



City of Richmond

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Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Special Meeting

Councilmembers Present

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

Absent

The Honorable Kristen Nye

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 resolution was considered:

[RES.](#)
[2022-R044](#)

To permit and approve the issuance by the Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount up to \$15,000,000.00 for the acquisition, construction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of an approximately 66-unit multifamily residential rental housing project to be known as the Brookland Park Apartments located at 1218, 1224, 1226, and 1228 East Brookland Park Boulevard in the city of Richmond. (6th

District)

Patrons: Vice President Robertson

Attachments: [Res. No. 2022-R044](#)

[Affidavit of Publication](#)

This resolution was adopted.

Robert Hurlbert, Jr., Haneberg Hurlbert, PLC Partner, Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority bond counsel, was available to respond to questions.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R044 was adopted: Ayes 6, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch and Robertson had not yet arrived.

Motion to Expedite Consideration

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Trammell, Jones, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch and Robertson had not yet arrived.

RES. To express the City's opposition to the U. S. Supreme Court's Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org. decision, and to ask the General Assembly of Virginia to protect and expand abortion access.

2022-R045

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

Attachments: [Res. No. 2022-R045 - Expedited 20220705](#)

This resolution was introduced for expedited consideration and adopted.

Eva Colen, City of Richmond Office of Children and Families Manager, introduced RES. 2022-R045.

Public Hearing

Councilor Stephanie Lynch arrived at 5:10 p.m. and was seated.

Vice President Ellen Robertson arrived at 5:10 p.m. and was seated.

Rachael Deane spoke in support of RES. 2022-R045 and stated that it was vital for the city to protect and expand abortion access. Ms. Deane commented that abortion care, which is a form of perinatal health care, is essential in reducing infant and the disproportionate maternal mortality rates.

Ms. Colen explained that abortion care is currently legal in Virginia; however, the Governor has indicated his intent to restrict abortion care. Ms. Colen stated that the city was also taking into consideration additional security needs for the three abortion care providers in the city.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated that she would like to discuss security measures for individuals seeking abortion care at one of the city's three abortion care providers, during an upcoming Public Safety Standing Committee meeting.

Councilor Katherine Jordan spoke in support of RES. 2022-R045, and she urged residents to lobby the Virginia General Assembly for its support of abortion care.

Councilor Andreas Addison expressed support of abortion care access for all individuals, and asked to be added as a co-patron.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that restrictions to abortion care will have a tremendous impact on the city and residents.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert asked to be added as a co-patron.

Councilor Michael Jones expressed his support of RES. 2022-R045 and stated that pregnant individuals should have the right to choose their medical care.

Council President Cynthia Newbille expressed her support for women's reproductive health rights.

**There were no further comments or discussions and RES. 2022-R045 was adopted:
Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille.
Noes None.**

Introduction of Legislation

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinance on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.:

[ORD. 2022-220](#) 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: Ms. Trammell and Ms. Nye

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-220 - Withdrawn 20220720](#)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, following the conclusion of the Special Council Meeting.

[CD.2022.258](#) July 5, 2022 Introduction Papers List

Attachments: [20220705_Special_Introduction_Papers_List](#)

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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