

# City of Richmond

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# **Formal Meeting Minutes**

Monday, July 25, 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

The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert (early departure)

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (early departure)

The Honorable Kristen Nye

The Honorable Reva Trammell

#### **Absent**

The Honorable Katherine Jordan

#### **Call to Order**

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m., and presided.

Invocation was offered by Deacon Frank Nelson of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 3300 R Street, Richmond, Virginia.

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

# Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, 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.

#### **Awards and Presentations**

City Council and Mayor Levar Stoney honored and recognized public safety employees in the city, and proclaimed that the last full work week of July was established as Public Safety Appreciation week in Richmond, Virginia.

CD.2022.283 July 25, 2022 Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

#### **Action on Appointments and Reappointments**

# Councilor Michael Jones moved that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

CD.2022.281 Board Appointments and Reappointments - July 25, 2022

Advisory Board for the Assessment of Towing Fees and the Storage of Vehicles:

Megan Amaya (reappointment)

Ronda Lawson (reappointment)

Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks:

Anne Brooks Rich

Capital Area Partnership Uplifting People, Inc.:

Sam Parker

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Board:

Dr. Brenda Drew

Richmond Behavioral Health Authority:

Kristi Babenko

Board of Fire Appeals:

Matthew Clark

Capital Region Airport Commission:

**Brian Fulton** 

Clean City Commission:

Mark Hickman (reappointment)

Jameson Babb

George Dahlman

Green City Commission:

Daniel Klein (reappointment)

William Nickerson (reappointment)

Christiane Riederer von Paar

Safe and Healthy Streets Commission:

Erik Bootsma

Minority Business Enterprise and Emergency Small Business Advisory Board:

**Gracetta Washington** 

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

#### **Citizen Comment**

CD.2022.277 July 25, 2022 Citizen Comment Period Speakers List

Reverend Gwen Hedgepeth addressed Council and stated her concerns regarding a proposed emergency homeless shelter located in her neighborhood. Reverend Hedgepeth informed Council that she was in favor of supporting the homeless population, but she noted that she did not believe it was fair that emergency shelters were only located in two Council Voter Districts.

Charles Pool addressed Council and stated his gratitude that RES. 2022-R033, which designated Oregon Hill as a residential neighborhood, was adopted by Council. Mr. Pool informed Council he was concerned that city staff were not adhering to Council's action regarding RES. 2022-R033 when reviewing future land use in Oregon Hill. Mr. Pool requested that Council ensure that city staff adhere to RES. 2022-R033.

Jesse Walker, Westover South and Woods Civic Association President, addressed Council and stated his concerns with a homeless shelter being located in his neighborhood. Mr. Walker stated that it was a civic duty to support the homeless population, but he requested that the city address the issue in a fair way. Mr. Walker informed Council that he had signatures from residents that were also concerned about the lack of information regarding the shelter.

A copy of all material provided has been filed.

Councilor Michael Jones stated his appreciation for Mr. Walker's comments, and he also stated that he was concerned that homeless and emergency shelters were primarily located in the city's Southside. Councilor Jones further stated that he wanted to see other areas of the city share in the responsibility of providing services to the city's homeless population.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that she supported an emergency homeless shelter being established in the 5th Voter District to provide emergency services to the city's homeless population.

President Cynthia Newbille stated her appreciation for citizens that provided comments regarding the homeless shelter, and she requested that city administration take appropriate action regarding the concerns stated. President Newbille also requested that city administration take necessary action to provide a healthy and safe environment for the city's homeless population.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her concerns that the city's Southside was the primary location for emergency homeless shelters in the city. Councilwoman Trammell also stated her concerns with the lack of affordable housing options in the city. Councilwoman Trammell requested that the city demolish blighted properties in order to build more affordable housing options.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated that she was in support of additional areas of the city providing emergency homeless shelter services.

Clifford Chambliss, III addressed Council regarding the Reconnect Jackson Ward project. Mr. Chambliss stated it was important that the city address the project in an equitable way due to the city's history of discriminatory action within the area related to the city's Black population. Mr. Chambliss also requested that potential reparations be reviewed that could address the negative impacts inflicted on the city's Black population.

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated her appreciation for the comments provided by Mr. Chambliss, and she informed Council that conversations were taking place to address the issues raised by Mr. Chambliss.

