



City of Richmond

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (late arrival)
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., and presided.

Invocation was offered by Pastor Eric W. Carroll of Second Branch Baptist Church, 12217 2nd Branch Road, Chesterfield, 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, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with citizen speaker guidelines.

Council observed a moment of silence acknowledging victims of recent gun violence in the city and the victims of a vehicle accident involving the Richmond Police Department.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

Awards and Presentations

[CD.2022.164](#) April 11, 2022 Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

Council President Cynthia Newbille, on behalf of City Council, recognized Richmond Public Safety Emergency 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Week, and she provided additional comments regarding Council's appreciation of Richmond Department of Emergency Communications' Richmond 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center staff.

Citizen Comment

[CD.2022.158](#) April 11, 2022 Citizen Comment Period Speakers List

John Owens addressed Council and advocated for the creation of a national slavery museum at Main Street Station. Mr. Owens stated that the central location and the available space of Main Street Station was ideal for such a museum. Mr. Owens also recommended that phase two of a national slavery museum take place at the location of the James Monroe building.

Melvin Jones requested that Council introduce a resolution to acknowledge the birthday of Maggie Walker. Mr. Jones also requested that Richmond lead a summit of surrounding localities to address gun violence. Mr. Jones also stated his concerns that the city should better inform citizens trying to pay utility bills at the East District Center that bills can only be paid on the 1st and 15th of each month.

Richard Sinsabaugh, Friends of Bryan Park President, addressed Council and stated his concerns with unleashed dogs in Bryan Park. Mr. Sinsabaugh also stated that unleashed dogs defecate on soccer fields and destroy plant life in the park. Mr. Sinsabaugh further stated it was dangerous for individuals to be in the park around unleashed dogs.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch arrived at 6:23 p.m., and was seated.

Edward Jewett, Richmond City Circuit Court Clerk, addressed Council and stated his appreciation for Council's adoption of ORD. 2022-086, which provided bonuses to city employees of constitutional officers. Mr. Jewett informed Council of the work the employees of the Richmond City Circuit Court Clerk's Office accomplished throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Cynthia Newbille and Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated their appreciation for the comments of Mr. Jewett and the work of his staff.

Austin Koch, Friends of Church Hill Dog Park Member, addressed Council and stated his concerns with unleashed dogs in city parks. Mr. Koch informed Council that unleashed dogs create dangerous and stressful situations when he is walking with his leashed dogs.

Public Hearing on Proposed Redistricting Demonstration Map 2C Pursuant to Code of Virginia, § 24.2-129(B)

Council held a public hearing regarding the proposed Redistricting Demonstration Map 2C, as established by RES. 2022-R017, adopted March 7, 2022.

[CD.2022.156](#) Demonstration Map 2C Image and Demographics

<https://tinyurl.com/Map2C-Interactive-Tool>

Public Hearing

Allan-Charles Chipman addressed Council and stated his concerns with Proposed Demonstration Map 2C. Mr. Chipman informed Council that he was a former candidate for the 6th Voter District Council seat. Mr. Chipman stated also that he believed Council should have been made aware of the residential location of former candidates, because it could have avoided his situation. Mr. Chipman further stated he wanted to remain a resident of the 6th Voter District.

Councilor Michael Jones arrived at 6:31 p.m., and was seated.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

4. [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)

To be continued to Monday, June 13, 2022

7. [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. (As Amended) (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

10. [RES. 2021-R026](#) 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 25, 2022

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances were considered:

1. [ORD. 2022-020](#) To reduce the speed limits on Huguenot Road from its intersection with Riverside Drive to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on

Richmond Highway from its intersection with Hopkins Road to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Warwick Road from its intersection with Belt Boulevard to its intersection with German School Road; on Commerce Road from its intersection with Commerce Road Access to its intersection with Bells Road Access Road; on Forest Hill Avenue from its intersection with Sheila Lane to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Broad Rock Boulevard from its intersection with Belt Boulevard to its intersection with Patsy Anne Drive; on Ironbridge Road from its intersection with Patsy Anne Drive to its intersection with the Chesterfield County line; on Belt Boulevard from its intersection with Warwick Road to its intersection with Broad Rock Boulevard; on the Manchester Bridge from its intersection with Byrd Street to its intersection with Semmes Avenue; and on U.S. Route 1 from its intersection with Rowe Street to its intersection with Riverside Drive, to 35 miles per hour.

