



# City of Richmond

## Formal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, January 24, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall  
Virtual Meeting

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### **Councilmembers Present**

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

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., and presided.

### **ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Clerk Candice Reid, in accordance with the current ongoing declaration of a local emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic confirmed by Res. No. 2020-R025, adopted March 16, 2020, and as permitted by section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means. City Clerk Reid stated notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information email issued on January 14, 2022, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated members of the public were encouraged to provide comments in writing prior to the meeting and all comments received prior to 10:00 a.m., on Monday, January 24, 2022, were provided to Council members. Ms. Reid indicated that members of the public who signed up to speak and provide comment would be called to speak at the appropriate time.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Benjamin Campbell of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 East Grace Street, Richmond, VA.

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

### **CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES**

Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren provided citizen speaker guidelines.

### **APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

## AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

President Cynthia Newbille, on behalf of Richmond City Council, honored and recognized William E. Echelberger, Jr., on his 44 years of public service with Richmond City and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Richmond City Council bestowed the Richmond Distinguished Public Service Award to Mr. Echelberger, Jr. after remarks regarding his upcoming retirement.

*Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.*

*Councilor Kristen Nye joined the meeting at 6:14 p.m.*

*Councilor Michael Jones joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.*

## CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written citizen comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting, and are included as an attachment to the January 24, 2022 Formal City Council meeting minutes, which can be accessed at <https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5391597&GUID=CE48DC1E-52CF-4283-977E-066DAB57CB79&Options=&Search=>.

**Brian Bills** addressed Council and requested that members take action to prevent the eviction of individuals from Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) properties due to lease enforcement. Mr. Bills stated that Council should request that RRHA continue to freeze possible evictions until more RRHA residents were enrolled in federal rent relief programs.

**Beth Almore** addressed Council and requested that members take action to prevent the eviction of families with children enrolled in Richmond Public Schools, from RRHA properties due to lease enforcement. Ms. Almore stated that evictions negatively impacts a student's ability to learn, and she suggested that Council collaborate with city administration to freeze RRHA evictions until the end of the school year.

*President Cynthia Newbille stated housing stability within RRHA properties was a concern of Council and that follow-up would occur regarding the issue.*

## AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

**The following agenda amendments were considered:**

ORD. 2021-358

To vacate, pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2272(2), that part of the Staffordshire Section-5 subdivision plat that reserved 3021 Falcon Road for recreation, upon certain terms and conditions.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022**

ORD. 2021-359

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2010-100-83, adopted May 10, 2010, which authorized the special use of the property known as 200-214 East Leigh Street for the purpose of a multifamily residential use with up to eight dwelling units in an existing carriage house building with the commercial use requirement waived, to additionally authorize the construction of a mixed-use building containing non-dwelling uses and up to 63 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022**

ORD. 2021-360

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3300 Broad Rock Boulevard for the purpose of a farmer's market, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 99-50-55, adopted Mar. 8, 1999, and Ord. No. 99-370-00-9, adopted Jan. 10, 2000.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022**

ORD. 2021-361

To authorize the special use of the property known as 4300 Commerce Road for the purpose of one off-premises sign, upon certain terms and conditions.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022**

ORD. 2021-362

To authorize the special use of the property known as 4508 Grove Avenue for the purpose of up to seven single-family attached dwellings with off-street parking and one common area, upon certain terms and conditions.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022**

ORD. 2021-363

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1626 North 27th Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022**

ORD. 2021-364

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2511 Porter Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022**

ORD. 2021-365

To authorize the special use of the property known as 8 Rear South Plum Street for the purpose of a multifamily building containing up to four dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022**

ORD. 2021-366

To authorize the special use of the property known as 313 West 26th Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022**

ORD. 2021-367

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1000 Westover Hills Boulevard for the purpose of a residential use containing up to six dormitory-style units with shared sanitation facilities accessory to a church, upon certain terms and conditions.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022**

ORD. 2021-368

To rezone the property known as 6422 Forest Hill Avenue from the R-2 Single-Family Residential District to the R-4 Single-Family Residential District.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022**