#### **Agenda Review and Amendments**

#### Councilor Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

**10.** ORD. 2022-191

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

Patrons: Stoney

To be continued to Monday, September 12, 2022

**24.** ORD. 2022-205

To amend Ord. No. 2000-410-2001-10, adopted Jan. 8, 2001, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2001-220-231, adopted Jul. 23, 2001, and Ord. No. 2017-242, adopted May 29, 2019, which approved the "Shops at Stratford Hills Community Unit Plan," for the purpose of increasing the area subject to the community unit plan by 2.85 acres to 67.4± acres and modifying the development standards, under certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, September 12, 2022

**25.** ORD. 2022-206

To amend Ord. No. 2020-269, adopted January 11, 2021, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 502, 504, 506, 508, 512, and 514 Westview Avenue for the purpose of up to 12 single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions, to authorize the special use of the properties now known as 502, 502 ½, 504, 504 ½, 506, 506 ½, 508, 512, 512 ½, 514, and 514 ½ Westview Avenue for the purpose of up to [ten] 11 single-family detached dwellings. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, September 12, 2022

**33.** ORD. 2022-214 To authorize the special use of the property known as 309 West Hooper Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain

terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, September 12, 2022

38. ORD. 2021-097 To authorize the special use of the property known as 1500 North Lombardy Street for the purpose of four wall signs, upon certain terms

and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, September 26, 2022

41. 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. (As Amended)

Patrons: Vice President Robertson, President Newbille, Trammell and Stoney

To be continued to Monday, September 12, 2022

42. RES. 2022-R014 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 appropriating one-third of the revenues received as a result of the development and operation of such resort casino to a reserve fund for the purpose of supplanting any decrease in funds received by the School Board of the City of Richmond as a result of adjustments to the Commonwealth of Virginia's Composite Index of Local Ability to Pay.

Patrons: Lynch and Lambert

To be continued to Monday, September 12, 2022

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

#### The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolution were considered:

1. ORD. 2022-054 To amend and reordain City Code § 2-1105, concerning the Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board, for the purpose of modifying the membership composition of such Board [to specify that one member

shall be a member at-large and one member shall be an employee of the City's Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services with program manager duties]. (As Amended)

Patrons: Vice President Robertson, Lambert and Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

2. ORD. 2022-105

To install [an appropriate number of] a speed [tables to be determined by the Department of Public Works] table in the middle of the 3600 block of Moss Side Avenue and in the middle of the 3700 block of Moss Side Avenue between West Laburnum Avenue and Walton Avenue.

(As Amended)

Patrons: Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

3. ORD. 2022-159

To rezone the property known as 500 Maury Street from the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District. (6th

District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**4.** ORD. 2022-161

To authorize the special use of the property known as 909 North 29th Street for the purpose of five single-family attached dwellings, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**5.** ORD. 2022-163

To authorize the special use of the [property] properties known as 2301 Commerce Road and 3001 Commerce Road for the purpose of parking areas and drive aisles illuminated by lighting structures in excess of 35 feet in height, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (8th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

6. <u>ORD.</u> 2022-184 To amend and reordain a City ordinance, adopted Dec. 15, 1922, which dedicated the eastern portion of Plat A, Riverview Cemetery to Post Number One of the American Legion to be used for the burial of those soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the World War and died in destitute circumstances and otherwise would be buried at the expense of the City, to, due to the decease of all veterans of World War I, authorize the burial of indigent military veterans of all American wars and conflicts in such portion.

Patrons: Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

7. ORD. To accept a quitclaim deed from the School Board conveying 4929

2022-185 Chamberlayne Avenue to the City and to authorize the Chief

Administrative Officer to act on behalf of the City in executing such

deed. (3rd District)

Patrons: Stoney, Lambert and Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

8. ORD. To rezone the property known as 807 Oliver Hill Way from the M-1 Light

Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District. (6th

District)

Patrons: Stoney

2022-189

This ordinance was adopted.

**9.** 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.

 $13,\,1989,\,2006\text{-}26\text{-}52,\,adopted\,\,Feb.\,\,27,\,2006,\,2006\text{-}260\text{-}263,$ 

adopted Oct. 23, 2006, 2012-163-164, adopted Oct. 8, 2012,

2017-169, adopted Oct. 9, 2017, and Ord. No. 2022-036, adopted Mar. 28, 2022, concerning the Beaufont Oaks Community Unit Plan, to amend the use of the parcel known as 7000 West Carnation Street to

allow for multifamily use. (9th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**11.** ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 2300 Fairmount

Avenue for the purpose of a building containing an office use and up to four multifamily dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th

District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**12.** ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 1117 West Leigh

2022-193 Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain

terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**13.** ORD. 2022-194

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1207 Porter Street for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building to a single-family dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**14.** ORD. 2022-195

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Friends Association Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Friends Association for Children Endowment Fund, Inc., for the purpose of stabilizing the Friends Association for Children Endowment Fund, Inc.'s child care and preschool programs.

