



# City of Richmond

## Formal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219  
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Monday, February 10, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

### Councilmembers Present

- The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
- The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
- The Honorable Andreas Addison (early departure)
- The Honorable Kim Gray
- The Honorable Michael Jones
- The Honorable Kristen Larson
- The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
- The Honorable Ellen Robertson
- The Honorable Reva Trammell

President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and presided.

Invocation was offered by Rabbi Michael Knopf of Temple Beth-El, 3330 Grove Avenue, Richmond, VA.

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

### **CHAMBER EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES**

Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren 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.

### **APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS**

**Councilor Andreas Addison moved that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:**

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Terms</u>
<b>Ethics Reform Commission</b> (11 members)	*	Esson Miller (2 <sup>nd</sup> District Resident) Garrett Sawyer (4 <sup>th</sup> District Resident) Linda Jackson-Shaw (3 <sup>rd</sup> District Resident) Albertina Walker (4 <sup>th</sup> District Resident)	02/10/2020 – 02/10/2023 02/10/2020 – 02/10/2023 02/10/2020 – 02/10/2023 02/10/2020 – 02/10/2023
<b>Maggie L. Walker Initiative Citizens Advisory Board</b> (13 members)	Resident of a City Council district with a 20% poverty rate	Charles Hall (7 <sup>th</sup> District Resident) Marthelia Houchens (6 <sup>th</sup> District Resident)	03/09/2020 – 03/09/2023 <i>Succeeding Patrice Shelton</i> 02/10/2020 – 09/14/2020 <i>Succeeding Chimere Miles</i>
<b>Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks</b> (13 members)	6 <sup>th</sup> District Representative	Monica Gamble (reappointment)	03/28/2020 – 03/28/2023
<b>Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board</b> (9 members)	Business Community Representative	Olive Chambers (3 <sup>rd</sup> District Resident)	02/10/2020 – 02/10/2023 <i>succeeding Timothy Nesselrodt</i>

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<b>Capital Area of Uplifting People, Inc.</b> (9 members)	Resident of the city	Victor Mckenzie (2 <sup>nd</sup> District Resident)	02/10/2020 – 02/10/2023 <i>succeeding Jonathan Zur</i>
<b>Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Inc.</b> (7 members)	*	Candace Lindenzweig (4 <sup>th</sup> District Resident) (reappointment)	04/01/2020 – 04/01/2024
<b>Minority Business Enterprise &amp; Emerging Small Business Advisory Board</b> (7 directors)	Representative of a minority business enterprise*	Jonette Meade Barley (4 <sup>th</sup> District Resident) (reappointment) Morris Cephas (2 <sup>nd</sup> District Employment)	01/09/2020 – 01/09/2022  02/10/2020 – 11/28/2022 <i>succeeding Nadia Anderson</i>
<b>City Personnel Board</b> (13 members)	Resident  Member of the classified system of the city of Richmond	Linda Jackson-Shaw (3 <sup>rd</sup> District Resident) Rickie Chavis	02/10/2020 – 06/10/2023 <i>succeeding Jesse Bell</i> 02/10/2020 – 02/10/2025 <i>succeeding Charlene Beth Brinson</i>
<b>Richmond Retirement System</b> (9 members)	Classified Service Representative *	Treseat Frederick  Jesse Ellington (1 <sup>st</sup> District Resident) (reappointment)	02/10/2020 – 10/25/2022 <i>succeeding Matthew Peanort</i> 03/29/2020 – 03/28/2023
<b>Capital Region Airport Commission</b> (4 commissioners)	*	Algenon Brown (3 <sup>rd</sup> District Resident) (reappointment) Robert Norfleet (1 <sup>st</sup> District Resident) (reappointment)	04/23/2020 – 04/23/2024  04/23/2020 – 04/23/2024
<b>Safe and Healthy Streets Commission</b> (12 members)	Qualified Voter*	Tara FitzPatrick (2 <sup>nd</sup> District Resident) Cassi Patterson (2 <sup>nd</sup> District Resident)	02/10/2020 – 02/21/2023 <i>succeeding Emily Thomason</i> 02/10/2020 – 11/28/2023 <i>succeeding Kathryn Benedict</i>
<b>Urban Design Committee</b> (10 members)	City Planning Commission Representative	Max Hepp-Buchanan (3 <sup>rd</sup> District Resident)	02/10/2020 – 07/23/2021 <i>succeeding David Johannas</i>
<b>Capital Area Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) Policy Advisory Board</b> (2 members)	*	Ashley Lockhart (2 <sup>nd</sup> District Resident) (reappointment)	03/14/2020 – 03/14/2023
<b>Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration</b> (15 members)	At-Large Resident	Rachel Bradshaw (2 <sup>nd</sup> District Resident) (reappointment)	03/14/2020 – 03/14/2022
<b>Community Criminal Justice Board</b> (15 members)	Attorney of the Commonwealth  A Local Educator  Citizen Representative  Judge of the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court	Crystal Fitzgerald (6 <sup>th</sup> District Employment)  Blythe Bowman Balestrieri (2 <sup>nd</sup> District Employment) (reappointment) Kelly King Horne (4 <sup>th</sup> District Employment) (reappointment) Marilynn Goss (6 <sup>th</sup> District Employment) (reappointment)	02/10/2020 – 02/10/2022 <i>succeeding Michael Herring</i> 04/14/2020 – 04/14/2022  04/14/2020 – 04/14/2022  03/11/2020 – 03/11/2022
<b>Richmond Ambulance Authority</b> (15 members)	*	Carlos Hopkins (6 <sup>th</sup> District Employment)	02/10/2020 – 11/28/2021 <i>succeeding Joseph Boatwright</i>