ORD. 2021-369

To repeal City Code § 12-46, concerning the disposition of revenues derived from the expiration of partial exemptions from real estate taxation and from certain sales of tax delinquent properties, and to amend City Code § 26-104, concerning the duties of the City Assessor, providing for the accounting of certain real estate tax revenues arising from the phased reduction, expiration, and termination of certain partial exemptions from real estate taxation in such a manner as to facilitate the City Council's future appropriation of those revenues to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund concerning disposition of revenues derived from the expiration of partial exemptions from real estate taxation, for the purpose of facilitating an alternate method of funding the Affordable Housing Trust Fund annually.

**To be continued to Monday, February 28, 2022**

ORD. 2022-013

To amend City Code § 12-12, concerning the form of budget submitted to Council, for the purpose of modifying the information required to be included within the budget.

**To be continued to Monday, February 28, 2022**

RES. 2021-R086

To request that the Mayor propose, as part of his annual budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the necessary amendments to the City Code and appropriations to establish a Department of Mobility and Multimodal Transportation.

**To be continued to Monday, February 28, 2022**

RES. 2021-R090

To support and encourage the Mayor and his successors in office to propose annually a budget that includes funding in the amount of at least \$10,000,000.00 for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

**To be continued to Monday, February 28, 2022**

RES. 2021-R092

To establish a policy that Council members will make recommendations for their budget priorities to the Mayor no later than Oct. 1 of each year for consideration in the Mayor's proposed annual budget for the purpose of developing a more collaborative budget development process.

**To be continued to Monday, March 28, 2022**

RES. 2022-R004

To establish the form of the annual budget pursuant to City Charter § 6.04 and City Code § 12-12.

**To be continued to Monday, February 28, 2022**

ORD. 2021-189

To provide for the crediting of receipts of business, professional, and occupational taxes in excess of \$32,713,958.00 during Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to a special reserve assigned to support the reduction of business, professional, and occupational taxes applicable to certain businesses.

**To be continued to Monday, February 28, 2022**

ORD. 2021-308

To amend Ord. No. 2021-042, adopted May 24, 2021, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and determined a means of financing the same, by transferring funds in the amount of \$7,310,391.00 from the School Planning and Construction project

in the Education category and appropriating such transferred funds to the School Modernization - George Wythe High School project in the Education category for the purpose of funding the planning and design of a new George Wythe High School.

**To be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022, and referred back to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on February 10, 2022**

ORD. 2021-347

To establish 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 be continued to Monday, February 14, 2022, and referred back to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on January 26, 2022**

RES. 2021-R088

To establish 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 be moved to the Consent Agenda**

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding Agenda items prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written citizen comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting, and are included as an attachment to the January 24, 2022 Formal City Council meeting minutes, which can be accessed at <https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5391597&GUID=CE48DC1E-52CF-4283-977E-066DAB57CB79&Options=&Search=>.

**Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved to amend the agenda as presented, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:**

ORD. 2021-328

To authorize the special use of the property known as 939 Myers Street for the purpose of an outdoor event venue and farmer's market, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

ORD. 2021-356

To amend City Code §§ 28-72, concerning the duty of building owners to make City water and sewer service connections and the duty of owner or tenant to apply for water service, 28-388, concerning duties of owners and tenants for water service connections, and 28-710, concerning duties of owners and tenants for wastewater service connections, for the purpose of clarifying the methods for calculating and estimating non-City water volume for billing purposes.

ORD. 2021-357

To close, to public travel, an unimproved portion of Hanover Avenue in the block bounded by Three Chopt Road and the City's corporate boundary with Henrico County, consisting of 6,219± square feet, and to designate and incorporate such portion of Hanover Avenue into Bandy Field Park.

ORD. 2021-370

To deem certain inventory items attached to or located within the City-owned real property known as the Coliseum located at 601 East Leigh Street to be personal property, and not fixtures, and to authorize the severance or removal of such items from the real property known as the Coliseum located at 601 East Leigh Street, as needed, to effectuate any disposal thereof.