Patrons: Stoney and Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

**15.** ORD. 2022-196

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Fulton Montessori Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Fulton Montessori School for the purpose of expanding the Fulton Montessori School's child care and preschool programs.

Patrons: Stoney and Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

**16.** ORD. 2022-197

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between Richmond Public Schools and the City of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the use of the City's public schools by the City's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities.

Patrons: Stoney, Jordan, Lynch and Lambert

This ordinance was adopted.

**17.** ORD. 2022-198

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a SCAN Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now), Inc., for the purpose of stabilizing and expanding the Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now), Inc.'s preschool program.

**Patrons:** Stoney and Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

**18.** ORD. 2022-199

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a St. James's Children's Center Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and St. James's Children's Center for the purpose of stabilizing the St. James's Children's

Center's preschool program.

Patrons: Stoney and Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

19. <u>ORD.</u> 2022-200 To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a YMCA of Greater Richmond Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Richmond for the purpose of establishing two new preschool programs in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Stoney and Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

**20.** ORD. 2022-201

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a YWCA Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and YWCA Richmond for the purpose of stabilizing and expanding the YWCA Richmond's preschool programs in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Stoney and Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

**21.** ORD. 2022-202

To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to reassign the appropriation for the Soil and Water Conservation District Start-up Costs line item in the Non-Departmental agency; to amend Ord. No. 2022-056, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations thereto, to increase anticipated revenues and the amounts appropriated in the total amount of \$3,451,918.00 and to appropriate such increase to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget for certain City departments; to amend Ord. No. 2022-057, adopted May 9, 2022, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and for the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and determined the means of financing the same, to increase anticipated revenues from the Virginia Department of Transportation and the issuance of equipment notes and the amounts appropriated to the Department of Public Works by the total amount of \$5,553,000.00 to various projects in the Transportation category and the Vehicle Replacement project in the Capital Vehicle & Equipment category for the purchase of ambulances, and to modify certain planned appropriations in future fiscal years of the capital improvement program; and to amend Ord. No. 2022-059, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Debt Service Fund Budget, to increase anticipated revenues from the City Debt agency in

the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and the amount appropriated by \$571,000.00 for the purpose of servicing additional debt to be incurred for the purchase of ambulances.

Patrons: Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

**22.** ORD. 2022-203

To close, to public use and travel, an alley in the block bounded by Maury Street, East 4th Street, Everett Street, and East 3rd Street, consisting of 1,980± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

(6th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**23.** ORD. 2022-204

To close, to public use and travel, Anderson Street and an east-west alley that bisects Anderson Street located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Government Road and Glenwood Avenue consisting of 18,660± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**26.** ORD. 2022-207

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2022-097, adopted Apr. 25, 2022, which conditionally rezoned 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, to include the property known as 3511 Hopkins Road in the conditional rezoning from the R-4 Single-Family Residential District to the R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential District, upon certain proffered conditions. (8th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**27.** ORD. 2022-208

To authorize 121, L.L.C., to encroach upon the public right-of-way with an outdoor dining area encroachment at the south line of West Broad Street east of the southeast corner of the intersection of West Broad Street and North Jefferson Street, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**28.** ORD. 2022-209

To authorize The Diradour, LLC, to encroach upon the public right-of-way with an outdoor dining area encroachment at the north line of Stuart Avenue west of the northwest corner of the intersection of Stuart Avenue and North Robinson Street, upon certain terms and

conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**29.** ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 421 North 33rd 2022-210 Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building with office use on the

ground floor and one dwelling unit on the second floor, upon certain

terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**30.** ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 615 Albemarle 2022-211 Street for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building to

a single-family attached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

(5th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

31. ORD. To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1117 North

Arthur Ashe Boulevard, 1119 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard, and 1201 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing dwelling units, amenity space, commercial space, and structured parking spaces, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd

District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

32. ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 2320 Burton 2022-213

Street for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings, upon

certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

34. ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 2301 Old

Dominion Street for the purpose of an industrial use within an addition

to an existing building, upon certain terms and conditions. (8th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

35. ORD. To authorize the special use of the properties known as 215 Roseneath

2022-216 Road and 217 Roseneath Road for the purpose of two two-family

attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

**36.** ORD. 2022-218

To amend City Code §§ 26-364, concerning tax relief for elderly persons, and 26-365, concerning tax relief for qualified permanently and totally disabled persons, for the purpose of extending the deadline to file an application for tax relief from March 31 of the taxable year to December 31 of the taxable year.

