proposed that councilors reserve May 1, 2017 for a joint meeting with members of the Richmond School Board and Mayor Stoney to focus on the Education Compact.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille requested that Council meet during the month of April prior to the proposed collaborative meeting.

Referral of Service Delivery Issues to City Administration

Bobby Vincent, Public Works interim director, Mark Olinger, Planning and Development Review director, and Lee Downey, deputy chief administrative officer – Economic and Community Development, were available to answer questions regarding the following service delivery issues:

- Leaf collection delays
- Code enforcement citations
- Ground maintenance violations
- Bon Secours Washington Redskins Training Center pro forma

Other Discussion

Lenora Reid, deputy chief administrative officer – Finance and Administration, provided Council with an update regarding the preparation of the FY 2016 CAFR. Ms. Reid reported that a draft of the financial report will be available on February 28, 2017, and that the established audit completion deadline is March 31, 2017. She further reported that the FY 2016 CAFR should be completed no later than April 15, 2017.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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