ORD. 2022-002

To amend Ord. No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget and made appropriations thereto, by transferring \$12,200,000.00 from certain reserves for contingencies in the Non-Departmental agency to certain new programs within the Department of Finance for the purpose of implementing the City's spending plan for American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 funds.

ORD. 2022-003

To amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services called the Advancing Health Literacy Special Fund; to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget by transferring \$4,000,000.00 from the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Fund Budget; and to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services' Advancing Health Literacy Special Fund by \$4,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding a collaborative community health literacy program.

ORD. 2022-004

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 from the Virginia Resources Authority and to amend Ord. No. 2021-0151, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Stormwater Utility Budget and appropriated the estimated receipts of the stormwater utility, by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the stormwater utility by \$1,100,000.00 for the purpose of funding improvements to stormwater drainage infrastructure to reduce repetitive flooding in the McGuire, Chapel Drive, and Hopkins Road neighborhoods in the city of Richmond.

ORD. 2022-005

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept \$762,162.00 from the Virginia Compensation Board and to appropriate the funds received to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the City Sheriff by \$762,162.00 for the purpose of funding the Sheriff's payment of bonuses in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Compensation Board.

ORD. 2022-006

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$103,500.00 from the Virginia Resources Authority and to amend Ord. No. 2021-0151, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Stormwater Utility Budget and appropriated the estimated receipts of the stormwater utility, by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the stormwater utility by \$103,500.00 for the purpose of funding a levee improvement project.

ORD. 2022-007

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$45,339.30 from The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Electric Utility Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Utilities' Electric Utility Budget by \$45,339.30 for the purpose of funding the removal of and any necessary site work for a monument grave and monument pedestals.

ORD. 2022-008

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$67,166.39 from the Greater Richmond Transit Company, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Richmond Signal System Phase III (Federal) project in the Transportation Category by \$67,166.39, for the purpose of funding the connection of seven Bus Rapid Transit bus stations into the traffic signal fiber optic communication network as part of the Richmond Signal System Phase III (Federal) project.

ORD. 2022-009

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a FY 2021 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond, the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of developing a transformation plan that includes the Gilpin Court public housing project located at 102 West Charity Street and the Jackson Ward neighborhood in the city of Richmond.

ORD. 2022-010

To approve the action of the City Planning Commission adopting the “City Center Innovation District Small Area Plan” as an incorporated element of the “Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth” Master Plan of the City of Richmond.

ORD. 2022-011

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Agreement between the Virginia Resources Authority and the City of Richmond for the purpose of receiving grant funds in the amount of up to \$1,100,000.00 to provide funding for improvements to stormwater drainage infrastructure to reduce repetitive flooding in the McGuire, Chapel Drive, and Hopkins Road neighborhoods in the city of Richmond.

ORD. 2022-012

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Agreement between the Virginia Resources Authority and the City of Richmond for the purpose of receiving grant funds in the amount of up to \$103,500.00 to fund a levee improvement project.

RES. 2021-R082

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the development of a process for the designation of development project areas within the city of Richmond to be funded through tax increment financing pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-3245.2 and the preparation of a report concerning the feasibility of designating certain development project areas within the city of Richmond.

RES. 2021-R091

To request that the Mayor propose an annual budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 that recommends appropriations for all budget enhancements requested by City Council agencies.

RES. 2021-R088

To designate the property known as 700 West 44th Street as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2.

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**Public Hearing**

***Abigail Thompson, Ashton Square Apartments Representative***, spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R088, and stated that the proposed development would increase traffic problems in the surrounding area. Ms. Thompson also stated that the proposed development would harm environmentally sensitive areas located at Reedy Creek.

***Whit Clements*** spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R088, and stated that the development would decrease the size of a surrounding forest. Mr. Clements also stated that the forest was a

healthy self-sustaining piece of land that did not require revitalization. Mr. Clements further stated the removal of the forested area would remove the surrounding tree canopy, which would increase the city's heat index.

