

City of Richmond Informal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, July 24, 2017

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, July 24, 2017, in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of City Hall, 900 East Broad Street.

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Chris Hilbert, President

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, Vice President

The Honorable Andreas Addison

The Honorable Parker Agelasto

The Honorable Kim Gray

The Honorable Michael Jones

The Honorable Kristen Larson

The Honorable Ellen Robertson

The Honorable Reva Trammell (late arrival)

Staff Present

Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff Lisa Braxton, Assistant City Clerk Jean V. Capel, City Clerk Allen Jackson, City Attorney Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Assistant City Clerk 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

Assistant City Clerk Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Ord. 2016-264 to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
- 2. Ord. 2017-008 to be continued to Monday, October 9, 2017
- 3. Ord. 2017-030 to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
- 4. Ord. 2017-069 to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
- 5. Ord. 2017-071 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 6. Ord. 2017-087 to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
- 7. Ord. 2017-088 to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
- 8. Ord. 2017-123 retained on the Consent Agenda

- 9. Ord. 2017-124 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 10. Ord. 2017-125 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 11. Ord. 2017-126 retained on the Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Reva Trammell arrived at 4:19 p.m. and was seated.

12. Ord. 2017-127 – moved to the Regular Agenda

Anticipating possible public concerns regarding viewshed preservation, Councilor Parker Agelasto requested that Ord. 2017-127 be moved to the Regular Agenda.

Mark Olinger, Planning and Development Review director, was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2017-127.

- 13. Ord. 2017-128 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 14. Ord. 2017-130 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 15. Ord. 2017-131 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 16. Ord. 2017-132 to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2017
- 17. Ord. 2017-133 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 18. Ord. 2017-134 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 19. Ord. 2017-135 to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
- 20. Ord. 2017-136 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 21. Ord. 2017-137 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 22. Ord. 2017-138 retained on the Consent Agenda

Lee Downey, deputy chief administrative officer – Economic and Community Development, was available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2017-138.

23. Ord. 2017-139 – moved to the Regular Agenda

Councilor Kim Gray requested that Ord. 2017-139 be moved to the Regular Agenda to allow an opportunity for further discussion.

Denise Lawus, Economic and Community Development deputy director, provided an introduction of Ord. 2017-139.

Councilor Kim Gray requested information regarding the application process for federal funds specific to sub-recipient Better Housing Coalition.

Chief Administrative Officer Selena Cuffee-Glenn was also available to answer questions regarding Ord. 2017-139.

- 24. Res. 2017-R023 to be continued to Monday, September 11, 2017
- 25. Res. 2017-R029 retained on the Consent Agenda

- 26. Res. 2017-R033 to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
- 27. Res. 2017-R034 to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
- 28. Res. 2017-R035 to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017
- 29. Res. 2017-R036 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 30. Res. 2017-R037 to be amended and voted on
- 31. Res. 2017-R038 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 32. Res. 2017-R039 retained on the Consent Agenda

Brad Armstrong, Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond chair, provided an introduction of Res. 2017-R039 and thanked Council for supporting the 2017-2020 Regional Plan for School Readiness. A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Members of Council, who were not sponsors of Res. 2017-R039, requested to be added as co-patrons of the proposed legislation.

- 33. Res. 2017-R044 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 34. Res. 2017-R045 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 35. Res. 2017-R046 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 36. Res. 2017-R047 to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested a continuance of Res. 2017-R047 and asked that the legislation be forwarded to the September 19, 2017 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting for additional review and possible amendment.

- 37. Res. 2017-R048 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 38. Res. 2017-R049 retained on the Consent Agenda
- 39. Res. 2017-R050 to be continued to Monday, August 21, 2017

Vice President Cynthia Newbille introduced Res. 2017-R050 and requested that the proposed legislation be continued to a special joint meeting with members of the Richmond School Board and the mayor, to deliberate on the Education Compact prior to adoption.

Dawn Page, Richmond School Board chair, and Tommy Kranz, Richmond Public Schools interim superintendent, were in attendance, and Mr. Kranz suggested that the joint special meeting be held on Monday, August 21, 2017.

Councilor Parker Agelasto suggested that Res. 2017-R050 be amended to incorporate changes to the composition of the Education Compact team.

Thad Williamson, senior policy advisor for opportunity – Office of the Mayor, was also available to answer questions regarding Res. 2017-R050.

Interrupting docket review, President Chris Hilbert provided a statement regarding the severance payment for former city auditor, Umesh Dalal. A copy of the statement has been filed.

Jay Brown, Budget and Strategic Planning director, informed Council that a budget amendment was necessary for the additional retirement compensation paid to Mr. Dalal.

Regular Agenda:

- 40. Ord. 2016-140 to be continued to Monday, September 25, 2017 and referred to the September 14, 2017 Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting
- 41. Ord. 2017-081 retained on the Regular Agenda
- 42. Ord. 2017-129 retained on the Regular Agenda

Councilor Kristen Larson stated that legislation, approving the issuance by the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond, Virginia, of up to \$8,500,000 of its revenue bonds for the relocation, construction, and equipping of new elementary school facilities and the infrastructure associated therewith located at 10510 Hobby Hill Road in the city, the refinancing of existing indebtedness relating to middle school facilities located at 10510 Hobby Hill Road in the city, and the financing, as needed, of working capital, capitalized interest, and related issuance and refinancing costs, would be introduced for expedited consideration later that evening at the Formal Session of Council.

Board Vacancies

Boards and Commissions Administrator Alexander Rawles reviewed the following appointment application:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Task Force on the Establishment of a Human Rights Commission (5 members)	Resident (1 vacancy)	Rodney L. Lofton

It was the consensus of Council to approve the appointment as presented later that evening at the Formal Session of Council. A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Docket Review - Continued

Councilor Michael Jones introduced Ord, 2017-081.

President Chris Hilbert requested to be add as a co-patron of Ord. 2017-081.

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

Hiring Process for City Auditor

President Chris Hilbert asked that the hiring process for a new city auditor be reviewed at a later date.

<u>Adjournment</u>

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