\* Applicants must either reside or work in the city.

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

*A copy of the information provided has been filed.*

## AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Councilor Andreas Addison, on behalf of Richmond City Council, recognized and honored Richmond Public Schools Thomas Jefferson High School Vikings Football Team, for its successful season which included the school's first statewide playoff championship appearance in its 90-year history, where the Vikings advanced to the semi-finals.

## CITIZEN COMMENT

**Naomi Isaac** addressed Council and expressed her concerns regarding homelessness in the city. Ms. Isaac stated the homelessness issue was due to rising rental costs and the stagnation of wages.

**Pat Levy-Lavelle** addressed Council and stated the heartbeat of the city was Richmond Public Schools. Mr. Levy-Lavelle referenced several issues with school infrastructure and stated these issues could not be addressed if city funds were diverted to economic development projects.

**L. Shirley Harvey** addressed Council and stated the city suffered from issues related to discrimination. Ms. Harvey expressed her concerns regarding Venture Richmond and its relationship with the city.

**Susan Reuben** addressed Council and informed members of the issues homeless individuals experience in the city. Ms. Reuben expressed her belief that shelter was a human right and should be available to everyone.

*President Cynthia Newbille requested Reggie Gordon, deputy chief administrative officer for human services, communicate with Ms. Reuben and update Council regarding issues she raised.*

*While awaiting the next speaker, President Newbille addressed a discussion held earlier that evening at the Informal Session of Council regarding public comment on the ordinances and resolution referencing the Navy Hill Development project, during review of amendments to the Formal Session's agenda.*

**Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to suspend Council's Rules of Procedure and allow public comment on ORD. 2019-211, ORD. 2019-212, ORD. 2019-213, ORD. 2019-214, ORD. 2019-215, ORD. 2019-216, ORD. 2019-217, ORD. 2019-218, ORD. 2019-219, and RES. 2019-R044, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**Stephanie Starling** addressed Council and expressed her concerns regarding internet service in Richmond Public Schools. Ms. Starling stated the lack of consistent internet service prevented her daughter from achieving a successful experience in school.

## NAVY HILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PUBLIC COMMENT

### Opposition

**Barbara Brown, 8<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Kristin Reed, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Suzanne Keller, 3<sup>rd</sup> District resident**

**Chelsea Higgs Wise, 6<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Alle Witt, 1<sup>st</sup> District resident**

**Anneliese Grant, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Omari Al-Qadaffi, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Alex Sparrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident**

**Frank Armstrong, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident**

**Whitney Whiting, 4<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**John Moser, 3<sup>rd</sup> District resident**

**Justin Griffin, 4<sup>th</sup> District resident, 6<sup>th</sup> District law practice**

**Nicolas Da Silva, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Ben Himmelfarb, 1<sup>st</sup> District resident**

**Jonathan Marcus, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident, RVA Coalition of Concerned Civic Associations president**

**Marty Jewell, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Emma Clark, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**David Morrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident**

**Lee Williams, 5<sup>th</sup> District Resident, Sierra Club Falls of the James member**

**Michael James-Deramo, 1<sup>st</sup> District resident**

**Allan Schintzius, 3<sup>rd</sup> District resident**

**Charlie Schmidt, 8<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Turks Sties, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Alan Chipman, 6<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Dahlia, 6<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Victoria Horrock, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Pete, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Jessica Simms, Henrico County resident, former 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**John Richmond, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Jeremy Weiland, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Teresa Singleton, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident**