**Alex Marten** spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R088, and stated that the surrounding land referenced in the proposed resolution did not require revitalization. Alex Marten also stated that the proposed development was environmentally unsound, and that it would lead to an increase of runoff.

*Councilor Kristen Nye stated that RES. 2021-R088 was a request from the developer to receive financing from Virginia Housing, and that the resolution was only the first step of the overall development.*

*Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that many of the issues raised by residents regarding the development would be addressed by future legislation, and not the resolution currently before Council. Councilor Lynch also stated that she was working with the Department of Planning and Development Review to ensure concerns would be addressed.*

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

## REGULAR AGENDA

### The following ordinances and resolution were considered:

#### ORD. 2022-014

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Resort Casino Host Community Agreement between the City of Richmond and RVA Entertainment Holdings, LLC, for the purpose of facilitating the development of a resort casino project in the city of Richmond.

#### ORD. 2022-015

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Community Support Agreement among City of Richmond, Casino Owner, Casino Manager and Casino Developer between the City of Richmond, RVA Entertainment Holdings, LLC, Richmond VA Management, LLC, and Richmond VA Development, LLC, for the purpose of facilitating the fulfillment of certain negotiated community benefits in connection with the development of a resort casino project in the city of Richmond.

#### RES. 2022-R003

To select RVA Entertainment Holdings, LLC, as the City's preferred casino gaming operator to operate a casino gaming establishment located at 2001 Walmsley Boulevard and 4700 Trenton Avenue and to provide for the requisite referendum thereon pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-4123.

*Councilwoman Reva Trammell provided an introduction and background information regarding the proposed legislation.*

### **Public Hearing**

**David Dominique** spoke in opposition of the legislation, and stated he was concerned, because he believed that casinos earn the majority of casino income from slot machines used by low-income individuals. Mr. Dominique also stated that he was concerned residents located near the casino would be at high-risk of gambling addiction.

**Allan-Charles Chipman** spoke in opposition of the legislation, and stated that he believed a second referendum for the establishment of a casino in the city was undemocratic. Mr. Chipman also stated that a second referendum would ignore the voice of residents.

**James Christopher Brown** spoke in opposition of the legislation, and stated that he was disappointed a second referendum was possible. Mr. Brown requested that members listen to the will of residents.

**Doug Mercado** spoke in opposition of the legislation, and stated that the the idea of a casino was previously rejected by residents of the city. Mr. Mercado also stated that he was shocked to see leadership make a second attempt to establish a casino in the city.

**Brian Graff** spoke in opposition of the legislation, and stated that the city does not need a casino.

**Michael Beaudet** spoke in opposition of the legislation, and stated he was concerned that many individuals would fall victim to gambling addiction.

**Debbie Rowe** spoke in opposition of the legislation, and stated she believed that Council should listen to the will of residents that previously voted no on the establishment of a casino.

**John Hamilton** spoke in opposition of the legislation, and informed Council that he would provide members with a written copy of his comments. Mr. Hamilton stated that he believed residents were properly informed about the establishment of a casino and that the vote against the establishment should be respected.

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

**Mike Kemetic** spoke in opposition of the legislation, and stated that the establishment of a casino in the city was previously denied by residents through a democratic vote. Mr. Kemetic also stated that he did not believe city government should be creating community benefit agreements with developers, but rather that city residents should be the ones involved in the process.

**Oludare Ogunde, LiUNA! Richmond City Lead Organizer**, spoke in support of the legislation, and stated that the proposed community benefits agreement with the casino development team would be beneficial for union workers in the city.

**Clovia Lawrence** spoke in support of the legislation, and stated that she believed there was a lot of misinformation provided to the public regarding the first referendum for the establishment of a casino in the city.

**Alfred Liggins, Urban One, Inc. Chief Executive Officer, ONE Casino + Resort Developer**, spoke in support of the legislation, and stated that the proposed casino was not just a casino, but an entertainment entity and economic engine for the city. Mr. Liggins also stated that the development team was committed to support the city and non-profits.