Patrons: Mr. Jones

This ordinance was adopted.

2. [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) and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

3. [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 adopted.

5. [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 adopted.

6. [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 adopted.

8. [ORD. 2022-098](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' State Fire Programs Special Fund by \$50,000.00 for the purpose of funding the purchase of a self-contained breathing apparatus training aid for Department of Fire and Emergency Services' personnel and regional emergency services partners.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was adopted.

9. [ORD. 2022-099](#) 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 certain new line items in the Non-Departmental agency, (ii) transfer \$1,283,288.00 from the Department of Housing and Community Development, and (iii) appropriate such \$1,283,288.00 to the new line items in the Non-Departmental agency, all for the purpose of providing grants to certain entities for the provision of housing-related services.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

Public Hearing

Benjamin Andrews, on behalf of Grace Properties, spoke in opposition of ORD. 2022-095, and stated that the ordinance lacked clarity regarding certain aspects of the proposed development. Mr. Andrews also stated that parking was a major concern of Grace Properties. Mr. Andrews further stated concerns with the proposed size of the development.

Karen O'Brien, Caritas Chief Operating Officer, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-099, and stated it would provide federal stimulus funding for the repurposing of an emergency men's shelter.

Anita Bennett, Daily Planet Health Services Chief Executive Officer, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-099, and stated that the ordinance would transfer federal funding to Daily Planet Health Services to be used for providing health services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Councilor Katherine Jordan provided additional information regarding ORD. 2022-095, and stated that the local neighborhood association approved of the development.

Preston Lloyd, Williams Mullen Partner, on behalf of ORD. 2022-095 applicant, stated that the majority of the proposed development was allowed by right, and that the special use permit was only to request relief from a 20 foot setback requirement. Mr. Lloyd also stated that the proposed ordinance was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

President Cynthia Newbille stated her appreciation for the work and services provided by Caritas and the Daily Planet.

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

The Regular Agenda

There were no regular agenda items for consideration.

Budget Related Papers

The following ordinances were considered:

11. [ORD. 2022-055](#) To adopt the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

12. [ORD. 2022-056](#) To adopt the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds for the said fiscal year.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

13. [ORD. 2022-057](#) To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2022, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2022; and to determine the means of financing the same.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

14. [ORD. 2022-058](#) To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

15. [ORD.](#)
[2022-059](#) To adopt the Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023, and to appropriate the estimated expenditures from the Debt Service Fund for the said fiscal year.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

16. [ORD.](#)
[2022-060](#) To adopt the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Internal Service funds for the said fiscal year.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

17. [ORD.](#)
[2022-061](#) To adopt the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Richmond Cemeteries Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Richmond Cemeteries for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of the facilities.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

18. [ORD.](#)
[2022-062](#) To adopt the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of parking facilities.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

19. [ORD.](#)
[2022-063](#) To adopt the Electric Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Electric Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Electric Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Electric Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

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20. [ORD. 2022-064](#) To adopt the Gas Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Gas Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Gas Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Gas Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney
- To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022**
21. [ORD. 2022-065](#) To adopt the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Funds for the said fiscal year.
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney
- To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022**
22. [ORD. 2022-066](#) To adopt the Water Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Water Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Water Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Water Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney
- To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022**
23. [ORD. 2022-067](#) To adopt the Wastewater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Wastewater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Wastewater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Wastewater Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney
- To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022**
24. [ORD. 2022-068](#) To adopt the Stormwater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2022, and ending Jun. 30, 2023; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Stormwater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Stormwater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the stormwater utility and for the purchase of vehicles.
- Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

