



City of Richmond

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11, 2022

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

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

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst
Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney
Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Candice Reid, City Clerk
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement

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

Docket Review

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2022-020 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Reva Trammell joined the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

2. Ord. 2022-092 – retained on the Consent Agenda

- 3. Ord. 2022-093 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 4. Ord. 2022-094 – to be continued to Monday, June 13, 2022
- 5. Ord. 2022-095 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 6. Ord. 2022-096 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 7. Ord. 2022-097 – to be amended and continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 8. Ord. 2022-098 – retained on the Consent Agenda
- 9. Ord. 2022-099 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

- 10. Res. 2021-R026 – to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

Budget-Related Papers:

- 11. Ord. 2022-055 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 12. Ord. 2022-056 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 13. Ord. 2022-057 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 14. Ord. 2022-058 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 15. Ord. 2022-059 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 16. Ord. 2022-060 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 17. Ord. 2022-061 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 18. Ord. 2022-062 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 19. Ord. 2022-063 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 20. Ord. 2022-064 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 21. Ord. 2022-065 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 22. Ord. 2022-066 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
- 23. Ord. 2022-067 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

24. Ord. 2022-068 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
25. Ord. 2022-069 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
26. Ord. 2022-070 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
27. Ord. 2022-071 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
28. Ord. 2022-072 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
29. Ord. 2022-073 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
30. Ord. 2022-074 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
31. Ord. 2022-075 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
32. Ord. 2022-076 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
33. Ord. 2022-077 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
34. Ord. 2022-078 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
35. Ord. 2022-079 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
36. Ord. 2022-080 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
37. Ord. 2022-081 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022
38. Ord. 2022-082 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, April 25, 2022

There were no comments or discussions concerning Consent, Regular and Budget-Related Agenda items reviewed.

Other Discussion Item(s)

Homeless Services Update and Shelter Closing Action Plan

Sherrill Hampton, Housing and Community Development director, provided an update pertaining to actions taken to facilitate homeless services for unhoused residents along with an up-to date outcome analysis of all Greater Richmond Continuum of Care shelters. Ms. Hampton presented responses to Council inquiries pertaining to the non-congregate and inclement weather shelters and the progression of the Oliver Hill Way planned shelter. Ms. Hampton also presented a current application status report for the Virginia rent relief program. A copy of the presentation provided has been filed.

[CD.2022.165](#) Homeless Services Update and Shelter Closing Action Plan
Presentation and Handouts

Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 4:27 p.m. and was seated.

Ms. Hampton informed Council that the plan of action and recommendations concerning the impending closings of the non-congregate and inclement weather shelters would be provided during the April 14th Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested an update regarding the Salvation Army located in the 3rd District and that a link to the rent relief program be posted on the city's website for greater accessibility.

Ms. Hampton indicated that an analysis of shelter utilization demographic information will be provided to members of Council.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch suggested Council request funding to extend the use of the non-congregate shelter until October and expressed concern regarding the rent relief application process for Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority's tenants.

Councilor Kristen Nye arrived at 4:36 p.m. and was seated.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell, mentioning the increase in real estate tax assessments and its correlation to evictions and the selling of rental properties, commented on her failed attempt to reduce the city's real estate tax rate.

Councilor Michael Jones commended Commonwealth Catholic Charities' efforts to assist citizens housed at the non-congregate shelter and emphasized the need for regional housing support.

Vice President Ellen Robertson, declaring the need to fund adequate affordable housing, discouraged the use of one-time American Rescue Plan Act dollars and the repeal of certain tax rebates for the wealthy as a source for subsidizing housing.

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders was available to respond to questions regarding the closing of the shelters.

Councilor Andreas Addison requested city administration investigate root causes of homelessness throughout the city.

Councilor Michael Jones, clarifying the cost to postpone the closing of non-congregate shelter, stated \$2.7 million was needed for the extension.

Ms. Hampton indicated that recommendations regarding funding the proposed extension will be addressed during the upcoming Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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