



City of Richmond

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
Virtual Meeting

Councilmembers Present

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

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 March 2, 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, March 14, 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 Minister LaTisha D. Allen of Truth Ministries, 4719 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA.

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

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton provided citizen speaker guidelines.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

Awards and Presentations

There were no awards or presentations.

Councilor Michael Jones honored and recognized River City Middle School 8th Grader Jeffrey Messan for winning the 2022 Richmond Public Schools District-Wide Scripps Spelling Bee competition.

Councilor Andreas Addison joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Citizen Comment

[CD.2022.097](#) March 14, 2022 Citizen Comment Period Speakers List

Demetrios C. Axarlis addressed Council and stated his concerns with the city moving forward with speed camera enforcement. Mr. Axarlis noted that he was most concerned that the city would become reliant on speed cameras to increase city revenue. Mr. Axarlis also requested that Council respect the voice of residents by accepting the results of a previous referendum regarding the establishment of a resort casino in the city. Mr. Axarlis further stated his concerns with the potential of the city implementing a land use tax.

Bob Downs addressed Council and stated his suggestions regarding the city's implementation of a potential civilian review board. Mr. Downs informed Council of his disagreement with civilian review board recommendations raised by consultant Dr. William Pelfrey, Jr. Mr. Downs also stated that any civilian review board must be independent from the Richmond Police Department.

Phil Shepard, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) member, addressed Council and stated that city employees should have one collective bargaining unit for representation. Mr. Shepard also stated that city employees should be allowed to bargain regarding all working conditions and be permitted to discuss union matters on the job site.

Mr. D'Archangel addressed Council and stated his support for collective bargaining. Mr. D'Archangel also spoke in support of a city-wide collective bargaining unit that represented all city employees.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Katherine Jordan moved to amend the agenda as follows:

2. [ORD.](#) To conditionally 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, upon certain proffered conditions. (As Amended) (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, March 28, 2022

4. [ORD.](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 80-260-81-41, adopted Mar. 9, 1981, as previously amended by Ord. Nos. 81-152-138, adopted August 24, 1981, 84-110-83, adopted May 29, 1984, 89-318-295, adopted Nov. 13, 1989, 2006-26-52, adopted Feb. 27, 2006, 2006-260-263, adopted Oct. 23, 2006, 2012-163-164, adopted Oct. 8, 2012, and 2017-169, adopted Oct. 9, 2017, concerning the Beaufont Oaks Community Unit Plan, to amend the use of the parcel known as 400 Hioaks Road to allow for an expansion of the multifamily development known as “Beaufont Towers” located on the parcel known as 7015 West Carnation Street and also known as 350 Hioaks Road. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, March 28, 2022; and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on March 21, 2022

13. [ORD.](#) To amend ch. 2, art. VI of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 6, consisting of §§ 2-1301.1-2-1301.20, concerning collective bargaining, for the purpose of providing for collective bargaining with certain City employees.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell, Ms. Nye and Vice President Robertson

To be continued to Monday, May 9, 2022

14. [ORD.](#) To amend ch. 2, art. VI of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 6, consisting of §§ 2-1301.1-2-1301.21, concerning collective bargaining, for the purpose of providing for collective bargaining with certain City employees.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, May 9, 2022

16. [RES.](#) To direct the City Planning Commission to prepare, submit to public hearing, and consider an amendment making certain changes to the Master Plan.

Patrons: President Newbille, Vice President Robertson, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Trammell and Mr. Jones

To be continued to Monday, April 11, 2022

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Consent Agenda

1. [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. (As Amended) (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

3. [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. (As Amended) (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

5. [ORD. 2022-039](#) To close, to public use and travel, a portion of East 30th Street located southeast of a 16-foot public alley that runs parallel to and southeast of Stockton Street, consisting of 4,104± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

6. [ORD. 2022-040](#) To close, to public use and travel, a portion of Logandale Avenue located southwest of East 29th Street and northwest of Maury Street, consisting of 11,550± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

7. [ORD. 2022-041](#) To close, to public use and travel, an alley in the block bounded by Richmond Highway, Afton Avenue, Columbia Street, and Bellemeade Road, consisting of 2,450± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

8. [ORD. 2022-042](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 615 North 30th Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

