

City of Richmond Special Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 4, 2016

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

In accordance with City Charter §6.06, the Council of the City of Richmond, Virginia, convened for the mayor's presentation of the Biennial Fiscal Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. Council President Michelle Mosby called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and presided.

Councilmembers Present

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

CHAMBER EVACUATION PLAN

Upon the President's request, Jean Capel, City Clerk, provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

MAYOR'S BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor Dwight C. Jones presented his Biennial Fiscal Plan for FY2017 and the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for FY2017 - FY2021 which included, but were not limited to, the following highlights:

Councilor Charles Samuels arrived and was seated.

- Total General Fund revenues projected at \$709,152,771 and total Capital Improvement Plan expenditures and revenues projected at \$68.71 million and \$155.7 million over 5 years
- A roughly \$9 million budget deficit projected
- Reductions in departmental discretionary operating budgets by 12% and non-departmental funding by 25% proposed
- Fee and rate adjustments for certain city services proposed

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilor Charles Samuels moved to suspend Rule Six of Council's Rules of Procedure for all budget-related ordinances introduced that day so that those ordinances were not referred to or reviewed by a standing committee but instead are reviewed during a budget review process developed by the Council and the Council Chief of Staff and heard during the budget public hearing on Monday, April 11, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

The following ordinances, patroned by Mayor Dwight C. Jones, were introduced for public hearing on Monday, April 11, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2016-046

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 27-245(a), concerning mandatory charges for using meters for on-street and off-street parking spaces, for the purpose of increasing on-street parking meter charges.

ORD. 2016-047

To adopt the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of parking facilities.

ORD. 2016-048

To adopt the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2016-049

To repeal ch.10, art. III of the City Code, consisting of sections 10-48 through 10-52, and concerning fire and burglar alarm systems; to amend and reordain ch.10 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. III, consisting of sections 10-48 through 10-55, concerning burglar alarms, for the purpose of implementing a procedure to issue alarm permits and assess charges for excessive false alarms; and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by repealing the fees set forth therein for section 10-51 and adding new fees for sections 10-52, concerning permits, and 10-53, concerning false alarms.

ORD. 2016-050

To amend City Code §12-120, concerning rates and discounts for parking facilities operated by the City, to impose a penalty for late payments, and to amend the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 12-120(a)(1), 12-120(a)(2), 12-120(a)(3), 12-120(a)(4), 12-120(a)(5), 12-120(a)(6), 12-120(a)(7), 12-120(a)(8), 12-120(a)(9), 12-120(a)(11), 12-120(a)(13), 12-120(a)(14), 12-120(a)(21) and 12-120(a)(22) of the City Code, concerning rates and discounts for parking facilities operated by the City.

ORD. 2016-051

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 23-42 (concerning fees for solid waste) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2016, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2016-052

To adopt the Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017, and to appropriate the estimated expenditures from the Debt Service Fund for the said fiscal year.

To adopt the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in the said budget.

ORD. 2016-054

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 26-873(a), 26-874(b), 26-931(a), 26-932, 26-933(a), 26-940(a), 26-941(a), 26-941(b), 26-942(a), 26-948(d), 26-951, 26-952(a), 26-953, 26-954, 26-955(a), 26-956(a), 26-957, 26-958, 26-960(a), 26-961, 26-964, 26-967(a), 26-969, 26-970, 26-971, 26-972(a), 26-972(j), 26-973, 26-974, 26-980(c), 26-989(b), 26-990(a), 26-990(b), 26-991(a), 26-992(a), 26-993, 26-994(a), 26-995, 26-996, 26-998, 26-1000, 26-1001(a), 26-1001(b), 26-1002(a), 26-1003, 26-1006(a), 26-1007(a), 26-1007(b), 26-1007(c), and 26-1008(a) concerning license fees to increase the license fee for certain licenses from \$30.00 to \$50.00.

ORD. 2016-055

To amend City Code §§ 26-977 (concerning vehicle license fees for motor vehicles) and 26-978 (concerning vehicle license fees for motorcycles) for the purpose of providing that such license fees shall be equal to the equivalent fee imposed by Va. Code § 46.2-694, and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by repealing the fees set forth therein for City Code §§ 26-977 and 26-978.

ORD. 2016-056

To amend City Code §§ 26-984 and 26-986, concerning license taxes for peddlers of crabs and for hawkers and hucksters, respectively, for the purpose of increasing the license tax for peddlers of crabs and for hawkers and hucksters from \$225.00 to \$300.00.

ORD. 2016-057

To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017.

ORD. 2016-058

To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2016, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2016; and to determine the means of financing the same.

ORD. 2016-059

To adopt the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Richmond Cemeteries Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Richmond Cemeteries for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of the facilities.

