



City of Richmond

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 27, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

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

Call to Order

Council President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. and presided.

Spanish Interpretation Announcement

City Clerk Candice Reid stated that Spanish interpretation service was available in the Council Chamber and that attendees should speak with a representative to receive the appropriate equipment. City Clerk Reid also stated that Spanish interpretation service was available virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Karla Almendarez-Ramos, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement Manager, then provided Spanish interpretation of City Clerk Candice Reid's announcement.

Invocation was offered by Pastor Matthew Hensley of Richmond's First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

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

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Assistant City Clerk Rachael Paul 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.

Electronic Participation

Pursuant to Rule III(D)(4)(b) of Council's Rules of Procedure, Councilor Andreas Addison made a request to participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams from Washington, D.C., due to his participation in a National League of Cities Congressional Conference that prevented his physical attendance. The Councilmembers present were required to adopt a motion to approve Councilor's Addison's participation in the meeting by electronic communication means if it appeared to the body that his request complied with Rule III(D) of Council's Rules of Procedure. A motion was solicited from those members physically assembled to approve Councilor Addison's participation in this meeting by electronic communication means.

Councilor Katherine Jordan moved to allow Councilor Andreas Addison to participate in the meeting by electronic communication means. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None.

Councilor Andreas Addison joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 6:23 p.m.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

Awards and Presentations

[CD.2023.108](#) March 27, 2023 Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

Council President Michael Jones, on behalf of City Council, and Mayor Levar Stoney recognized and celebrated Richmond Public Schools John Marshall High School Boys Basketball team for recently completing a perfect basketball season with no losses and for winning the Virginia High School League Class 2 Championship Title for the second year in a row.

Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 6:35 p.m. and was seated.

Members recognized that City Council and Mayor Levar Stoney previously proclaimed and established the first full work week in April to be Richmond Public Health Week.

Council President Michael Jones, on behalf of City Council, and Mayor Levar Stoney, honored and recognized the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and its Alpha Phi Zeta Chapter, and thanked its members for their involvement with projects and initiatives throughout the greater Richmond area.

Mayor Levar Stoney addressed Council and provided an introduction of the Office of Community Wealth Building's (OCWB) annual performance report presentation.

Caprichia Smith Spellman, OCWB Director, provided Council with an overview of OCWB's annual performance report. Ms. Spellman also provided an update regarding OCWB's strategy and framework moving forward.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.107](#) Office of Community Wealth Building Annual Performance Report - 2022

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that OCWB should partner with Richmond Public Schools (RPS) to have a greater impact in the city.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated her appreciation for the work of the OCWB and its staff regarding poverty in the city.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her appreciation for the work of the OCWB and its work to address unemployment in the city.

Councilor Cynthia Newbille stated her appreciation for the work of the OCWB and city administration to improve the lives of residents.

Citizen Comment

[CD.2023.099](#) March 27, 2023 Citizen Comment Period Speakers List

Edward Maynes addressed Council and stated his concerns with the implementation of rental inspection districts in the city. Mr. Maynes also stated that rental inspection districts would be redundant and costly due to previously established codes and regulations related to rental properties.

Zarina Fazaldin addressed Council and stated her concerns with the implementation of rental inspection districts in the city. Ms. Fazaldin informed Council that she owned several rental properties in the city, and she also stated that she believed the proposed rental inspection districts would decrease the amount of affordable housing in the city due to the need to raise rental fees.

Cruz Sherman addressed Council regarding the appointment of a permanent Chief of Police, but he requested to speak regarding investments in the city's Southside.

It was the consensus of Council to allow Mr. Sherman to amend his Citizen Comment subject matter.

Mr. Sherman requested that the city invest in sidewalks and drainage repair, as well as addressing the need for adequate grocery store options in the city's Southside.

Blair Snow-Cave addressed Council and informed members of her experience seeking assistance from the Department of Public Utilities. Ms. Snow-Cave stated that the city should improve its communication with citizens regarding billing issues.