**Cory Caulfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident**

**Natalie Thatcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident**

**Tashell Brown, 8<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Suzanne Silitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident**

**Matthew Tucker, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident**

**Alexis Silitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident**

**Kirsten Gray, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Ron Skinner, city resident**

**Geraldine Kelly, city resident**

**Jonathan Miller**

**Quinton Robbins, 8<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Leslie Rubio, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Vanessa Bolin, 3<sup>rd</sup> District resident**

**Jade Johanassen, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Robin Levy, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Susan Rebello, 3<sup>rd</sup> District resident**

**Sarah Webb, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Lucy Coulsen, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) student**

**Julia Park, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident, VCU student**

**Shannon Carol, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident, VCU student**

**Cali Carter, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident, VCU Student**

**Kristen Metzger**

**Emma Phipps, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Emily Rex, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Madigan Weidner, 6<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Harrison Stewart, 1<sup>st</sup> District resident**

**Rebecca Keel, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident**

**Quinn Minnith, 6<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Katie Thomas, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Mark Lavery, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**John Dixon, 4th District resident, Crusade for Voters president**

**Brooke Saba McDowell, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**James Randle, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Helena Chute, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Support**

**Trisha Dunlap**

**Robert Winfrey**

**Nat Valentine, 6<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Greta Harris, 3<sup>rd</sup> District resident**

**Kathleen Halpaus, 6<sup>th</sup> District employee, Chesterfield County resident**

**Jack Berry, Richmond Region Tourism president and chief executive officer (CEO)**

**Bonnie Atwood, 1<sup>st</sup> District resident, Metropolitan Business League member**

**Jennifer Mullen, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident, Roth Jackson partner representing Navy Hill District Corporation**

**John Bolton, Better Housing Coalition (BHC) vice president of real estate development**

**Lynn McAteer, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident, BHC vice president of planning and evaluations**

**Lawrence West, 3<sup>rd</sup> District resident, 2<sup>nd</sup> District business owner**

**Pamela Irving, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Tony Cord, 4<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Jermaine Armstead, 8<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Dion Clark, city resident**

**Anthony, “Ajay” Brewer, city resident and Brewer’s Café owner**

**Richard Johnson, city resident**

**Shandell Taylor**

**Michel Zajur, Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce founder and CEO**

**Regie Ford, 8<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Rodney Poole, city resident, City Planning Commission member**

**James “JJ” Minor, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Christopher Woody, 8<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Sandra Antoine, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Sandra Francis, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Myia Francis**

**Imani Walker**

**Gerald Byrd Jr.**

**Robert “Bobby” Proutt, 1<sup>st</sup> District resident, 1<sup>st</sup> District business owner**

**Akhenaton Blye, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Kenneth Gibson, 8<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Thomas Richardson**

**Bryce Robertson, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Jerome Ross, Providence Park Baptist Church pastor**

**Tom Tischer, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Alicia Venable, city business owner, Metropolitan Business League member**

**Sandra White, city resident**

**Qiana Armstead, city resident**

**Reverend Rosalyn Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Kenneth Jones, Prestige Construction Group, Inc. founder and president**

**Patricia A. Gould-Champ, Faith Community Baptist Church senior pastor**

**Tracy Muhammad, local representative for the Nation of Islam**

**James Fobbs, Jr., Broken Men Foundation member**

**Jon Lugbill, 4<sup>th</sup> District resident, Sports Backers representative**

**Colby Kay, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Dasha Runyan, Richmond Region Tourism vice president**

**Van Williams, Williams Windows and Glass, Inc. owner**

**David Johannas, 5<sup>th</sup> District resident, City Planning Commission member**

**Robert Jones, business owner**

**Connie Nielson, Rocketts Landing resident, Henrico County**

**Darcy Carroll**

**Phil Conein, 3<sup>rd</sup> District resident, 7<sup>th</sup> District business owner**

**Mercer Ferguson, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident, Greater Richmond Association for Commercial Real Estate president**

**Diane Linderman, City resident, former Department of Public Works director**

**Travis Bowers**

**Tyron Jones, city resident**

**Vanessa Johnson, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident, city employee**

**Erika Holliday, 4<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Felicia Coles, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**F. Todd Gray, Fifth Street Baptist Church pastor**