ORD. 2016-060

To adopt the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Internal Service funds for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2016-061

To authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$5,500,000 to finance the cost of equipment for the following purposes and uses: acquisition of equipment and vehicles for the stormwater utility of the City; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell equipment notes to finance the acquisition of such equipment; and to authorize the issuance of taxable notes, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation equipment notes.

To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$110,676,000 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the gas, water and wastewater utilities and public utilities buildings and facilities for the following purposes and uses: enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the gas plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the waterworks plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the wastewater plant and intercepting lines; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, and improvement of sanitary and storm water sewers, pumping stations, drains and culverts; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of public utility buildings and facilities therefor, including but not limited to the stores division; and acquisition of real property and real property rights (including without limitation easements and rights-of-way) therefor as appropriate; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to approve the form of supplemental indenture of trust: to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such public utility revenue bonds.

ORD. 2016-063

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$62,500,000 to finance the cost of school projects and general capital improvement projects of the City for the following purposes and uses: construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public schools; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for various infrastructure needs, including traffic control facilities, streets, sidewalks and other public ways, bridges, storm sewers, drains and culverts, and refuse disposal facilities; participation in redevelopment, conservation and community development programs, including the construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for targeted public facilities included in these programs; construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public institutional, operational, cultural, educational and entertainment buildings and facilities. including but not limited to the theaters, parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, libraries and museums; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and the making of appropriations to the City's Economic Development Authority ("EDA") to be used by the EDA to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects. to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

ORD. 2016-064

To cancel all authorized but unissued notes authorized by the City of Richmond in Fiscal Year 2014-2015, to authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$5,000,000 to finance the cost of equipment for the following purposes and uses: acquisition of computer, radio, office, solid waste collection, office furniture and miscellaneous equipment and vehicles for the various departments, bureaus and agencies of the City, and equipment for City schools; and to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell equipment notes to finance the acquisition of such equipment, and to authorize the issuance of taxable notes, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation equipment notes.

To amend section 12A of Article III of Ord. No. 93-117-159, adopted May 24, 1993, concerning salary supplements for the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, to provide the Commonwealth Attorney with a salary supplement of \$46,768 and a contribution to the Virginia Retirement System on his behalf of \$9,713 and to provide the Commonwealth Attorney's Office with \$783,169 for salary supplements and \$185,229 for a contribution to the Virginia Retirement System for members of the office for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

ORD. 2016-066

To amend section 12B of Article III of Ord. No. 93-117-159, adopted May 24, 1993, concerning salary supplements for the Sheriff's Office, to provide the Sheriff with a salary supplement of \$23,069 and the Sheriff's Office with \$2,897,868 for salary supplements for members of the office for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

ORD. 2016-067

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 23-42(b) (concerning charges for recycling by the City) to increase the charges for recycling by the City.

ORD. 2016-068

To amend and reordain sections 3 and 25 of Article III of Ordinance No. 93-117-159, adopted May 24, 1993, to suspend the Educational Incentive Program for certain Police and Fire Officers for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

ORD. 2016-069

To amend and reordain certain fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-650 (concerning fees for residential wastewater service), 28-651 (concerning fees for commercial wastewater service), 28-652 (concerning fees for industrial wastewater service), 28-653 (concerning fees for state and federal wastewater service), 28-654 (concerning fees for municipal wastewater service) and 28-799 (concerning fees for discharge of hauled materials into designated septage receiving stations by contractors) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2016, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2016-070

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-326 (concerning fees for residential water service), 28-327 (concerning fees for commercial water service), 28-328 (concerning fees for industrial water service), 28-329 (concerning fees for municipal water service), 28-330 (concerning fees for state and federal water service), 28-458 (concerning fees for water for fire protection) and 28-549 (concerning fees for water use during conservation periods) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2016, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2016-071

To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for sections 28-191(2) and 28-191(3) (concerning fees for residential gas service), 28-192(2) (concerning fees for residential gas peaking service), 28-193(2) (concerning fees for general gas service), 28-195(f) and 28-196(f) (concerning fees for transportation service), 28-198(2) (concerning fees for municipal gas service), 28-202(c) (concerning fees for large volume gas sales service), and 28-203(c) (concerning fees for large volume, high load factor, gas sales service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July 2016, to establish revised charges for such services.

ORD. 2016-072

To adopt the Water Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Water Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Water Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Water Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

To adopt the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Funds for the said fiscal year.

ORD. 2016-074

To adopt the Gas Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Gas Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Gas Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Gas Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

ORD. 2016-075

To adopt the Wastewater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Wastewater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Wastewater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Wastewater Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

ORD. 2016-076

To adopt the Stormwater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Stormwater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Stormwater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the stormwater utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

ORD. 2016-077

To adopt the Electric Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2016, and ending Jun. 30, 2017; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Electric Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Electric Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Electric Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.