President Michael Jones requested that Sabrina Joy-Hogg, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Finance and Administration, speak with Ms. Snow-Cave regarding her issue.

Tanya Jackson, Kidz at Work President, addressed Council and informed members of her negative experience trying to reserve a community space at a Department of Parks and Recreation facility.

Shirley Purdy, Kidz at Work representative, addressed Council and stated that Kidz at Work provides important services for the city's youth.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated her appreciation for the work of Ms. Jackson and Kidz at Work, and she informed Ms. Jackson that she would meet with her to address her issue.

President Michael Jones requested that Chris Frelke, Department of Parks and Recreation Director, speak with Ms. Jackson regarding her issue.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Katherine Jordan moved to amend the agenda as follows:

1. [ORD. 2022-191](#) To repeal ch. 16, art. II (§§ 16-19-16-31) of the City Code; to amend ch. 30, art. VI, div. 10.1 by adding therein a new section 30-691.1:1, concerning definitions for the Affordable Dwelling Unit Density Program; and to amend City Code §§ 30-691, 30-691.1, 30-691.2, 30-691.3, 30-691.4, 30-691.6, 30-691.7, 30-691.8, 30-691.9, 30-691.11, for the purpose of revising the Affordable Housing Dwelling Unit Density Program as authorized by Va. Code § 15.2-2305.1.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, May 22, 2023
2. [ORD. 2023-046](#) To install one speed table in the 2100 block of Wood Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

To be continued to Monday, May 8, 2023
3. [ORD. 2023-057](#) To repeal Ord. No. 2008-189-2009-171, adopted Oct. 26, 2009, which prohibited the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Hermitage Road and Laburnum Avenue.

Patrons: Ms. Lambert and Ms. Jordan

To be continued to Monday, April 24, 2023
11. [ORD. 2023-067](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1619 West Cary Street for the purpose of two two-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, April 10, 2023
12. [ORD. 2023-068](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3600 Grove Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 260 dwelling units and amenity spaces, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, April 10, 2023

15. [ORD. 2023-080](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) re-appropriate \$1,752,480.00 of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 fund balance excess identified in the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as a Special Purpose assignment (ii) create a new line item entitled "Great Aspirations Scholarship Program, Inc. (Pathways Program - Great Aspirations Scholarship Program)" in the Non-Departmental Agency, and (iii) appropriate such \$1,752,480.00 to such new line item in the Non-Departmental agency, for the purpose of funding the creation of the Pathways Program for new Richmond Public Schools' graduates.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

To be continued to Monday, April 10, 2023; and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolution were considered:

4. [ORD. 2023-060](#) To rezone the properties known as 1400 Bryan Street, 1402 Bryan Street, 1404 Bryan Street, and 1406 Bryan Street from the R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential District to the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District. (6th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was adopted.
5. [ORD. 2023-061](#) To rezone the property known as 2104 Sale Street from the R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential District and the R-53 Multifamily Residential District to the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District and the property known as 2108 Sale Street from the R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential District to the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District. (6th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was adopted.
6. [ORD. 2023-062](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1005 North 27th Street and 1007 North 27th Street, for the purpose of one single-family detached dwelling and one single-family attached

dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

7. [ORD.
2023-063](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 707 North 31st Street for the purpose of four single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

8. [ORD.
2023-064](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 201 West Blake Lane, for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

9. [ORD.
2023-065](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 822 Blanton Avenue for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

10. [ORD.
2023-066](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 310 West Brookland Park Boulevard for the purpose of a mixed-use building with outdoor dining, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

13. [ORD.
2023-069](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Franchise Agreement by and between the City of Richmond and Waste Management of Virginia, Inc., for the purpose of linking fee adjustments to certain changes in the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

14. [ORD.
2023-070](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Exercise of Renewal Option and Second Amendment to Operating and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Richmond and Richmond First Tee, for the purpose of providing for the use by Richmond First Tee of City-owned real estate known as the Elson Redmond Memorial