Patrons: City Council

This ordinance was adopted.

**37.** RES. 2022-R043

To adopt the City of Richmond's Emergency Operations Plan in accordance with the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 2000.

Patrons: Stoney

This resolution was adopted.

#### **Public Hearing**

Monica Esparza, Deerbourne Civic Association President, spoke in opposition of ORD. 2022-207, and she stated that the Deebourne Civic Association was not provided information or adequate time to review the proposed rezoning referenced in ORD. 2022-207. Ms. Esparza also stated that the applicant did not include the Deebourne Civic Association in discussions regarding the rezoning. Ms. Esparza requested that Council continue consideration of the proposed ordinance.

Jeff Geiger, attorney representing the ORD. 2022-207 applicant, informed Council that outreach was conducted regarding the proposed rezoning. Mr. Geiger stated that the ordinance was a small procedural step related to Council's prior approval of the rezoning.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her appreciation and support for the ORD. 2022-207 applicant.

Ryan Klein spoke in support of ORD. 2022-105, and he stated that the proposed speed tables would increase safety, reduce speeding, and calm traffic on Moss Side Avenue.

Max Hepp-Buchanan spoke in support of ORD. 2022-105, and he stated his appreciation for Council listening to the concerns of residents on Moss Side Avenue. Mr. Hepp-Buchanan also stated that the speed tables would make the area safer for families with children.

Jessica Rexroat spoke in support of ORD. 2022-105 and stated that the proposed ordinance would decrease dangerous driving on Moss Side Avenue. Jessica Rexroat also stated her appreciation for the process of bringing the ordinance before Council for consideration.

Jane Braden spoke in support of ORD. 2022-105 and stated that the ordinance would help decrease reckless driving on Moss Side Avenue. Ms. Braden also stated that the ordinance would make it safer for residents and young families to cross the street.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her appreciation for residents that were involved with ORD. 2022-105 and the request for speed tables on Moss Side Avenue.

There were no further comments or discussions and the Consent Agenda was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

#### **Motions for Expedited Consideration**

Councilwoman Reva Trammell moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

**43.** RES. To appoint Haskell C. Brown, III, to serve as City Attorney. 2022-R046

<u>Patrons:</u> President Newbille, Nye, Lambert, Jones, Trammell, Lynch, Addison and Vice President Robertson

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her support for the appointment of Haskell Brown as city attorney.

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated her appreciation for Haskell Brown's work history with the city, and she also stated her support for his appointment as city attorney.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her support for the appointment of Haskell Brown as city attorney, and she also stated her appreciation for the work performed by the Office of the City Attorney.

Councilor Kristen Nye stated her support for the appointment of Haskell Brown as city attorney, and she requested to be added as a co-patron of RES. 2022-R046.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated her support for the appointment of Haskell Brown as city attorney.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated his support for the appointment of Haskell Brown as city attorney.

Councilor Michael Jones stated his support for the appointment of Haskell Brown as city attorney and noted his appreciation for Haskell Brown serving as interim city attorney.

President Cynthia Newbille stated her appreciation of Haskell Brown's work history with the city. President Newbille also stated her support for the appointment of Mr. Brown as city attorney.

Interim City Attorney Haskell Brown stated his appreciation for the comments of Councilmembers and for the work performed by the Office of the City Attorney staff.

Councilors Lambert, Jones, Trammell, Lynch, and Addison requested to be added as co-patrons of RES. 2022-R046. Vice President Robertson also requested to be added as a co-patron.

There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R046 was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilor Michael Jones moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

**44.** RES. 2022-R047

To amend Res. No. 2022-R028, adopted May 23, 2022, to support an economically mixed project to be located on the property known as 711 Dawn Street pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2, to reflect that the Council has determined that the area contains a non-housing portion of the building that is necessary and appropriate for the revitalization of the area for the industrial, commercial, or other development.