**Mark Hourigan, Hourigan Group Chief Executive Officer**, spoke in support of the legislation, and stated that the city was in need of revenue to ensure the city remains a desirable place to live.

**Shannon Castleman** spoke in support of the legislation, and stated that the development would also provide a large television production facility. Ms. Castleman also stated that the proposed production facility would provide employment opportunities related to the entertainment industry.

**Rodney Hall** spoke in support of the legislation, and stated that many of his neighbors in the 8<sup>th</sup> Voter District supported another referendum regarding the establishment of a casino in the city.

Mr. Hall also stated that the proposed development would produce much needed revenue to address infrastructure needs of the city.

**Charles Page** spoke in support of the legislation, and stated that the project would produce much needed revenue for the city. Charles Page also stated that the development would create many living wage jobs for city residents.

**Gwendolyn Boatwright** spoke in support of the legislation, and stated that she previously voted no on the casino referendum in 2021. Ms. Boatwright informed Council that she received new information regarding the casino project, and that now she would vote yes to allow the establishment of a casino in the city, if a second referendum occurred.

*Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her appreciation for individuals that provided public comment, and she also stated she believed that city residents were previously misinformed about the aspects of the proposed casino. Councilwoman Trammell further stated that the proposed casino project would bring economic opportunity to the city.*

*Councilor Kristen Nye stated that she believed residents were previously misinformed regarding funding aspects of the casino project. Councilor Nye also stated that the city was not providing any land or funding for the project. Councilor Nye informed members that she would vote to adopt the proposed legislation.*

*Councilor Andreas Addison stated it was within the democratic process to allow a second referendum regarding the establishment of a casino in the city. Councilor Addison also stated that economic development projects, such as a casino, were necessary to create enough revenue to properly invest in the city.*

*It was the consensus of Council to allow Charles Willis to provide public comment regarding ORD. 2022-014, ORD. 2022-015, and RES. 2022-R003.*

**Charles Willis** spoke in support of the legislation, and stated that the casino project was an investment in the city. Mr. Willis also stated that the revenue would help fund needed improvements in the city.

*Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that she did not believe residents were aware of all the information regarding the proposed casino project. Councilor Lynch also stated that the majority of residents surrounding the proposed development site voted yes on the previous referendum.*

*Vice President Ellen Robertson stated she understood many concerns raised regarding gambling addiction, and that she would work to ensure the casino development team puts in place mitigation measures to address the issue. Vice President Robertson also stated that she believed the proposed casino project was a major economic development opportunity for the city. Vice President Robertson further stated that she was moved by the potential availability of living wage jobs for residents offered by the casino project.*

*Councilor Michael Jones stated that a majority of 9<sup>th</sup> Voter District voters supported the casino project on the previous referendum. Councilor Jones also stated that several other gambling options were currently available in the city, and that the proposed ONE Casino + Resort should not be the only gambling establishment viewed negatively.*

*Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated that she believed the casino project was an economic development opportunity that would provide real estate tax relief to city residents.*

*Councilor Katherine Jordan informed members that she would not vote to adopt the proposed legislation due to her concerns with the casino project.*

*President Cynthia Newbille stated that she supported the proposed casino project, because she believed it was a major economic development project that did not require any city investment.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **ORD. 2022-014, ORD. 2022-015, and RES. 2022-R003 were adopted:** Ayes 8, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes 1, Jordan.

**The following resolution was considered:**

RES. 2022-R002

To determine and direct, pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-1812 and Ord. No. 2020-154, adopted Aug. 3, 2020, the final disposition of certain war monuments and memorials removed by the City by donating such monuments and memorials to The Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, Inc., upon certain terms and conditions.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Lincoln Saunders provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed resolution.

**Public Hearing**

*Clark Glave* spoke in opposition of RES. 2022-R002, and stated that he did not believe the removed Confederate statues should be transferred to the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, Inc. Mr. Glave informed Council that he believed the statues should be transferred to an entity involved with the history of the Civil War. Mr. Glave also stated that the city shouldn't erase what offends, and that the city should work to profit off the city's Civil War history.