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25. [ORD.](#)
[2022-069](#)
- To amend the schedule of classifications and assigned ranges incorporated into section I of the Pay Plan for the purpose of revising the wording of certain classification titles, changing the pay ranges of certain classification titles, and providing for a 5.0 percent adjustment of general pay ranges; to amend section II(C) of the Pay Plan for the purpose of providing for a 5.0 percent increase for eligible employees; to amend the following sections of the Pay Plan: III(B)(11), providing for salary supplements for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, III(B)(12), providing for salary supplements for the Office of the Sheriff, III(B)(25)(e), suspending the education incentive for sworn fire and police employees, III(B)(33), to increase the limit of the extraordinary performance bonus, III(B)(36), to increase the hourly minimum rate for City employees from \$13.00 to \$17.00, III(B)(40), to provide for the full implementation of the step-based pay plan for sworn fire and police employees, of the Pay Plan, and III(B)(41), to remove broadband or career development programs from exclusions to performance adjustments for classified employees; and to repeal section III(B)(4) of the Pay Plan, concerning a career development program.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

26. [ORD.](#)
[2022-070](#)
- To amend City Code §§ 7-119, concerning where columbaria are located and fees, and 7-143, concerning cremation benches and fees, to revise certain fees.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

27. [ORD.](#)
[2022-071](#)
- To amend City Code §§ 28-191, 28-192, 28-194, 28-195, 28-196, 28-198, 28-199, 28-200, 28-201, 28-202, 28-203, and 28-204, concerning gas service, for the purpose of changing the measurement of natural gas from quantities per thousand cubic feet to quantities per hundred cubic feet, and to amend City Code §§ 28-191(2) and 28-191(3) (concerning fees for residential gas service), 28-192(2) (concerning fees for residential gas peaking service), 28-193(2) (concerning fees for general gas service), 28-193(3) (concerning fees for small commercial gas sales), 28-194(2) (concerning fees for large volume gas service), 28-195(f) and 28-196(f) (concerning fees for transportation service), 28-198(2) and 28-198(3) (concerning fees for municipal gas service), 28-199(c), 28-199(d), and 28-199(g)(2), (concerning flexibly priced interruptible gas service), 28-200(2), 28-200(3) and 28-200(4) (concerning unmetered gaslight service), 28-201(c) (concerning gas air conditioning service), 28-202(c)

(concerning fees for large volume gas sales service), 28-203(c) (concerning fees for large volume, high load factor, gas sales service), and 28-204(b) and 28-204(c) (concerning fees for natural gas vehicle gas service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July 2022, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

28. [ORD. 2022-072](#) To amend the fees set forth in the City Code for sections 28-923 (concerning fees for residential stormwater service) and 28-924 (concerning fees for developed residential properties stormwater service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2022, to establish revised charges for the stormwater utility's services.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

29. [ORD. 2022-073](#) To amend the fees set forth in sections 28-650 (concerning fees for residential wastewater service), 28-651 (concerning fees for commercial wastewater service), 28-652 (concerning fees for disposal of industrial sewage and wastewater), 28-653 (concerning fees for disposal of state and federal sewage and wastewater), and 28-654 (concerning fees for disposal of municipal sewage and wastewater) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2022, to establish revised charges for the wastewater utility's services.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

30. [ORD. 2022-074](#) To amend City Code §§ 28-326 (concerning fees for residential water service), 28-327 (concerning fees for commercial water service), 28-328 (concerning fees for industrial water service), 28-329 (concerning fees for municipal water service), 28-330 (concerning fees for state and federal water service), 28-458 (concerning fees for water for fire protection) and 28-549 (concerning fees for water use during conservation periods) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2022, to establish revised charges for such services.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

31. [ORD. 2022-075](#) To amend City Code § 12-92, concerning fees for police offense reports, to establish a revised fee for such reports.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

32. [ORD.](#) To amend City Code § 23-42, concerning charges for transferring solid waste and recycling by the City and exemptions, to establish revised charges for such services.
[2022-076](#)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

33. [ORD.](#) To amend City Code § 8-279, concerning fees for use of public parks, to revise the user fees.
[2022-077](#)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

