



City of Richmond

Special Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Wednesday, January 12, 2022

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch

Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., and presided.

CHAMBER EMERGENCY EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

Upon the President's request, Senior Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols 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.

PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2022-001

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of personal property including the Robert E. Lee statue, pedestal blocks, and associated artifacts formerly located at the Lee Circle in the city of Richmond, valued at approximately \$12,000,000.00, from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders provided an introduction and background information regarding the proposed ordinance.

Public Hearing

Clark Glave spoke regarding ORD. 2022-001, and stated that he supported the city accepting the Robert E. Lee statue from the Commonwealth of Virginia, but that he opposed the proposed disposition of the statue to the Black History Museum and Cultural Center for Virginia. Mr. Glave also stated he did not believe the proposed disposition would lead to racial healing in the city.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch addressed the history of Robert E. Lee and stated she supported the acceptance of the Robert E. Lee statue in order to remove it as a memorial on Monument Avenue.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert addressed the recent removal of Confederate statues from city-owned property and stated her support for ORD. 2022-001.

Councilor Andreas Addison informed Council of questions he received from city residents regarding the disposition of Confederate statues.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated her appreciation for parties involved with the transfer of ownership of the items referenced in ORD. 2022-001.

President Cynthia Newbille confirmed that discussion of the disposition of Confederate statues would take place at the January 24, 2022 City Council Formal Meeting, and that residents would have an opportunity to provide comment regarding disposition.

There were no further comments or discussions and **ORD. 2022-001 was adopted:** Ayes 5, Addison, Lambert, Jordan, Lynch, Newbille. Noes None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

CITY CLERK