9. [ORD. 2022-043](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 617 China Street for the purpose of up to two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

10. [ORD. 2022-044](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 4204 Hermitage Road for the purpose of an arts, education, and community center, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request) and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

11. [ORD. 2022-045](#) 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 Community Assessment Special Fund; to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget by transferring \$25,000.00 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' Community Assessment Special Fund by \$25,000.00 for the purpose of funding a community assessment for the development of gun violence prevention and intervention services in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

12. [ORD. 2022-046](#) To amend Ord. No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) create a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency entitled "Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (for Hillside Court Playground)," (ii) transfer \$150,000.00 from the Department of Public Works, and (iii) appropriate such \$150,000.00 to the new "Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (for Hillside Court Playground)" line item in the Non-Departmental agency, all for the purpose of providing funds for improvements to the Hillside Court community playground located at 1500 Harwood Street in the city of Richmond. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

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

The Regular Agenda

The following ordinance was considered:

15. [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. (As Amended)

Patrons: President Newbille, Vice President Robertson and Ms. Lambert

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated her appreciation for the Governmental Operations Standing Committee's efforts regarding the proposed ordinance.

President Cynthia Newbille also stated her appreciation for the Governmental Operations Standing Committee's efforts regarding the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Kristen Nye provided additional information regarding the Governmental Operations Standing Committee's review of ORD. 2021-347.

There were no further comments or discussion and ORD. 2021-347 was unanimously adopted.

Motions

- [CD.2022.111](#) Proposed Motion to Amend and Proposed Resolution for Expedited Consideration

Councilor Stephanie Lynch moved that the ordinance entitled:

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. (4th District)

be amended and continued to Monday, March 28, 2022, as follows:

Page 1, Line 4

After the word "To", insert the word "conditionally"

Page 1, Line 5

After the second occurrence of the word "District", insert a comma followed by the text "upon certain proffered conditions"

Page 2, Line 4

After the period following the section number “2”, insert the text: “That the rezoning set forth in section 1 of this ordinance shall be conditioned upon the compliance by the owner or owners with all of the proffered conditions contained in the agreement entitled ‘Proffer Statement,’ dated February 12, 2022, a copy of which is attached to, incorporated into, and made a part of this ordinance. These conditions, having been proffered by the owner or owners and accepted by the City, shall continue in full force and effect until a subsequent amendment to the City’s zoning ordinance changes the zoning of the parcels rezoned by this ordinance and specifically repeals such conditions” followed by a period

Page 2, Line 11

At the beginning of the line, insert a section symbol and the number “3” followed by a period

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Andreas Addison moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

[RES.](#) To appoint Whitney Brown to the position of Council Liaison.
[2022-R018](#)

Patrons: Mr. Addison

Councilor Andreas Addison provided an introduction and additional information regarding RES. 2022-R018.

Councilor Michael Jones stated his concerns with the job classification of the position of Council Liaison. Councilor Jones also stated that he wanted to ensure Council Liaisons were fairly compensated.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch also stated her support for ensuring that Council Liaisons were fairly compensated.

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated her appreciation for the efforts of Council Liaisons.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated that Council also needed to ensure that Council staff were fairly compensated.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her support for the appointment of Whitney Brown as Council Liaison.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated her support for the appointment of Whitney Brown as Council Liaison.

Councilor Kristen Nye noted her support for further discussions regarding fair compensation for Council employees.

President Cynthia Newbille noted concerns raised by members, and she stated her support for the appointment of Whitney Brown as Council Liaison.

There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R018 was unanimously adopted.

Councilor Michael Jones left the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Councilor Andreas Addison left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.; Special Meeting held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.; Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively; the Special Meeting held on Friday, March 4, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.; the Special Meeting held on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2022.089](#) December 21, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

[CD.2022.099](#) February 23, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

[CD.2022.104](#) February 28, 2022 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2022.090](#) February 28, 2022 Formal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2022.105](#) March 4, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

[CD.2022.107](#) March 7, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2022.118](#) March 14, 2022 Introduction Papers List

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

18. [ORD. 2022-083](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Gun Violence Prevention Fund Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and NextUp RVA for the purpose of establishing a positive youth development and youth violence prevention fund to support efforts to alleviate the impact of gun violence on vulnerable youth in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