34. [ORD.](#) To amend City Code §§ 12-119, concerning rates and discounts for parking facilities operated by the City, and 27-245, concerning installation of meters, charges, and manner of parking, to revise the fees for parking meters and certain parking facilities.
[2022-078](#)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

35. [ORD.](#) To amend ch. 2, art. IV of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 24, consisting of §§ 2-760-2-762, concerning the Office of Strategic Communications and Civic Engagement, and to amend City Code §§ 2-757, concerning the creation, composition, and purpose of the Office of Sustainability, 2-759, concerning the appointment and powers of the manager of such office, and 22-317, concerning additional retirement allowances for certain City officials.
[2022-079](#)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

36. [ORD.](#) To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$65,115,842 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;
[2022-080](#)

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

Continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

37. [ORD.](#)
[2022-081](#)

To cancel all authorized but unissued bonds authorized by the City of Richmond in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, to authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$60,000,000 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; 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 ("EDA") to be used by the EDA to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development; 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

To be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

38. [ORD. 2022-082](#)

To cancel all authorized but unissued bonds authorized by the City of Richmond in Fiscal Year 2014- 2015, to authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$27,775,000 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

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Public Hearing

[CD.2022.159](#) April 11, 2022 Budget Public Hearing Speakers List

It was the consensus of Council to allow individuals two minutes to provide public comment regarding budget related papers.

Melvin Jones referenced ORD. 2022-069, and requested that Council consider providing a cost of living adjustment for retired city employees.

Josh Stutz, Friends of the James River Park Executive Director, spoke in support of the proposed funding for a Park Ranger Program. Mr. Stutz stated that a Park Ranger Program would address many of the issues that residents experience at city parks, such as off leashed dogs, graffiti and safety concerns.

Vernon Knapp, Friends of Bandy Field Nature Park Representative, referenced prior action taken by Council to approve additional animal control officers to address unleashed dogs in city parks, but noted that the staff positions were frozen due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Knapp requested that Council fund the two positions to help address the unleashed dog problem in city parks. Mr. Knapp also spoke in support of the proposed Park Ranger Program.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Ansley Perkins addressed funding for Richmond Public Schools (RPS) and stated that teachers should not have to rely on donations to provide a sufficient learning environment for students. Ms. Perkins also stated that capital improvements were greatly needed for RPS facilities.

Bill Muth addressed Council and requested that the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) budget reflect the climate emergency Council declared when it adopted RES. 2021-R049 on September 13, 2021. Mr. Muth stated that delays to take action to address the climate emergency, would have severe impact on the planet.

Kirk Roberts, Richmond Ambulance Authority (RAA) Board Member, requested that Council fund the RAA appropriately to ensure that RAA can provide residents with care and services. Mr. Roberts also stated that additional funding was necessary to address rising costs and staffing shortages.

Kevin Cianfarini stated his appreciation for Council adopting RES. 2021-R049, and he requested that Council use the FY23 budget to address climate control within city residencies. Mr. Cianfarini also stated that the city should refrain from burning natural gas, and instead transition to the use of electrified heat pumps.

Christina Gunter, Lighthouse Labs Director of Strategic Partnerships, requested a \$250,000.00 budget amendment to provide Lighthouse Labs with funding to continue its work providing resources and assistance to local founders in the city. Founders Philip Deng, Grantable SaaS Cofounder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and Nancy Brown, Bookclubz Cofounder and Chief Revenue Officer (CRO), were present and provided Council with information regarding the assistance they received from Lighthouse Labs.

Captain William T. Spindle III, Richmond Fire Deputy Fire Marshal, Brothers and Sisters Combined Professional Firefighters, Inc. President, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-069 and stated that the ordinance would ensure that the city's public safety employees would be properly compensated.

Daniel Klein addressed Council regarding the issue of urban forestry and trees. Mr. Klein stated that the city needed to employ an urban forester, properly staff the urban forestry division, reestablish an urban forestry commission, create a urban forestry master plan, and adopt a new tree ordinance.

Bill Pantele, Richmond Coalition of Police (RCOP) Representative, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-069, and stated that the ordinance addressed issues that RCOP raised regarding the city's public safety officer pay plan. Mr. Pantele also requested a budget amendment to provide initial funding for the potential implementation of collective bargaining.