Driving Range located at 400 School Street to provide golf, learning facilities, and educational programs for area youth.
(3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

16. [ORD.
2023-081](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$12,882.00 from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and to amend Ord. No. 2022-056, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's DMV Traffic Enforcement and Safety Initiative Special Fund by \$12,882.00 for the purpose of funding police traffic enforcement and safety initiatives in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

17. [ORD.
2023-082](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's Department of Criminal Justice Services Special Fund by \$50,000.00, for the purpose of supporting law enforcement training to reduce violent crime in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

18. [ORD.
2023-083](#)

To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) transfer \$75,000.00 from the Department of Public Works agency (ii) create a new line item entitled "Venture Richmond Inc. (Graffiti Removal - Downtown)" in the Non-Departmental agency, and (iii) appropriate such \$75,000.00 to such new line item in the Non-Departmental agency, for the purpose of funding graffiti removal in the downtown service area.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

19. [ORD.
2023-084](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond, Virginia for the purpose of providing grants and technical assistance to small businesses in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

20. [ORD. 2023-085](#) To amend City Code §§ 2-1187, concerning the creation of the History and Culture Commission, 2-1188, concerning composition, 2-1189, concerning qualifications, 2-1191, concerning duties, and 2-1192, concerning administration.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

21. [ORD. 2023-086](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-104, adopted April 25, 2022, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2022-243, adopted Sept. 12, 2022, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to issue grants, loans, or a combination thereof from the City's 1st Tranche of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds to certain entities in designated amounts and authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to execute all necessary documents to affect such issuance for the purpose of financing the construction and preservation of single-family and multifamily dwellings, to provide for a revised list of entities eligible for the issuance of such grants, loans, or a combination thereof.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

22. [ORD. 2023-087](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Quitclaim of Utility Easement between the City of Richmond and Roane Atlantic LLC, for the purpose of vacating by quitclaim deed certain easements on the property known as 1809 Roane Street, for nominal consideration, to Roane Atlantic LLC.
(3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

23. [ORD. 2023-088](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a HOME - ARP Allocation Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the receipt of Home Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan (HOME - ARP) Program funds in the amount of \$5,840,854.00.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

24. [ORD. 2023-089](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a City of Richmond Grant Contract

between the City of Richmond and the James River Association to provide funding for the implementation of green infrastructure improvements to increase stormwater management at a certain library of the City known as the East End Branch located at 1200 North 25th Street. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

25. [RES. 2023-R018](#) To set a public hearing on a proposed Tourism Improvement District Plan.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was adopted.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

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

The Regular Agenda

There were no Regular Agenda items.

Budget Related Papers

The following ordinances were considered:

26. [ORD. 2023-071](#) To adopt the annual budget, which includes all of the separate current expense budgets for the general operation of the City government and for each utility as defined in ch. 13 of the City Charter, for the fiscal year commencing Jul.1. 2023, and ending Jun. 30, 2024, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

27. [ORD. 2023-072](#) To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2023, and ending Jun. 30, 2024.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

28. [ORD. 2023-073](#) To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2023, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2023; and to determine the means of financing the same.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

29. [ORD. 2023-074](#) To adopt a new pay plan for the City for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and to repeal Ord. No. 2018-319, adopted Jan. 14, 2019, and all amendatory ordinances thereto.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

30. [ORD. 2023-075](#) To repeal City Code § 2-1265, concerning personnel rules; to amend City Code §§ 1-4, concerning miscellaneous ordinances not affected by the City Code, 2-927, concerning general powers and duties of the Personnel Board, 2-1210, concerning publication of certain hiring policies, 2-1264, concerning the creation of the personnel system, 2-1289, concerning classified service, 2-1293, concerning prohibited practices, 2-1295, concerning prohibited working relationships between family members, 2-1301.2, concerning definitions, and 26-103, concerning the general powers and assistants for the City Assessor; and to repeal Ord. No. 2013-10-98, concerning personnel rules for the classified service.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

