



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

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

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal
Laura Drewry, City Attorney
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Council Vice President Kristen Nye called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

Docket Review

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2023-188 – to be continued to Monday, November 13, 2023
2. Ord. 2023-234 – retained on the Consent Agenda

3. Ord. 2023-236 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2023-257 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2023-258 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2023-259 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2023-260 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2023-261 – to be amended and continued to Monday, November 13, 2023
9. Ord. 2023-262 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2023-263 – to be continued to Monday, November 13, 2023
11. Ord. 2023-264 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2023-265 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2023-266 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2023-267 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2023-268 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2023-269 – to be amended and continued to Monday, November 13, 2023
17. Ord. 2023-270 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2023-271 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2023-272 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2023-273 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2023-274 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2023-275 – retained on the Consent Agenda
23. Ord. 2023-276 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2023-277 – retained on the Consent Agenda
25. Ord. 2023-278 – retained on the Consent Agenda

26. Ord. 2023-279 – retained on the Consent Agenda

27. Ord. 2023-280 – to be continued to Monday, November 6, 2023

Vice President Kristen Nye informed her colleagues of her request to continue Ord. 2023-280 to a special meeting of Council prior to the November 6, 2023, Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting. VP Nye explained that the continuance will allow an opportunity for additional community engagement regarding the proposed development.

It was the consensus of Council to continue Ord. 2023-280 to the planned November 6, 2023 special Council meeting, later that evening during the Formal Session of Council.

28. Res. 2023-R011 – to be amended and continued to Monday, December 11, 2023

29. Res. 2023-R024 – to be continued to Monday, November 13, 2023

30. Res. 2023-R052 – retained on the Consent Agenda

31. Res. 2023-R053 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

32. Ord. 2023-254 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Councilor Reva Trammell requested to be added as co-patron of Ord. 2023-279, Res. 2023-R053 and Ord. 2023-265.

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

Closed Session

At 4:15 p.m., Councilor Cynthia Newbille moved that the City Council go into a closed meeting (1) pursuant to subdivisions (A)(3) and (A)(29) of section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss (i) the disposition of publicly held real property for the purpose of the Diamond District development project and (ii) the award of a contract or contracts involving the expenditure of public funds relating to such Diamond District development project and the terms and scope of such contract or contracts, because discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, and (2) pursuant to subdivision (A)(3) of section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss the disposition of publicly held real property located at 2401 West Leigh Street, because discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Jordan, Lambert, Robertson, Trammell, Newbille, Nye. Noes None. Addison, Lynch and Jones had not yet arrived.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch arrived at 4:20 p.m. and joined the closed session.

Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 4:39 p.m. and joined the closed session.

President Michael Jones arrived at 4:41 p.m. and joined the closed session.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Lynch, Newbille, Nye, Jones. Noes None. Robertson had not yet rejoined the meeting, and Trammell had departed the meeting.

Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:36 p.m.

Councilor Ellen Robertson rejoined the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

October 10, 2023

WHEREAS, the Council has convened in closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certifying resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

WITNESS the following vote of Council members, as recorded by RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk:

CERTIFYING:

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

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

CITY CLERK