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

19. [ORD. 2022-084](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Health Equity Trust Fund Grant Contract

between the City of Richmond and the Richmond and Henrico Public Health Foundation for the purpose of establishing a health equity trust fund to support and strengthen community efforts to address health disparities and the disproportionate burden of adverse health effects.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert and President Newbille

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

20. [ORD.](#)
[2022-085](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$900,000.00 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the City Sheriff called the FY 21 Second Chance Reentry Grant Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the City Sheriff's FY 21 Second Chance Reentry Grant Special Fund by \$900,000.00 for the purpose of funding a program to reduce recidivism by providing enhanced support services for the reentry of offenders into the Richmond community.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

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

21. [ORD.](#)
[2022-086](#) To amend Ord. No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) transfer \$624,000.00 from the Non-Departmental agency, Public Safety Employee COVID-19 Hazard Bonuses line item, and \$753,888.00 from the Non-Departmental agency, Employee COVID-19 Bonuses line item, and (ii) appropriate \$624,000.00 to the Non-Departmental agency, Richmond Ambulance Authority line item, \$175,000.00 to the Non-Departmental agency, Richmond Public Defenders' Office Supplement Salaries line item, \$125,775.00 to the Circuit Court agency, \$203,175.00 to the Judiciary - Commonwealth Attorney agency, \$246,713.00 to the Richmond Sheriff's Office agency, and \$3,225.00 to the City Treasurer agency, all for the purpose of providing for bonuses to certain employees of the Richmond Ambulance Authority, the Public Defender, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Commonwealth's Attorney, the Sheriff, and the Treasurer.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

22. [ORD.](#)
[2022-087](#) 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 such

properties as public greenspace and for playground and recreational uses. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

23. [ORD. 2022-088](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Deed of Lease between Richmond VA II SGF, LLC, as lessor, and the City of Richmond, as lessee, for the purpose of providing office and storage space for the Office of the General Registrar at 2134 West Laburnum Avenue. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

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

24. [ORD. 2022-089](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Fifth Amendment to Lease between the City of Richmond, as lessee, and Saul Subsidiary I Limited Partnership, as lessor, for the purpose of enabling the City to continue using 52,411± square feet of the property located at 4100 Hull Street Road for the Department of Social Services and other City functions. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

25. [ORD. 2022-090](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease of Property between the City of Richmond, as lessor, and People Cycle, Inc., as lessee, for the purpose of leasing to People Cycle, Inc., a certain portion of the City-owned property located at 3011 Water Street. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

26. [ORD. 2022-091](#) To amend ch. 2, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 20 (§§ 2-1202.1-2-1202.5) for the purpose of establishing a Civilian Review Board.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., and the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

27. [RES. 2022-R019](#) To approve the Mayor's appointment of Dironna Moore Clarke as a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a term commencing March 28, 2022, and terminating March 27, 2026, succeeding Darius A. Johnson.

Patrons: City Council

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

28. [RES. 2022-R020](#) To express the City Council's support for the City's participation in the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity funding program for an Arthur Ashe Boulevard over CSX bridge replacement project.

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

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

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:

29. [ORD. 2022-092](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 73-163-171, adopted Jul. 30, 1973, as last amended by Ord. No. 2005-148-129, adopted Jun. 27, 2005, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 1500 Westbrook Avenue, 1600 Westbrook Court, and 1 Glebe Close Road, to authorize a garden amenity area, 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 4, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

30. [ORD. 2022-093](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1204 North 19th Street and 1206 North 19th Street for the purpose of up to six single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

31. [ORD. 2022-094](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1203 East Brookland Park Boulevard for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing up to 43 dwelling units, 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 4, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

32. [ORD. 2022-095](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 933 West Grace Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing up to 21 dwelling units and commercial space, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

33. [ORD. 2022-096](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1403 1/2 Spotsylvania Street for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings with off-street parking, 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 4, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

34. [ORD. 2022-097](#) To conditionally rezone the properties known as 3329 Hopkins Road and 3425 Hopkins Road from the R-4 Single-Family Residential District to the R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential District, upon certain proffered conditions. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 4, 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 7:14 p.m.

Councilor Kristen Nye left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

CITY CLERK