**Freddie Robinson**

**Grace Washington, J&G Workface Development Services, LLC owner**

**Melinda Hancock, 2<sup>nd</sup> District resident, VCU Health System chief administrative and financial officer**

**Kathy Graziano, 4<sup>th</sup> District resident, Navy Hill Development project consultant**

**Paige Hairston, 4<sup>th</sup> District resident, city employee**

**Birdie Hairston Jamison, 4<sup>th</sup> District resident, former city judge**

**Nancy Thomas, Henrico County resident, Retail Merchants Association president and CEO**

**Michelle Mosby, 9<sup>th</sup> District resident, city business owner**

**Nate Harris, 6<sup>th</sup> District resident, Spectra assistant general manager and director of marketing**

**Mark Kronenthal, 3<sup>rd</sup> District resident, Roth Jackson partner representing Navy Hill District Corporation**

**Justin Fritch, 7<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Spencer Grice, business interest in Navy Hill Development project.**

**Thomas Bagley**

**Andrew Campbell, 4<sup>th</sup> District resident**

**Ervin Clarke, Dinwiddie County resident, Central Virginia African American Chamber of Commerce founder and chairman**

**Randall Williams**

*President Cynthia Newbille recessed the meeting at 8:50 p.m.*

*President Newbille reconvened the meeting at 9:00 p.m.*

*Councilor Michael Jones requested his colleagues consider continuing ORD. 2019-211, ORD. 2019-212, ORD. 2019-213, ORD. 2019-214, ORD. 2019-215, ORD. 2019-216, ORD. 2019-217, ORD. 2019-218, ORD. 2019-219, and RES. 2019-R044 to the Monday, February 24, 2020 Council meeting, to allow additional public comments. Councilor Jones expressed his belief that the proposed Navy Hill Development project would provide job opportunities in the city.*

**Councilor Michael Jones moved to override the recommendation to strike and to continue ORD. 2019-211, ORD. 2019-212, ORD. 2019-213, ORD. 2019-214, ORD. 2019-215, ORD.**



**2019-216, ORD. 2019-217, ORD. 2019-218, ORD. 2019-219, and RES. 2019-R044 to the Monday, February 24, 2020 Formal Council meeting, which was seconded.**

*Councilor Ellen Robertson stated Council had yet to receive the final report from C.H. Johnson Consulting and added that amendments to the proposed ordinances and resolution were in the process of being finalized. Councilor Robertson requested the proposed legislation be continued to the February 24, 2020 Formal Council meeting to allow Council to vet all the material fairly.*

*Councilor Andreas Addison addressed challenges the city faces with increasing revenue. Councilor Addison expressed his belief the proposed Navy Hill Development (NHD) project provided an opportunity to increase the city's tax base, involve minority businesses and create a community neighborhood with diversity and affordable housing. Councilor Addison expressed his concern that striking the proposed legislation before introduction of potential amendments prevented improvements from being shared and implemented.*

*Councilor Kim Gray stated she was unaware of any potential amendments to the proposed legislation referenced by members. Councilor Gray stated she hoped any future attempt at economic development projects would begin with more citizen inclusion and transparency.*

*Councilor Kristen Larson expressed her belief that it was not Council's job to fix the proposed legislation but to represent the citizens of the city. Councilor Larson stated she could not support the proposed NHD project.*

*Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated the recommendation to strike the proposed legislation was not to put an end to all economic development projects but to reset the conversation. Councilor Lynch also stated citizen input was required to determine if a new arena was necessary.*

*Councilwoman Reva Trammell addressed issues raised by citizens regarding the proposed NHD project. Councilwoman Trammell stated she wasn't opposed to economic development, but she believed the process should start over.*

*Vice President Chris Hilbert stated his issues with the proposed NHD project were incurable. Vice President Hilbert expressed his concerns that the project lacked regional collaboration and stated the city should not take all the risk individually.*

*President Cynthia Newbille stated it was Council's responsibility to fully vet the proposal and try to improve it. President Newbille also stated she supported the motion to override the recommendation to strike and to continue the proposed legislation to the February 24, 2020 Council meeting to allow review of potential amendments to the ordinances and resolution.*

**The motion to override the recommendation to strike and continue ORD. 2019-211, ORD. 2019-212, ORD. 2019-213, ORD. 2019-214, ORD. 2019-215, ORD. 2019-216, ORD. 2019-217, ORD. 2019-218, ORD. 2019-219, and RES. 2019-R044 to the Monday, February 24, 2020 Formal Council meeting failed: Ayes 4, Jones, Robertson, Addison, Newbille. Noes 5, Larson, Lynch, Gray, Trammell, Hilbert.**

## **AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS**

**Councilor Kristen Larson moved to amend the agenda as follows:**

### ORD. 2019-294

To close, to public use and travel, a portion of Greenville Avenue between its southern terminus and Kansas Avenue and a portion of a 16' alley located in the adjacent block to the east of Greenville Avenue and bounded by Kansas Avenue to the north and Carter Street to the east, together consisting of 22,760± square feet, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the dedication of a 500 square foot right-of-way area for a turnaround near the proposed new southern

terminus of the alley, all for the purpose of facilitating redevelopment of the area, upon certain terms and conditions.