31. [ORD. 2023-076](#) To amend ch. 2, art. IV of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 25, consisting of §§ 2-763-2-765, concerning the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and to amend City Code § 22-317, concerning additional retirement allowances for certain City officials.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

32. [ORD. 2023-077](#) To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$285,000,000 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; to make grants or loans to assist in financing capital expenditures for the

purposes of promoting the development of housing projects for the benefit of persons with low or moderate incomes; 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 and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to be used to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development or promoting the development of housing projects for the benefit of persons with low or moderate incomes; 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.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

33. [ORD.](#)
[2023-078](#)

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$27,555,000 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the stormwater utility of the City for the following purposes and uses: replacement of and upgrades to the stormwater facilities, including but not limited to, construction, reconstruction, improvements, rehabilitation and upgrades of stormwater sewers and associated facilities; new and replacement infrastructure of the storm sewer system, drainage structures, catch basins, ditches, storm sewer pipes, culverts, green infrastructure; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and equipment for various infrastructure needs; and authorizes 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 and 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.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

34. [ORD. 2023-079](#) To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$206,032,820 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.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Public Hearing

[CD.2023.110](#) March 27, 2023 Budget Public Hearing Speakers List

Everett Fields spoke in support of the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Budget and the proposed 8% pay increase for city workers. Mr. Fields also stated his support for including the participation of supervisors in collective bargaining with city workers.

Brian Peyton, Teamsters Local 322 President, spoke in support of collective bargaining and requested that the city budget include a contingency plan to fund collective bargaining.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Derrick Golden requested that the city fund the purchase of better equipment for city workers to improve quality of work.

Kevin Cianfarini, Beyond Methane RVA Representative, stated his concerns with the expansion of Richmond Gas Works referenced in the proposed budget. Mr. Cianfarini spoke in support of the city promoting the use of electric utilities instead of gas utilities. Mr. Cianfarini also stated that he did not believe it was fiscally responsible to expand the city's gas network as more users switch from gas to electric usage.

Laura Harris, Department of Utilities Employee, spoke in support of allowing supervisors to participate in collective bargaining to ensure adequate pay.

Chelsea Bajek, Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities (RISC) Member, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Member, stated that the FY 2024 Budget should fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) and a mobile home repair and replacement program.

Autumn Fehr, RISC Member, stated her concerns with the allocation of FY 2024 funds to an affordable housing bond program instead of the AHTF. Ms. Fehr also stated she believed that funding the AHTF was a better fiscal choice for the city.

Martin Wegbreit, RISC Member, Affordable Housing Trust Fund Supervisory Board Member, stated that the city needed to adequately fund the AHTF. Mr. Wegbreit also stated his concerns with oversight of the proposed affordable housing bond program.

Lance Nation, RISC Member, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Member, stated his concerns with funding mobile home repair and replacement program needs. Mr. Nation also stated his concerns that the proposed FY 2024 Budget would not provide sufficient relief to address living conditions of mobile homes in the city.

Paulina Chavez, RISC Member, with Spanish to English translation assistance provided by Karla Almendarez-Ramos, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement Manager, informed members of the mobile home living conditions that she and her family were experiencing. Ms. Chavez stated her appreciation for the allocation of funds for mobile home repair and replacement, but noted her family would not be able to participate in the proposed loan program referenced in the FY 2024 Budget.

Beverly Ross, RISC Member, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Member, stated her concerns with the proposed plan to institute a mobile home repair and replacement loan program, because she did not believe the majority of mobile home residents would be able to afford participating in the loan program.

Ralph Hodge, RISC Member, Second Baptist Church Pastor, stated that the city was in an affordable housing apocalypse, and he informed members of his concerns with the living conditions of mobile homes in the city.

Jamal Kenner, Richmond Public Library Employee, stated his support of the proposed 8% percent raise for city employees, and he also stated he believed it was a result of the work of city worker unions.