*Councilor Kristen Nye stated that she would have preferred that more information had been provided regarding the decision to select the Black History Museum for the disposition, but she informed members that she would vote to adopt the proposed resolution.*

*Councilor Katherine Jordan stated she did not believe the city received any credible options for disposition of the statues that could guarantee that the statues would not be used to glorify the Confederate aspects of the Civil War. Councilor Jordan also stated that the Black History Museum was not receiving final disposition of the statues, but would be working with the Valentine Museum to determine a final disposition.*

*Councilor Andreas Addison stated that he supported the proposed collaboration to review the final disposition of the removed Confederate statues. Councilor Addison also stated that he believed the city had more important issues to address, and that it was time to move on regarding the disposition.*

*Councilor Michael Jones stated that he believed the statues represented oppression. Councilor Jones also stated his support to allow the Black History Museum to determine the final disposition of the statues.*

*Vice President Ellen Robertson stated that she believed the city provided numerous opportunities for residents to provide feedback regarding the disposition of the removed statues.*

*President Cynthia Newbille stated she supported the collaboration between the Black History Museum and the Valentine Museum, to determine a final disposition of the removed statues with authentic citizen engagement.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2022-R002 was unanimously adopted.**

## MOTIONS

There were no motions for consideration.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the** Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively; Special Meeting held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**City Council will hold a public hearing on the following resolutions on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:**

### RES. 2022-R005

To amend Res. No. 2021-R084, adopted Dec. 21, 2021, which adopts redistricting criteria and a redistricting schedule for the 2021 decennial redistricting of Council and School Board election districts, to revise dates on the redistricting schedule.

Patrons: City Council

**This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.**

### RES. 2022-R006

To express the Council's support for procuring the translation into Spanish of all Council meetings and any related agendas, documents, and materials, and for such Spanish translations to be simulcast on internet and television transmissions of Council meetings.

Patron: Mr. Jones

**This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.**

**City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:**

### ORD. 2022-021

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2008-192-194, adopted Sept. 8, 2008, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2009-45-125, adopted Jun. 22, 2009, which authorized the special use of the property known as 305 North 18th Street for the purpose of a mixed-use, multifamily dwelling and allowed the alteration of the design of the building, to modify the site plan and on-site parking requirements, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**

### ORD. 2022-022

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1628 North 27th Street for the purpose of a single-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 Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2022-023

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2501 Berwyn Street for the purpose of a single-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 Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2022-024

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1801 Carlisle Avenue for the purpose of two two-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 Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2022-025

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1505 West Cary Street and 1507 West Cary Street for the purpose of two two-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 Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2022-026

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2117 Fairfax Avenue for the purpose of two two-family detached dwellings and one single-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 Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2022-027

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3411 Hawthorne Avenue for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling with an accessory dwelling unit, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**

ORD. 2022-028

To rezone the properties known as 601 Albany Avenue, 603 Albany Avenue, 600 Maury Street, and 610 Maury Street from the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

**This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**

RES. 2022-R007

To express the Council's support, should the citizens of Richmond approve a second referendum for the development and operation of a resort casino, for using the revenues received as a result of the development and operation of such resort casino to provide a two-penny reduction in the City's real estate tax rate and funding for public schools and community infrastructure.

Patrons: Vice President Robertson, President Newbille, Mr. Jones, Ms. Trammell and Mayor Stoney

**This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.**

RES. 2022-R008

To adopt an equitable affordable housing plan for the City entitled "One Richmond: An Equitable Affordable Housing Plan."

Patron: Mayor Stoney

**This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**

RES. 2022-R009

To request that the Council Chief of Staff cause the preparation of a study on the feasibility of developing and installing quick response codes on current and future honorary street signs.

Patron: Mr. Jones

**This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**

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

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

*Councilor Stephanie Lynch left the meeting at 8:58 p.m.*

*Councilor Kristen Nye left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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