



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, April 10, 2017

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, April 10, 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

Staff Present

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

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:10 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. 2014-093 – retained on the Consent Agenda
2. Ord. 2016-264 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2017
3. Ord. 2017-024 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2017-029 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2017-030 – to be continued to Monday, May 8, 2017
6. Ord. 2017-072 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2017-073 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2017-075 – retained on the Consent Agenda

9. Ord. 2017-076 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Res. 2017-R020 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

11. Ord. 2016-270 – to be continued to Monday, April 24, 2017

At the request of Councilwoman Reva Trammell, President Chris Hilbert asked that Res. 2017-R021, not on the agenda for that evening, be rescheduled for an earlier public hearing date and considered at the April 20, 2017 Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting.

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

General Assembly Legislative Update

Council Lobbyist Ron Jordan of Advantus Strategies, provided Council with an update regarding the city's legislative package items, as well as other bills that may impact the city, that were approved during the 2017 Virginia General Assembly (VGA) session, and are now awaiting action by the governor. Mr. Jordan also provided an overview of the VGA budget conference report, noting items that may be of interest to the city. A copy of the information has been filed.

Mr. Jordan asked Council to consider an earlier commencement of the city's 2018 VGA legislative process.

Closed Session Motion

At 4:48 p.m., Councilor Kristen Larson moved that the City Council hold a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the purpose of discussing the performance of the city auditor, an appointee of the City Council.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

President Chris Hilbert motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:56 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

April 10, 2017

WHEREAS, the Council has convened in closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certifying resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

WITNESS the following vote of Council members, as recorded by Jean V. Capel, City Clerk:

CERTIFYING:

Christopher A. Hilbert, President
Cynthia I. Newbille, Vice President
Andreas D. Addison
Kimberly B. Gray
Kristen N. Larson
Parker C. Agelasto
Ellen F. Robertson
Reva M. Trammell
Michael J. Jones

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

CITY CLERK