



# City of Richmond

## Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, December 13, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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### **Councilmembers Present**

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President  
The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President  
The Honorable Andreas Addison (late arrival)  
The Honorable Michael Jones (late arrival)  
The Honorable Katherine Jordan  
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert  
The Honorable Kristen Larson (late arrival)  
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch  
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  
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and presided.

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. 2021-265 – to be continued to Monday, January 10, 2022

*Councilwoman Reva Trammell arrived at 4:08 p.m. and was seated.*

2. Ord. 2021-270 – to be amended and continued to Monday, January 10, 2022
3. Ord. 2021-280 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2021-300 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2021-301 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2021-302 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2021-303 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2021-304 – retained on the Consent Agenda

9. Ord. 2021-305 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2021-306 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2021-307 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2021-309 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2021-310 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2021-311 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2021-312 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2021-313 – retained on the Consent Agenda

*Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 4:10 p.m. and was seated.*

17. Ord. 2021-314 – retained on the Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2021-316 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2021-317 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2021-318 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2021-319 – retained on the Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2021-320 – retained on the Consent Agenda
23. Ord. 2021-321 – retained on the Consent Agenda
24. Ord. 2021-322 – retained on the Consent Agenda
25. Ord. 2021-323 – retained on the Consent Agenda
26. Ord. 2021-324 – retained on the Consent Agenda
27. Ord. 2021-326 – retained on the Consent Agenda
28. Ord. 2021-327 – retained on the Consent Agenda
29. Ord. 2021-328 – moved to the Regular Agenda
30. Ord. 2021-329 – retained on the Consent Agenda
31. Ord. 2021-330 – retained on the Consent Agenda
32. Ord. 2021-331 – retained on the Consent Agenda
33. Ord. 2021-332 – retained on the Consent Agenda
34. Ord. 2021-334 – retained on the Consent Agenda
35. Ord. 2021-335 – retained on the Consent Agenda
36. Res. 2021-R065 – to be continued to Monday, January 10, 2022

37. Res. 2021-R074 – retained on the Consent Agenda
38. Res. 2021-R077 – retained on the Consent Agenda
39. Res. 2021-R078 – retained on the Consent Agenda
40. Res. 2021-R079 – retained on the Consent Agenda
41. Res. 2021-R080 – retained on the Consent Agenda
42. Res. 2021-R081 – retained on the Consent Agenda
43. Res. 2021-R082 – to be continued to Monday, January 10, 2022
44. Res. 2021-R083 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

45. Ord. 2019-275 – to be continued to Monday, January 10, 2022
46. Ord. 2019-276 – to be continued to Monday, January 10, 2022

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders requested a continuance of Ords. 2019-275 and 2019-276 to allow for additional discussion with the patron regarding introduction of alternate legislation.

Prior to reviewing Res. 2021-R026, Councilor Stephanie Lynch requested that the proposed legislation remain on the Regular Agenda to allow an opportunity for individuals present to provide comment prior to its continuance.

47. Ord. 2021-097 – to be continued to Monday, February 28, 2022
48. Ord. 2021-189 – to be continued to Monday, January 24, 2022
49. Ord. 2021-208 – to be amended and continued to Monday, January 10, 2022
50. Ord. 2021-251 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton informed Council that after allowing an opportunity for public comment later that evening at the Formal Session of Council, the Planning Commission recommended Ord. 2021-251 be denied.

51. Ord. 2021-308 – retained on the Regular Agenda
52. Ord. 2021-315 – to be continued to Monday, January 10, 2022
53. Ord. 2021-325 – retained on the Regular Agenda
54. Res. 2021-R026 – retained on the Regular Agenda

*Councilors Kristen Larson and Michael Jones arrived at 4:19 p.m. and were seated.*

Councilor Katherine Jordan requested Ord. 2021-328 be moved to the Regular Agenda to allow an opportunity for further discussion.

Vice President Ellen Robertson emphasized that Res. 2021-R026 will be continued to the January 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, after allowing an opportunity for a public hearing later that evening at the Formal Session of Council.

There were no further comments or discussions concerning Consent and Regular Agenda items reviewed.

### **Office of Community Wealth Building (OCWB) 2021 Mid-year Performance Report**

Caprichia Moses Spellman, OCWB interim director, provided the 2021 mid-year performance report for the Office of Community Wealth Building, which included an executive summary, a departmental overview, highlights and updates of 2021 programs and services, narratives of success stories, OCWB partnerships, grant performance outcomes to date and future initiatives. A copy of the report provided has been filed.

Members of Council thanked Ms. Moses Spellman, OCWB staff and ambassadors for their hard work especially while navigating the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reginald Gordon, deputy chief administrative officer – Human Services, was available to answer questions regarding the continued progression of the ambassador program.

Councilor Katherine Jordan inquired regarding an expansion of the Mayor's Youth Academy as a deterrent to gun violence.

### **Federal Infrastructure Bill Update**

Ron Jordan, council lobbyist, Advantus Strategies, introduced the city's federal lobbying team, Joseph Eannello and Brad Mollet, Capital Counsel, LLC, who provided Council with an update regarding congressional appropriations and Richmond specific congressionally directed spending, an overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and a preview of the proposed Build Back Better Act funding for consideration. A copy of the presentation provided has been filed.

Mr. Jordan along with Christopher Frelke, Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities director, were available to answer questions regarding the proposed congressionally directed appropriation for Southside parks.

Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders addressed Council regarding the city's grant application process and the intent to increase the city's staffing capacity in an effort to take full advantage of IIJA funding opportunities, which are awarded through a competitive process.

Mr. Eannello reminded Council that the Build Back Better Act is still pending as he fielded a question pertaining to housing funding.

Councilor Andreas Addison mentioned consideration of a proposed amendment to the city's legislative proposals addressed in Res. 2021-R083, which would request the allowance for Council representation on the Virginia Housing's board, later that evening at the Formal Session of Council.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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