Patrons: Lambert and Vice President Robertson

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her appreciation regarding Council's support for the proposed resolution.

Vice President Ellen Robertson requested to be added as a co-patron of RES. 2022-R047.

There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R047 was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

## The Regular Agenda

The following ordinance was considered:

**39.** ORD. 2022-217

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 an exclusive easement over, under, through, upon, and across certain portions of the property located at 4430 Deepwater Terminal 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 to a City site at 4430 Deepwater Terminal Road pursuant to a certain Right of Way Agreement. (8th District)

Patrons: Stoney

President Cynthia Newbille summarized the bid offer for ORD. 2022-217 from Dominion Energy Virginia.

Stephen Willoughby, Director of Emergency Communications, informed Council that city administration supported the bid put forward by Dominion Energy Virginia.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved to accept Dominion Energy Virginia's bid and to adopt ORD. 2022-217, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

#### The following ordinance was considered:

**40.** ORD. 2022-221

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: City Council and Stoney

#### **Public Hearing**

Doris Crouse-Mays, Virginia AFL-CIO President, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-221 and stated her appreciation for the work of Council and city administration regarding the preparation of the proposed ordinance.

Sandra Antoine, NAACP Richmond Chapter representative, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-221 and stated that the NAACP Richmond Chapter supported collective bargaining for city employees.

Sean Kasar, Democratic Socialists of America Richmond Chapter member, stated that the Democratic Socialists of America Richmond Chapter supported the efforts of city employees regarding the ability to collectively bargain. Mr. Kasar also stated that the proposed ordinance was a good first step, but that a labor relations administrator should be hired as soon as possible to begin the collective bargaining process.

Keith Andes, IAFF Local 995 President, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-221, and he stated that IAFF Local 995 looked forward to addressing working conditions and public safety employee issues with city administration.

Bill Pantele, Richmond Coalition of Police representative, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-221 and stated his appreciation for city administration and Council working together to bring the proposed ordinance forward. Mr. Pantele also stated that the improved working environment for city employees would lead to better services being provided to city residents.

Brian Peyton, Teamsters Local 322 President, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-221 and stated that collective bargaining would improve the lives of city employees.

Ben Himmelfarb, city employee, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 512 member, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-221 and stated his appreciation for SEIU members that worked on the possibility of collective bargaining.

Maurice Black, city employee, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-221 and stated that city administration and city employees needed to continue to work together regarding collective bargaining.

Felicia Boney, city employee, SEIU 512 member, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-221 and stated that the work of collective bargaining was just beginning.

Julius Phillio, city employee, SEIU 512 Member, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-221 and requested that Council adopt the proposed ordinance.

Phil Shepard, city employee, SEIU 512 member, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-221 and stated that the ordinance was just the first step regarding building stronger union representation for city employees. Mr. Shepard requested that a labor relations employee be hired quickly.

Lee Williams, Sierra Club Falls of the James Group Executive Committee member and Advocacy Committee Chair, Green New Deal Virginia Co-Chair, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-221, and she stated that city employees work in extreme and dangerous working conditions due to climate change and that collective bargaining would help improve working conditions for city employees.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that it was a collaborative effort between Council, city employees, and city administration regarding collective bargaining and ORD. 2022-221.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Lincoln Saunders stated that collective bargaining would make the city a desirable destination for employees to work. CAO Saunders requested that Council and city administration cautiously approach collective bargaining moving forward.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her appreciation for individuals that worked on drafting ORD. 2022-221 and collective bargaining.

Councilor Kristen Nye stated her appreciation for individuals that provided comments regarding ORD. 2022-221. Councilor Nye also stated that collective bargaining was very important for the city and city employees. Councilor Nye further stated her appreciation for the compromises reached by all parties involved in drafting the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that collaboration was key in the drafting of ORD. 2022-221. Councilor Jones also stated that the collaboration amongst involved parties should be an example for how the city can move forward on other important issues within the city.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her appreciation for city workers, city administration, fellow members, and Council staff for the collaborative work regarding ORD. 2022-221 and collective bargaining.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated that the work of city employees, regarding the right to collectively bargain, displayed the desire for a better working environment for city employees. Councilor Addison also stated his appreciation for the collective efforts in the drafting of ORD. 2022-221.