Charles Gerena, Sierra Club Virginia Chapter Member, stated he believed city owned vehicles should consist of electric vehicles rather than gas-powered vehicles. Mr. Gerena also stated that the city needed to provide more information on a timeline for when the city would transition to an all-electric vehicle fleet.

Leighton Powell, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair, spoke in support of proposed funding for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities and requested that Council adopt ORD. 2022-061.

Kidest Gebre, Virginia Interfaith Power and Light Organizing Coordinator and Energy Campaign Lead, stated that the city could do more to address climate justice, and that climate change should be indicated as a priority in the city's FY23 budget. Ms. Gebre also stated that the city should refrain from using natural gas and transition to electric energy.

Eric Shilts, Sierra Club Member, stated his concerns that Richmond Gas Works was not overseen by a public board or commission. Mr. Shilts also stated his concerns that Richmond Gas Works was using city funds to create long-term infrastructure that would exceed the proposed timeline for producing zero carbon emissions in the city. Mr. Shilts further stated the city should reallocate funding to increase environment friendly practices.

Tess Dixon, Friends of Chimborazo Playground Member, requested that Council approve the Park Ranger Program proposed in the FY23 budget and fund two additional animal control officers. Ms. Dixon stated her concerns with unleashed dogs in city parks and playgrounds, and she also stated that Council could take action to remedy the issue.

Sarah Weisiger stated that Richmond Gas Works needed public oversight by a public board or commission. Ms. Weisiger also stated that the oversight board would help review maintenance work and gas line extension to ensure that the transition away from gas continues.

Dr. Richard Sebastian, RVAgreen 2050 Community Working Group Member, provided Council with his experience volunteering for a heat study in the city. Dr. Sabastian stated that he observed that undeserved areas with larges amounts of concrete and limited tree cover were much hotter than other parts of the city. Dr. Sabastian also stated that the heat issue would get worse, because the city's proposed FY23 budget did not adequately address the climate emergency.

McKenna Dunbar, Ecological Justice Initiative Founder and President, MOCOKONO Chief Executive Officer, University of Richmond Business Student, Sierra Club Virginia Chapter Building Electrification Lead, stated that she worked to lead efforts for public schools and new construction to achieve net-zero emissions throughout the state. Ms. Dunbar also stated that the city could be a leader in the transition to an emission free state through action in the city's budget.

Barry O'Keefe stated his appreciation for Council declaring a climate emergency in the city. Mr. O'Keefe also stated that he was concerned with the proposed FY23 budget, because he did not believe it did enough to address the climate emergency that Council declared.

Lee Ann Williams stated that there was an urgency for the city to take action to address the climate emergency in the city. Ms. Williams also stated that the city needed to transition to electric energy and promote and advance climate justice.

Elle De La Cancela, Chesapeake Climate Action Network Central Virginia Organizer, stated that the FY23 budget did not adequately address climate readiness as recommended in the Richmond 300 Master Plan. Ms. De La Cancela also stated that the proposed FY23 budget did not promote mass transit enough, and that the city should allocate money to mass transit instead of parking lot maintenance.

Sheri Shannon, Southside ReLEAF Cofounder, stated that the FY23 budget should do more to address the health and wellbeing of the city's Southside residents. Ms. Shannon also stated that the city ranked 3rd in the nation for most asthma related deaths. Ms. Shannon requested that Council amend the budget to prioritize climate justice.

Christiane Riederer, on behalf of Susan Miller, MD, Virginia Commission for Climate Action Member, stated it was imperative that the city adopt a budget that reflects the climate emergency declared by Council. Ms. Riederer also stated that gas emissions needed to be eliminated and that the city needed to transition from gas-powered equipment to electrical.

Danielle Geronimo, Richmond Ambulance Authority (RAA) Paramedic Captain and Field Operation Supervisor, stated that RAA employees were the first line of assistance for many city residents in need of medical assistance. Ms. Geronimo also stated that the work of a first responder was very demanding on the mental state of RAA paramedic employees. Ms. Geronimo further stated that staffing shortages were creating additional issues for employees, and she requested that the city increase the financial support for RAA.