**To be amended and continued to Monday, March 9, 2020**

ORD. 2019-302

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1620 Park Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

**To be amended and continued to Monday, March 23, 2020**

ORD. 2019-319

To reduce the speed limit on Libbie Avenue between Guthrie Avenue and the City's corporate boundary from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

**To be continued to Monday, April 13, 2020**

ORD. 2019-320

To reduce the speed limit on Patterson Avenue between Willow Lawn Drive and Pepper Avenue from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

**To be continued to Monday, April 13, 2020**

ORD. 2020-011

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute appropriate documents releasing the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and its successors in interest from the reversionary right of the City contained in a certain quit claim deed concerning the properties known as 1116 North 31st Street and 1501 North 31st Street for the purpose of allowing the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to develop the properties as single-family residential units offered for sale to the public and to ensure that eight such parcels be developed as single-family affordable housing units offered for sale to qualified purchasers.

**To be amended and continued to Monday, February 24, 2020**

ORD. 2018-236

To amend ch. 26, art. V, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein new sections 26-370-26-374, concerning a real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling, for the purpose of establishing a new real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling.

**To be continued to Monday, April 13, 2020**

ORD. 2019-012

To authorize the special use of the property known as 602 Libbie Avenue for the purpose of an office use, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

**To be continued to Monday, September 14, 2020**

ORD. 2019-211

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the Navy Hill Development Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and The NH District Corporation for the purpose of providing for the financing, construction, maintenance, and operation of public improvements and private development within an area generally bounded on the west by North 5th Street, on the north by East Leigh Street, on the east by North 10th Street, and on the south by East Marshall Street.

**To be stricken**

ORD. 2019-212

To create the Navy Hill Fund.

**To be stricken**

ORD. 2019-213

To declare surplus and direct the conveyance of a portion of the City-owned real estate known as 601 East Leigh Street, consisting of 171,906± square feet, for nominal consideration to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond.

**To be stricken**

ORD. 2019-214

To declare surplus and direct the conveyance of certain parcels, or portions thereof, of City-owned real estate known as 601 E. Leigh St., 501 N. 7th St., 808 E. Clay St., 800 E. Clay St., 500 N. 10th St., 500 E. Marshall St., 500 A E. Marshall St., 116 N. 7th St., 114 N. 7th St., 112 N. 7th St., and 401 E. Broad St. to The NH District Corporation for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment of the area bounded generally by E. Leigh St. on the north, N. 10th St. on the east, E. Marshall St. on the south, and N. 5th St. on the west.

**To be stricken**

ORD. 2019-215

To close, to public use and travel, certain right-of-way areas comprised of portions of East Leigh Street, East Clay Street, North 5th Street, and North 7th Street, such portions together consisting of 44,590± square feet, to retain easements in certain of the closed right-of-way areas, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the dedication of right-of-way improvements and property, consisting of approximately 66,977± square feet, in connection with the closing of the right-of-way areas, for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment of the area bounded generally by East Leigh Street on the north, North 10th Street on the east, East Marshall Street on the south, and North 5th Street on the west.

**To be stricken**

ORD. 2019-216

To authorize the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond to encroach upon the public right-of-way with proposed encroachments on East Clay Street and East Leigh Street between their intersections with North 5th Street and North 7th Street for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment of the area bounded generally by East Leigh Street on the north, North 10th Street on the east, East Marshall Street on the south, and North 5th Street on the west.

**To be stricken**

ORD. 2019-217

To repeal ch. 30, art. IV, div. 26 (§§ 30-448.1-30-448.4) of the City Code; to amend ch. 30, art. IV, by adding therein a new div. 26 (§§ 30-448.1-30-448.8); and to amend City Code §§ 30-503, 30-519, 30-710.1, 30-710.4, 30-710.13, and 30-1220, all for the purpose of modifying the zoning regulations applicable in the CM Coliseum Mall District.