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated her appreciation for the commitment of city employees and union representatives regarding the request to collectively bargain. Vice President Robertson also stated that she hoped collective bargaining would ensure that city employee compensation is adequately addressed during the review of upcoming city budgets.

President Cynthia Newbille stated her appreciation for the collaborative work of union representatives, Council, city administration, and city employees in the drafting of ORD. 2022-221. President Newbille also stated that improved city employee working conditions would lead to better city services being provided to city residents.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2022-221 was adopted: Ayes 8, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None.

President Cynthia Newbille recessed the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

President Newbille reconvened the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

#### Motion to Amend

#### Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved that the ordinance entitled:

**25.** ORD. 2022-206

To amend Ord. No. 2020-269, adopted January 11, 2021, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 502, 504, 506, 508, 512, and 514 Westview Avenue for the purpose of up to 12 single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions, to authorize the special use of the properties now known as 502, 502  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 504, 504  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 506, 506  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 508, 512, 512  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 514, and 514  $\frac{1}{2}$  Westview Avenue for the purpose of up to [ten] 11 single-family detached dwellings. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

#### be amended and continued to Monday, September 12, 2022, as follows:

Page 1, Line 8

After the word "to", strike the inserted word "ten" and insert the number "11"

Page 1, Line 17

After the stricken number "12", strike the word "ten" and insert the number "11"

Page 3, Line 24

After the stricken number "12", strike the word "ten" and insert the number "11"

Page 4, Line 7

At the beginning of the line, insert the text "and 'Enclave @ Westview, SUP Layout Plan,' prepared by Silvercore, dated October 29, 2020, and last revised January 22, 2022" followed by a comma

Page 4, Line 18

After the stricken number "12", strike the word "ten" and insert the number "11"

Page 6, Line 3

After the stricken number "12", strike the word "ten" and insert the number "11"

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Addison, Lambert, Nye, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch was excused.

#### Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:

CD.2022.287 July 25, 2022 Introduction Papers List

**45.** ORD. 2022-222

To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by accepting \$760,000.00 from the Virginia Tourism Corporation, and to appropriate these funds to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Richmond Metropolitan Conventions & Visitors Bureau (Richmond Region Tourism) line item in the Non-Departmental agency by \$760,000.00 for the purpose of increasing visitor engagement and assisting with the recovery of the tourist and hospitality industries in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Stoney

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

**46.** ORD. 2022-223

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2004-345-325, adopted Dec. 13, 2004, which previously authorized the special use of the properties known as 3217 Grove Avenue and 111 North Dooley Avenue, now known as 3217 Grove Avenue and 3219 Grove Avenue, for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling use and a lot split for the construction of a single-family detached dwelling, to authorize a three-car garage at 3219 Grove Avenue instead of the two-car garage previously authorized on that property, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**47.** ORD. 2022-224

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2021-322, adopted Dec. 13, 2021, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 1012 West 49th Street and 1015 Herbert Street for the purpose of up to three

single-family detached dwellings, to provide for modified plans, upon certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**48.** ORD. To conditionally rezone the properties known as 501 Orleans Street and 4811 South 37th Street from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the B-5

Central Business District, upon certain proffered conditions. (7th

District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission

meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**49.** ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 617 North 1st 2022-226 Street for the purpose of a day nursery for up to 12 children, upon

certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission

meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

50. ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 2906 5th Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 52 dwelling

units, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th

District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**51.** ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 109 East 17th 2022-228 Street for the purpose of two two-family attached dwellings, upon

certain terms and conditions. (8th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission

meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**52.** ORD. To authorize the special use of the property known as 501 North Allen Avenue for the purpose of a hotel use and ground floor commercial use,

 $upon\ certain\ terms\ and\ conditions,\ and\ to\ repeal\ Ord.\ No.\ 98-115-182,$ 

adopted Jun. 8, 1998. (2nd District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**53.** ORD. 2022-230

To authorize the special use of the property known as 103 Libbie Avenue for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, with driveway access to the street, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**54.** ORD. 2022-231

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3001 Midlothian Turnpike for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings and a single-family detached dwelling, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**55.** ORD. 2022-232

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3301 Park Avenue and 3303 Park Avenue for the purpose of four single-family attached dwellings, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and

conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**56.** ORD. 2022-233

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3122 Parkwood Avenue for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, with off-street

parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**57.** ORD. 2022-234

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1701 Roseneath Road for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing dwelling units, amenity space, commercial space, and structured parking spaces, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**58.** ORD. 2022-235

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Children's Museum of Richmond Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the Children's Museum of Richmond, for the purpose of expanding access for low-income families

to the programs of the Children's Museum of Richmond.