Garrett Trehune, RRA Employee, stated that requested funding for the RAA was necessary to ensure adequate staffing. Mr. Trehune also stated adequate staffing would cut down on required overtime and provide current employees with enough time away from the job to recharge before returning to work.

Jessica Cooper, University of Richmond School of Law Student, 500-Year Forest Foundation Legal Intern, requested that the city increase investment into environmental wellness. Ms. Cooper also requested that the city reinstate an urban forestry commission, establish a city urban forester employee, create an urban forestry master plan, and improve the city's tree plan.

Allan-Charles Chipman stated that the FY23 budget needed to direct funding to address the climate emergency in the city.

Daryl Downing spoke to the benefits of owning electric vehicles. Mr. Downing requested that the FY23 budget prioritize the purchase of electric vehicles and avoid adding new gas-powered vehicles to the city's fleet.

Joe Brancoli, Serra Club Falls of the James Group Chair, stated his appreciation for Council declaring a climate emergency in the city, and he requested that Council take direct action to address the emergency through the city's FY23 budget.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her appreciation for the RAA, and she requested that Council work to provide the RAA with adequate funding. Councilwoman Trammell also stated that Council needed to review how to fund affordable housing initiatives in the city.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated that Council needed to examine a comprehensive revenue strategy.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated the FY23 budget required more progress to address environmental issues raised during the public hearing.

Councilor Stephane Lynch stated that she would support FY23 budget amendments proposed by Councilor Jordan to address environmental issues in the city.

President Cynthia Newbille stated that Council was committed to review ways to address the climate emergency through the FY23 budget.

Councilor Kristen Nye moved that the budget related ordinances be continued to the Monday, April 25, 2022, Formal Meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Motions

Councilor Andreas Addison moved that the ordinance entitled:

7. [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. (As Amended) (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

be amended and continued to Monday, April 25, 2022, as follows:

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After the word “dated”, strike the date “March 4” and insert the date “March 31”

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.; Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2022.145](#) March 22, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

[CD.2022.149](#) March 28, 2022 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2022.144](#) March 28, 2022 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2022.166](#) April 11, 2022 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:

39. [ORD. 2022-107](#) 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 transfer \$82,800.00 from the Non-Departmental agency, Communities in Schools of Richmond, Inc. line item, and to amend Ord. No. 2021-041, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations thereto, to appropriate such \$82,800.00 to the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities' Youth Gun Violence Prevention Program Special Fund, all for the purpose of providing additional funding for the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities' youth gun violence prevention programming.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

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

40. [ORD. 2022-108](#) To amend Ord. No. 2021-049, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Gas Utility Budget and appropriated the estimated revenues of the gas utility, by increasing estimated revenues from an increase in rates paid by gas utility customers and the amount appropriated for the gas utility by \$65,000,000.00, for the purpose of reflecting increased costs in natural gas commodity prices.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

41. [ORD. 2022-109](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Virginia Resources Authority, and to amend Ord. No. 2021-053, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Water Utility Budget and appropriated the estimated receipts of the water utility, by increasing estimated receipts and the amount appropriated for the water utility by \$500,000.00, for the purpose of funding the City's lead service line replacement program for residential, school, and day care properties.

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

42. [ORD. 2022-110](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$4,500.00 from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and to appropriate

the increase to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Non-Departmental General Fund Budget by \$4,500.00 for the purpose of providing a grant of \$2,250.00 of such funds each to the Cadence Theatre Company and to CultureWorks, Inc.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

43. [ORD. 2022-111](#) To amend Ord. No. 2019-084, adopted Apr. 8, 2019, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2020-040, adopted Feb. 24, 2020, and Ord. No. 2020-169, adopted Sept. 14, 2020, which declared that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain fee simple interests and easements for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Hull Street Road between its intersection with Hey Road and its intersection with Warwick Road, to authorize the acquisition of additional fee simple and easement interests for the project.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

44. [ORD. 2022-112](#) 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 providing for a revised description and scope for the School Modernization - George Wythe High School project in the Education category, 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.