**To be stricken**

ORD. 2019-218

To amend the official zoning map for the purpose of designating certain street blocks as “priority streets” and certain street blocks as “street-oriented commercial streets” in the area bounded generally by East Leigh Street on the north, North 10th Street on the east, East Marshall Street on the south, and North 5th Street on the west.

**To be stricken**

ORD. 2019-219

To rezone the properties known as 601 E. Leigh St., 501 N. 7th St., 808 E. Clay St., 800 E. Clay St., 500 N. 10th St., 900 E. Marshall St., 406 N. 7th St., 408 A N. 7th St., 500 E. Marshall St., and 500 B E. Marshall St. from the B-4 Central Business District to the CM Coliseum Mall District.

**To be stricken**

ORD. 2019-343

To amend City Code §§ 30-402.2, 30-411.3, 30-412.2, 30-413.3, 30-413.13, 30-414.2, 30-416.2, 30-418.2, 30-419.4, 30-420.1, 30-426.1, 30-428.1, 30-430.1, 30-433.2, 30-433.11, 30-434.1, 30-436.1, 30-438.1, 30-440.1, 30-442.1, 30-444.2, 30-446.2, 30-447.2, 30-447.11, 30-448.1, 30-450.1, 30-457.1, concerning permitted principal uses, and 30-1220, concerning definitions related to zoning, and to amend ch. 30, art. VI of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 14 (§§ 30-697-30-697.3), concerning short-term rentals. (As Amended)

**To be continued to Monday, March 9, 2020**

RES. 2019-R044

To establish a policy for the future allocation of any surplus revenues the City receives as a result of a certain redevelopment of the area bounded generally by East Leigh Street on the north, North 10th Street on the east, East Marshall Street on the south, and North 5th Street on the west.

**To be stricken**

**The motion to amend the agenda was seconded and approved:** Ayes 8, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes 1, Jones.

*President Cynthia Newbille clarified her approval of the agenda amendments, with the exception of striking ORD. 2019-211, ORD. 2019-212, ORD. 2019-213, ORD. 2019-214, ORD. 2019-215, ORD. 2019-216, ORD. 2019-217, ORD. 2019-218, ORD. 2019-219, and RES. 2019-R044.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**The following ordinances were considered:**

ORD. 2020-015

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1018 North 32nd Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-016

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1121 North 20th Street for the purpose of up to five single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-017

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1512 North 23rd Street for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-018

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2615 West Cary Street, 2617 West Cary Street, and 2619 West Cary Street for the purpose of tourist homes, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-019

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3019 Grayland Avenue and 3021 Grayland Avenue for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings and two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-020

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3615 East Broad Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-021

To authorize the special use of the property known as 4647 Arrowhead Road for the purpose of a wildlife rehabilitation facility accessory to a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-022

To authorize the special use of the property known as 815 North 33rd Street for the purpose of up to four single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-023

To authorize the special use of the property known as 821 North 25th Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to three live/work units, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-024

To authorize the special use of the property known as 8764 West Huguenot Road for the purpose of two automated teller machines as accessory uses to an existing convenience store and automobile service station, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-026

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$76,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and to appropriate the funds received to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' SHSP Special Fund by \$76,000.00 for the purpose of funding improvements to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' swift water and flood rescue specialty teams.

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

## REGULAR AGENDA

### The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2020-R009

To request that the Mayor withdraw the existing Navy Hill ordinances and conduct a new request for proposals process.

### Support

**John Moser** spoke in support of RES. 2020-R009.

**Kirsten Gray** spoke in support of RES. 2020-R009.

**Alan Schintzius, Alliance for Progressive Virginia member**, spoke in support of RES. 2020-R009 and stated the resolution puts forth a new beginning for potential economic development.

**Marty Jewell** spoke in support of RES. 2020-R009 and stated he supported privately funded downtown development.

**Ben Himmelfarb** spoke in support of RES. 2020-R009 and stated a planning process that was more people focused would be beneficial.

**Harrison Stewart** spoke in support of RES. 2020-R009 and stated it would send a message that citizens do not want a project that does not involve public input.

**Omari Al-Qadaffi** spoke in support of RES. 2020-R009 and stated it provided a good opportunity to bring people back together and end divisiveness.

**Allan Chipman** spoke in support of RES. 2020-R009 and stated it would provide an opportunity for people's priorities to be addressed at the beginning of the development process and not with amendments at the end.

**Whitney Whiting** spoke in support of RES. 2020-R009 and shared her appreciation for the patrons of the proposed resolution.