Jeff Walker, Participatory Budgeting Steering Commission Member, spoke in support of participatory budgeting and stated it would provide citizens with direct involvement in the city's budget. Mr. Walker also informed members of the current status of the city's Participatory Budgeting Steering Commission.

Ann Forrester, Richmond Public Schools (RPS) Teacher, Richmond Education Association (REA) Member, requested that Council not cut or reallocate any funding proposed for RPS in the FY 2024 Budget. Ms. Forrester also requested that Council reallocate an additional 7 million in funding to fulfill RPS's proposed budget.

Angela Dews, RPS Teacher, REA Former President, stated that funding education was an investment in the city's future. Ms. Dews also stated that improving the city's education system would help increase property values and economic development in the city.

Ansley Perkins spoke in support of fully funding the proposed RPS Budget, and she requested that teachers be shown the appreciation they deserve. Ms. Perkins also addressed the need to fund RPS Capital Improvement Projects.

Thomas King, Richmond Democratic Socialists of America Member, informed members that he was speaking on behalf of his brother and sister in-law. Mr. King addressed the working conditions that his brother and sister in-law experience as teachers in the city.

Keri Treadway, RPS Teacher, REA Member, addressed the conditions of RPS facilities, and she requested that the RPS Budget be fully funded.

Kenya Gibson, Richmond City School Board Member, stated that RPS students deserved and required proper facilities and staffing to fully succeed. Ms. Gibson requested additional funding for the RPS Budget.

Debra Sinnott, Friends of Chimborazo Park Member, Chimborazo Park Conservancy Member, requested that the city fund the repair of sidewalks around Chimborazo Park to increase pedestrian safety. Ms. Sinnott also stated her appreciation for the proposed salary increase for city workers that provide services at Chimborazo Park.

Joe Brancoli, Sierra Club Falls of the James Group Executive Committee Chair, requested that Council address green initiatives when reviewing the FY 2024 Budget.

Nerilis Suarez, RPS Teacher, REA Member, requested that the city fully fund RPS. Ms. Suarez stated that you can not address poverty without improving school funding.

Steven Perks stated his concerns with the city allocating funding to improve facilities at the Diamond Baseball Stadium. Mr. Perks also stated that he believed gun violence prevention, affordable housing, and school funding should have been prioritized.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her appreciation for individuals that provided comments regarding the FY 2024 Budget. Councilwoman Trammell also stated her concerns with the prospect of including supervisors in the city's collective bargaining process. Councilwoman Trammell further stated she would work with colleague to address funding for mobile home repair and replacement.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated her appreciation for individuals that provided comments regarding the proposed FY 2024 Budget.

Councilor Andreas Addison moved that the budget related ordinances be continued to the Monday, April 24, 2023, Formal Meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

[CD.2023.097](#) March 6, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

[CD.2023.095](#) March 13, 2023 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2023.100](#) March 13, 2023 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2023.112](#) March 27, 2023 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

35. [ORD. 2023-095](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Pole Attachment Agreement between the City of Richmond and WANRack, LLC, for the purpose of attaching and maintaining fiber optic communication cables, attachments, equipment, and other related facilities on certain City utility poles.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(2).

36. [ORD. 2023-096](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2021-347, adopted Mar. 14, 2022, which established the 2022 City Charter Review Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the City Charter with the objective of making recommendations for appropriate revisions thereto, to extend the due date of the final written report from Jun. 1, 2023 to Jul. 31, 2023.

Patrons: President Jones and Vice President Nye

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(2).