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

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

45. [ORD. 2022-113](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Sublicense Agreement between Celco Partnership, doing business as Verizon Wireless, and the City of Richmond to allow Celco Partnership, doing business as Verizon Wireless, to construct, maintain, and operate telecommunications equipment on an existing tower in Broad Rock Park located at 4827 Old Warwick Road. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Mr. Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

46. [ORD.](#)
[2022-116](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund Performance Agreement between the City of Richmond, Aditxt, Inc., the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority for the purpose of providing Aditxt, Inc. with incentives to establish a clinical laboratory, research and administrative facility and to improve, equip, and operate a new facility in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

47. [ORD.](#)
[2022-117](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund Performance Agreement between the City of Richmond, Alacer Corp., the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority for the purpose of providing Alacer Corp. with incentives to establish a research and development operation and to improve, equip, and operate a new facility at 1211 Sherwood Avenue in the city of Richmond. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

48. [ORD.](#)
[2022-118](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund Performance Agreement between the City of Richmond, CarLotz Group, Inc., the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority for the purpose of providing CarLotz Group, Inc. with incentives to establish an office facility for the relocation of its corporate headquarters and to improve, equip, and operate a new facility at 1501 Roseneath Road in the city of Richmond. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

49. [RES. 2022-R023](#) To designate the property known as 7000 West Carnation Street as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

50. [RES. 2022-R024](#) To set the rate of personal property tax relief for qualifying vehicles for the 2022 tax year pursuant to City Code §§ 26-495-26-497.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:

51. [ORD. 2022-114](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of a non-exclusive easement over, under, through, upon, and across certain portions of the property located at 8800 West Huguenot Road for the laying, construction, operation, and maintenance of one or more lines of underground conduits and cables and all equipment, accessories, and appurtenances necessary in connection therewith to provide electrical service for the construction of new water capacity facilities and a pump station by the County of Chesterfield on a portion of Lewis G. Larus Park located at 8850 West Huguenot Road in the city of Richmond with a certain Right of Way Agreement. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

52. [ORD. 2022-115](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of a non-exclusive easement over, under, through, upon, and across certain portions of the property located at 8850 West Huguenot Road for the laying, construction, operation, and maintenance of one or more lines of underground conduits and cables and all equipment, accessories, and appurtenances necessary in connection therewith to provide electrical service for the construction of new water capacity facilities and a pump station by the County of Chesterfield on a portion of Lewis G. Larus Park located at 8850 West Huguenot Road in the city of Richmond with a certain Right of Way Agreement. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

53. [ORD. 2022-119](#) To determine that the election of the members of the Council to be held on November 5, 2024, shall be conducted by ranked choice voting in accordance with section Va. Code § 24.2-673.1(B).

Patrons: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Addison, Ms. Lynch and Ms. Lambert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

54. [ORD. 2022-120](#) To amend Ord. No. 2020-042, adopted Mar. 9, 2020, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1111 North 32nd 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 introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

55. [ORD. 2022-121](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2100, 2106, 2112, 2118, and 2124 Broad Rock Boulevard for the purpose of a commercial building with off-street parking, 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, May 2, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

56. [ORD. 2022-122](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3336 Cutshaw Avenue for the purpose of three two-family detached dwellings and a parking area, 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, May 2, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

57. [ORD. 2022-123](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 5811 Grove Avenue for the purpose of an outdoor dining area to the rear of an existing building, 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, May 2, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

58. [ORD. 2022-124](#) To close, to public use and travel, two portions of public right-of-way located on the south line of West Marshall Street between Highpoint Avenue and Mactavish Avenue, consisting of 1.4± square feet, 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, May 2, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

59. [RES. 2022-R025](#) To express the City Council's support for highly prioritizing appropriations for the construction of combined sewer system plan projects by July 1, 2035, to improve water quality in the James River in a financially sustainable manner.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lambert

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

CITY CLERK