**Michael James-Deramo** spoke in support of RES. 2020-R009. Mr. James-Deramo stated it would renew and improve the economic development process.

**Barbara Brown** spoke in support of RES. 2020-R009 and stated it was time to try another way to address economic development.

*Councilor Kim Gray stated an initial concern with the proposed NHD project was the lack of an appraisal on the city-owned land involved in the development. Councilor Gray expressed her belief that the proposed resolution provided a public process for addressing economic development.*

*Councilor Kristen Larson acknowledged that the proposed NHD project related ordinances and resolution were stricken, but stated the resolution would still put a path forward for addressing economic development.*

*Councilor Ellen Robertson expressed her belief that a lack of information regarding the proposed NHD project prevented citizens from fully understanding all aspects of the development. Councilor Robertson stated she would ask Council to pause on the idea of adopting the resolution to allow Council time to reflect on what went wrong with the proposed NHD project and to review potential pathways to move forward with economic development.*

*Councilor Andreas Addison stated it was difficult to have full public participation throughout the entire economic development proposal process, but stated the city could improve the process. Councilor Addison expressed his concern the proposed resolution would set a bad precedent that would make it difficult for future economic development projects to occur.*

*Councilor Stephanie Lynch expressed her belief that the city had yet to negotiate economic development proposals from a position of power. Councilor Lynch stated the proposed resolution provided a pathway forward for Council and city administration to work together to address economic development and issues facing the city.*

*Councilor Michael Jones stated he was interested in a pathway forward with neighborhood based economic development that would address equity and not leave neighborhoods behind.*

*President Cynthia Newbille stated she was interested in working on a pathway forward regarding economic development, but stated aspects of that pathway still needed to be addressed before she could support the proposed resolution.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2020-R009 was adopted:** Ayes 5, Larson, Lynch, Gray, Trammell, Hilbert. Noes 2, Robertson, Addison. Abstentions 2, Jones, Newbille.

## MOTIONS

**Councilor Andreas Addison moved that the ordinance entitled:**

ORD. 2019-294

To close, to public use and travel, a portion of Greenville Avenue between its southern terminus and Kansas Avenue and a portion of a 16' alley located in the adjacent block to the east of Greenville Avenue and bounded by Kansas Avenue to the north and Carter Street to the east, together consisting of 22,760± square feet, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the dedication of a 500 square foot right-of-way area for a turnaround near the proposed new southern terminus of the alley, all for the purpose of facilitating redevelopment of the area, upon certain terms and conditions.

**be amended and continued to Monday, March 9, 2020, as follows:**

Page 3, Line 11

After the words "sum of", strike the dollar amount "\$35,178.80", and insert the dollar amount "\$25,171.99"

**The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**Councilwoman Reva Trammell moved that the ordinance entitled:**

ORD. 2019-302

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1620 Park Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

**be amended and continued to Monday, March 23, 2020, as follows:**

Page 3, Line 10

After the word "the", insert the word "untitled"

After the word "plans", strike the text "entitled 'Jeff Gehrs, 1620 Park Ave., Richmond VA 23220,'"

Page 3, Line 11

After the word "by", strike the name "Floyd Gray" and insert the name "J. Gehrs"

After the comma following the inserted name "J. Gehrs", insert the word "and"

After the word "dated", strike the text "February 8, 2017, and last revised March 6, 2017, and on the plans entitled 'Jeff Gehr, 1620 Park AVE., Richmond, VA 23220, Revised Floor Plan Second Floor,' prepared by Residential One, and dated August 30, 2018" and insert the date "January 15, 2020"

**The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**Councilor Michael Jones moved that the ordinance entitled:**

ORD. 2020-011

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute appropriate documents releasing the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and its successors in interest from the reversionary right of the City contained in a certain quit claim deed concerning the properties known as 1116 North 31st Street and 1501 North 31st Street for the purpose of allowing the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to develop the properties as single-family residential units offered for sale to the public and to ensure that eight such parcels be developed as single-family affordable housing units offered for sale to qualified purchasers.

