



City of Richmond Legislative Summit Minutes

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Monday, November 16, 2015

12:00 PM

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Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Michelle Mosby, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President (*late arrival*)
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Jonathan Baliles
The Honorable Kathy Graziano
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille
The Honorable Michelle Mosby
The Honorable Charles Samuels
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Others Present

The Honorable Dwight Jones, Mayor
The Honorable Lamont Bagby, Virginia State Delegate, 74th Voter District
The Honorable Donald Coleman, Richmond Public School Board Chair, 7th Voter District
The Honorable Kimberly Gray, Richmond Public School Board, 2nd Voter District (*late arrival*)
The Honorable Kristen Larson, Richmond Public School School Board Vice Chair, 4th Voter District
The Honorable Manoli Loupassi Virginia State Delegate, 68th Voter District
The Honorable Jennifer McClellan, Virginia State Delegate, 71st Voter District
The Honorable Donald McEachin, Virginia State Senator, 9th Voter District
The Honorable Delores McQuinn, Virginia State Delegate, 70th Voter District
The Honorable Glen Sturtevant, Virginia State Senator-Elect, 10th Voter District
Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Jean Capel, City Clerk
Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Grant Neely, Office of the Mayor Chief of Staff
Haskell Brown, Assistant City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Council Budget Analyst
Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst
William Echelberger, Council Budget Analyst
Vincent Jones, Deputy Council Chief of Staff
Candice Reid, Deputy City Clerk
Debora Shaw, Council Administrative Project Analyst
Steve Skinner, Council Public Information Manager
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

Mayor Dwight Jones called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. and delivered opening remarks thanking members of the Richmond delegation for their attendance.

Council President Michelle Mosby provided opening remarks and expressed appreciation to the Richmond delegation for attending. President Mosby introduced Ron Jordan, Richmond Lobbyist to the Virginia General Assembly, and Vice Chairman/Managing Director of Advantus

Strategies.

Council Vice President Chris Hilbert arrived and was seated.

Mr. Jordan provided an overview of Richmond's proposals for the 2016 General Assembly legislative session which included, but was not limited to, the following appropriations and legislation requests:

- Provide full funding for the biennial Standards of Quality funding re-benchmarking
- Provide annual funding for a Virginia Community Wealth Building Fund and increased funding for the Virginia Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- Provide increased funding to address mental health and substance abuse treatment services
- Ensure inclusion of Main Street Station in the extension of high-speed rail from Washington D.C. to Richmond
- Review existing school funding formulas and identify more equitable ones
- Amend the commitment hearing process for individuals subject to a temporary detention order to have their gun rights suspended for 5 days

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Councilor Charles Samuels provided more information regarding the legislation proposal to amend the involuntary commitment hearing process.

Manoli Loupassi, Virginia State Delegate, asked how much funding the high-speed rail extension will require and what, if any, are the recommendations regarding the project.

Councilor Agelasto stated that cost exactions are unknown until routes are determined.

Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer, at the request of Mayor Jones, stated that she will forward the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation high-speed rail presentation that city administration received to the Richmond delegation.

Jennifer McClellan, Virginia State Delegate, suggested that Council collaborate with other localities facing the same school funding challenges and advocate for more state funding in the governor's next proposed budget.

Donald McEachin, Virginia State Senator, stated that Council should express its support of Medicaid expansion in its legislative package.

President Mosby provided closing remarks and thanked the Richmond delegation for its participation in the 2016 legislative work summit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