Patrons: Stoney and Lynch

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

**59.** ORD. 2022-236

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the trustees of the Woodville Church of the Nazarene, for the purpose of stabilizing the childcare operations of the church's day nursery.

Patrons: Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

**60.** ORD. 2022-237

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Thrive Birth to 5 Grant Contract between the City of Richmond, The Community Foundation, Inc., and Thrive Birth to 5, LLC, for the purpose of stabilizing and expanding access to high-quality, full-day, full-year child care and preschool programs in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Stoney and Lynch

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

**61.** RES. 2022-R048

To declare a public necessity to amend ch. 30 of the City Code and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to make such lawful changes as may be necessary to implement rezoning of properties along Richmond Highway, Midlothian Turnpike, and Hull Street to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District by requesting that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study to determine whether and, if so, how the City's zoning ordinance lawfully may be amended to permit the rezoning of properties along Richmond Highway, Midlothian Turnpike, and Hull Street to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District.

Patrons: Addison, Lynch, Jones and Nye

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

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:

**62.** ORD. 2022-238

To amend City Code §§ 26-601, concerning definitions, 26-604, concerning application for partial exemption of rehabilitated commercial or industrial structures, or other improvements, and 26-605, concerning the amount of exemption for rehabilitated commercial or industrial qualified structures, for the purpose of clarifying that residential property is not eligible for the partial real estate tax exemption for rehabilitated commercial or industrial structures and to increase the time period to qualify for the partial real estate tax exemption from two to three years.

Patrons: Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

63. ORD. 2022-239

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the deeds and other documents necessary to effect the vacation of certain permanent easements approved by Ord. No. 2015-93-76, adopted May 11, 2015, on the parcel of real property located at 5005 Riverside Drive, for the purpose of establishing a portion of the parcel of real property located at 5005 Riverside Drive as a permanent part of the James River Park System. (4th District)

Patrons: Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**64.** ORD. 2022-240

To name the baseball field associated with the Calhoun Community Center and located at 300 Calhoun Street in the city of Richmond as "William 'Bo' Jiggetts Field."

Patrons: Lambert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**65.** ORD. 2022-241

To designate the 1100 block of Front Street in honor of Kirby David Carmichael.

Patrons: Vice President Robertson

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**66.** ORD. 2022-242

To designate and establish certain City-owned properties along Idlewood Avenue, South Belvidere Street, Albemarle Avenue, Spring Street, and China Street as an official City park named "Samuel

Pleasants Parsons Linear Park," and to repeal Res. No. 2003-R37-32, adopted Feb. 24, 2003, which named a portion of the property known as Linear Park as "Samuel P. Parsons Park."

Patrons: Lynch

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**67.** RES. 2022-R049

To make an assignment of the calculated general fund surplus for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the costs associated with the City's Safe Streets and Roads for All program.

Patrons: Addison

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

68. <u>RES.</u> 2022-R050 To make an assignment of the calculated general fund surplus for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for any costs to the City associated with joining the Virginia Retirement System.

Patrons: Addison

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

**69.** RES. 2022-R051

To reverse the decision of the Commission of Architectural Review striking from its docket and denying an application for a certificate of appropriateness to install new lights on the Vann Memorial Tower, located at 1500 North Lombardy Street in the city of Richmond, in the shape of the Virginia Union University emblem by fully approving such application.

(3rd District)

Patrons: Lambert

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

**70.** RES. 2022-R052

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the preparation of an analysis for public review of the existing infrastructure along the proposed "North/South BRT" corridors for the purpose of ensuring that residents residing south of the James River have safe and serviceable access to existing and future public transit networks.

Patrons: Addison and Lynch

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 1:30 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, May 31, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.; Special Meeting held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.; Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively; Special Meeting held on Tuesday July 5, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., and Council approved the minutes as presented.

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CD.2022.275 May 31, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

CD.2022.278 June 6, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

CD.2022.274 June 27, 2022 Informal Meeting Minutes

CD.2022.276 June 27, 2022 Formal Meeting Minutes

CD.2022.279 July 5, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
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## 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 9:08 p.m.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert left the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

# **Adjournment**

There being	no further bus	siness before	the Council,	the meeting a	adjourned at	9:19 p.m
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