**be amended and continued to Monday, February 24, 2020, as follows:**

Page 1, Line 7

After the word “properties”, insert the word “formerly”

After the word “as”, strike the number “1116” and insert the number “1611”

Page 1, Line 9

After the word “develop”, insert the text “portions of”

Page 1, Line 21

At the beginning of the line, strike the number “1116” and insert the number “1611”

After the word “and”, strike the Tax Parcel No. “E000-0627/054” and insert the Tax Parcel No. “E000-1092/009”

Page 2, Line 1

At the beginning of the line, insert the text “WHEREAS, the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority has subdivided the aforesaid properties; and”

Page 2, Line 4

After the word “develop”, insert the text “portions of”

After the word “properties,” insert the word “formerly”

Page 2, Line 5

At the beginning of the line, strike the number “1116” and insert the number “1611”

After the word “and”, strike the Tax Parcel No. “E000-0627/054” and insert the Tax Parcel No. “E000-1092/009”

Page 2, Line 10

After the word “properties,” insert the word “formerly”

After the word “and”, strike the number “1116” and insert the number “1611”

Page 2, Line 11

After the word “and”, strike the Tax Parcel No. “E000-0627/054” and insert the Tax Parcel No. “E000-1092/009”

Page 3, Line 4

After the first occurrence of the word “and”, strike the number “1116” and insert the number “1611”

After the second occurrence of the word “and”, strike the Tax Parcel No. “E000-0627/054” and insert the Tax Parcel No. “E000-1092/009”

Page 3, Line 7

After the word “develop”, insert the text “portions of”

After the word “properties,” insert the word “formerly”

Page 3, Line 8

After the first occurrence of the word “and”, strike the number “1116” and insert the number “1611”

After the second occurrence of the word “and”, strike the Tax Parcel No. “E000-0627/054” and insert the Tax Parcel No. “E000-1092/009”



Page 3, Line 16

After the word "properties," insert the word "formerly"

Page 3, Line 17

After the second occurrence of the word "and", strike the Tax Parcel No. "E000-0627/054" and insert the Tax Parcel No. "E000-1092/009"

**The motion was seconded and approved:** Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Abstentions 1, Hilbert (conflict of interest). Larson was excused.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the following Richmond City Council meetings:** Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., respectively.

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.:**

ORD. 2020-037

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$375,000.00 from the United States Department of Justice; to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Commonwealth's Attorney called the Commonwealth's Attorney's FY 2020 Elder Abuse Prevention Special Budget Fund; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Commonwealth's Attorney's FY 2020 Elder Abuse Prevention Special Budget Fund by \$375,000.00 for the purpose of reducing elder abuse in the city of Richmond.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney*

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

ORD. 2020-038

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$15,720.80 from the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' Four for Life Program Special Fund by \$15,720.80 for the purpose of supporting West End Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney*

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

ORD. 2020-039

To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of certain easements upon, over, under, and across certain property located at 3301 Maplewood Avenue for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, inspection, repair, replacement, and removal of telecommunications lines and associated appurtenances in accordance with a certain Right of Way Agreement.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.**

ORD. 2020-040

To amend Ord. No. 2019-084, adopted Apr. 8, 2019, which declared that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain fee simple interests and easements for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Hull Street Road between its intersection with Hey Road and its intersection with Warwick Road, to authorize the acquisition of additional fee simple and easement interests for the project.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.**

RES. 2020-R010

To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Council District Funds for the Second District to make a donation to CodeVA, Inc., to support outdoor art galleries at various locations on Broad Street between North 3rd Street and Foushee Street for the display of art work in March and April, 2020, by students of Richmond Public Schools and children in the City's juvenile justice system.

*Patron: Ms. Gray*

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

RES. 2020-R011

To express the City Council's support for and request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funding for the City's SMART SCALE candidate projects for 2020.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney*

**This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.**

**City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.:**

ORD. 2020-041

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2017-129, adopted Oct. 9, 2017, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1704 Arlington Road for the purpose of illuminated canopy signage, to modify the permitted uses, upon certain terms and conditions.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2020-042

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1111 North 32<sup>nd</sup> Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2020-043

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1320 North 31<sup>st</sup> Street for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2020-044

To authorize the special use of the property known as 5616 Kendall Road for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

*Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)*

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.**

RES. 2020-R012

To request that the Mayor propose a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget that provides for an appropriation to the Office of Animal Care and Control to provide for two new animal control officer positions for the purpose of improving the enforcement of City Code § 4-243, concerning the prohibition against dogs running at large and the penalty therefor.

*Patron: Ms. Robertson*

**This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.**

RES. 2020-R013

To request that the Mayor propose a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget that provides for an appropriation of \$221,770.00 for a third-party equity analysis to measure equity in the City and that further provides for equity training for a core group of City employees and appointed and elected officials for the purpose of eliminating inequities through improved City policy.

*Patrons: Ms. Robertson, President Newbille and Mayor Stoney*

**This resolution was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.**

**REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Members of Council provided reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities.

*Councilor Andreas Addison exited the meeting.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

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