37. [ORD. 2023-097](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$2,688.00 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Litter Control Act Grant Special Fund by \$2,688.00, for the purpose of supporting the City's litter prevention and recycling activities.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

38. [ORD. 2023-098](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the parcels of real property owned by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and known as 400 East 15th Street, 426 East 15th Street, and 1421 Dinwiddie Avenue for the purpose of maintaining the properties as a City green space, playground, and recreational area. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

39. [ORD. 2023-099](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Easement between the City of Richmond and the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of granting to the Commonwealth of Virginia a permanent easement on, over, under, and across a City-owned property known as 800 North 5th Street to install, operate, and maintain certain impact attenuator equipment, and devices that will be located within the permanent easement on the City-owned property known as 800 North 5th Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

40. [ORD. 2023-100](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Easement between the City of Richmond and the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of granting to the Commonwealth of Virginia a permanent easement on, over, under, and across a City-owned property known as 800 North 5th Street to install, operate, and maintain certain sign facilities, equipment, and devices that will be located within the permanent easement on the City-owned property known as 800 North 5th Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

41. [RES. 2023-R019](#) To declare a housing crisis in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Addison, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Newbille, President Jones and Vice President Nye

This resolution was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(2).

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

42. [ORD. 2023-101](#) To repeal City Code §§ 30-710.1, 30-710.2, 30-710.2:1, 30-710.2:2, 30-710.2:3, 30-710.2:4, 30-710.2:5, 30-710.3, 30-710.4, 30-720.1, 30-720.2, and 30-720.5, all concerning off-street parking and loading requirements in certain districts; to repeal ch. 30, art. IX, div. 1 (§ 30-900-30-900.6); to repeal ch. 30, art. IX, div. 2 (§§ 30-910-30-910.4) to repeal ch. 30, art. IX, div. 7 (§§ 30-960-30-960.4), concerning off-street parking requirements; and to amend City Code §§ 30-411.3, 30-412.2, 30-413.3, 30-413.13, 30-416.2, 30-418.2, all concerning permitted accessory uses and structures; 30-419.3, concerning permitted principal uses on corner lots, 30-419.4, 30-420.2, 30-426.2, all concerning permitted accessory uses and structures, 30-436.1, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-438, concerning intent of district, 30-446.3, concerning principal uses permitted by conditional use permit, 30-620.2, concerning more than one main building on lot, 30-620.5, division of lots to accommodate existing dwelling units, 30-710.12, concerning improvement of parking areas and parking lots, 30-720.3, concerning location and improvement of loading spaces, 30-720.4, concerning dimensions of loading spaces, 30-800.2, concerning extension or expansion, 30-800.3, concerning changes, 30-1030.4, concerning criteria, 30-1040.3, concerning additional exceptions granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals, 30-1045.6, concerning specific conditions applicable to particular uses, and 30-1220, concerning definitions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

43. [ORD. 2023-102](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2019-080, adopted Apr. 8, 2019, which authorized the special use of the property known as 326 East Broad Street for the purpose of permitting signs with an aggregate area exceeding that permitted by the underlying zoning regulations, to authorize additional square footage of aggregate area for signs, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

44. [ORD. 2023-103](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 112 Carnation Street for the purpose of the assembly and storage of modular dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

45. [ORD. 2023-104](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 710 Lafayette Street for the purpose of purpose of (i) a café with accessory retail and (ii) the production, wholesale, and distribution of roasted coffee beans, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**
46. [ORD. 2023-105](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 6140 Hull Street Road for the purpose of up to 140 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**
47. [ORD. 2023-106](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3019 Moss Side Avenue for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building to a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**
48. [ORD. 2023-107](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2113 North Avenue for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building to a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**
50. [ORD. 2023-108](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 910 Parrish Street for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**
51. [ORD. 2023-109](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 5312 Stokes Lane for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**

52. [ORD. 2023-110](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 5314 ½ Stokes Lane for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.:

53. [ORD. 2023-111](#) To designate the 1800 block of South Meadow Street in honor of Ida Lee Cheatham. (5th District)

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

54. [ORD. 2023-112](#) To designate the 500 and 600 blocks of West 22nd Street in honor of Josie Samarah Cox. (5th District)

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Councilor Ellen Robertson left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

Councilwoman Reva Trammell left the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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