



City of Richmond

Formal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, April 10, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council met in the Council Chamber on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 6:07 p.m.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Chul Ki Kim, Emmaus United Methodist Church at Stratford Hills, 7740 Cherokee Road, Richmond, VA.

Members of Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

CHAMBER EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN AND CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order and presided. Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk Candice Reid 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.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Councilor Parker Agelasto moved that the following appointments be approved:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Terms</u>
Richmond Public Library Board (9 members)	Qualified voter of the city	William E. Yates	04/10/2017 – 06/30/2020 <i>Succeeding David L. Ballard, resigned</i>
Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration (15 members)	At-large resident of the city	Lathaniel V. Kirts	04/10/2017 – 04/09/2019 <i>Succeeding Maya Simpkins, not interested in reappointment</i>

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

President Chris Hilbert, on behalf of City Council, and Mayor Levar M. Stoney, proclaimed the second full week of April as Richmond Public Safety Emergency 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Week and recognized the Department of Emergency Communications 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center.

President Chris Hilbert and Councilor Ellen Robertson, on behalf of City Council, and Mayor Levar M. Stoney, proclaimed the last week of April 2017 as Richmond Affordable Housing Awareness Week and thanked those entities, organizations, and individuals working to help further and increase public awareness.

Councilor Ellen Robertson, on behalf of City Council, and Mayor Levar M. Stoney, proclaimed the month of April as Richmond Child Abuse Prevention Month to help further increase public awareness and protect children against the scourge of abuse.

President Chris Hilbert, on behalf of City Council, and Mayor Levar M. Stoney, recognized, honored and celebrated the Virginia Union University Lady Panthers Women's Basketball Team for an outstanding 2016-2017 season.

All members of Council and Mayor Levar M. Stoney recognized Mr. Fattah Muhammad for his many years of hard work and dedication to build better relationships between the residents and law enforcement officers of the Richmond community. Mr. Muhammad expressed his appreciation for the recognition.

CITIZEN COMMENT

John Moeser thanked Council for unanimously adopting legislation (Res. 2017-R15) to request a study of potential effects on the city of any proposed development in an area known as the Westwood Tract.

Glenwood Burley expressed concerns regarding the current conditions of the Richmond Police Department's horse barn and asked that Council support efforts for a new facility.

A copy of the information has been filed.

Leslie Buck, Friends of the Richmond Mounted Squad president, encouraged Council to consider an amendment to the fiscal year 2018 capital improvement program budget for the inclusion of funding for the construction of a new stable facility for the mounted horse squad.

Chris Lombardi expressed concern regarding (RPS) Richmond Public Schools' \$8.3 million unassigned fund balance and asked Council to introduce a budget amendment that would allow RPS to retain the funds.

Councilor Parker Agelasto clarified the city's policy regarding the RPS unassigned fund balance.

Councilor Kim Gray provided further clarification and stated that policy requires that a proposed budget amendment regarding the unexpended funds be assigned to a specific appropriation.

Ansley Perkins encouraged Council not to remove the \$8.3 million unassigned fund balance from Richmond Public Schools' budget.

Ann Wortham expressed concerns regarding the lack of a household debris disposal facility and illegal dumping in the East End area.

A copy of the information has been filed.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille stated that current budget deliberation sessions will provide an opportunity to address and resolve Ms. Wortham's concerns.

Joseph Notarnicola, RPS Parent-Teacher Association representative, asked that Council develop policy that ensure that the \$8.3 million unassigned fund balance is returned and fully utilized by Richmond Public Schools.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Councilor Michael Jones moved that the resolution entitled:

RES. 2017-R019

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit an application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Industrial Revitalization Fund on behalf of the Better Housing Coalition for a grant of \$600,000 for the purpose of the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of commercial and retail space, including the possibility of an affordable child care center, as part of a mixed-use and mixed-income development of the property located at 3200 West Broad Street.

be reconsidered.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Agelasto and Hilbert were excused.

Councilor Michael Jones further moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2016-264

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2007-251-209, adopted Sept. 24, 2007, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2008-117-93, adopted May 27, 2008, and Ord. No. 2013-117-113, adopted Jun. 24, 2013, concerning the establishment of a residential permit parking district in the Carver Neighborhood, for the purpose of adding certain streets and portions of streets to the Carver Residential Permit Parking District.

To be continued to Monday, May 8, 2017

ORD. 2017-030

To erect all-way stop signs at the intersection of Avondale Avenue and Teakwood Avenue.

To be continued to Monday, May 8, 2017

ORD. 2016-270

To declare surplus and to direct the sale of City-owned real estate located at 101 North 6th Street, 603, 609, 611, 615 and 619 East Grace Street, 612 East Franklin Street, and 112, 114 and 116 North 7th Street, for \$3,950,000 to City Center Development, LLC, for the purpose of the construction of a mixed-use development including commercial and residential space.

To be continued to Monday, April 24, 2017

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Agelasto and Hilbert were excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances and resolution were considered:

ORD. 2014-093

To establish an Advisory Task Force for the Economic Revitalization of South Richmond to provide advice to the Council, the Mayor and other City agencies concerning strategies and initiatives to improve the economic health of and promote economic development in certain [~~Enterprise Zones~~] areas and along certain corridors of South Richmond. (As Amended)

ORD. 2017-024

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 2-871-2-872, concerning the Highway Safety Commission, for the purpose of renaming the Highway Safety Commission as the Safe and Healthy Streets Commission [~~and~~], providing that a quorum of the Commission consists of a majority of the members instead of seven members[;] and [~~to amend and reordain ch. 2, art. V, div. 5 of the City Code by adding therein a new § 2-873, concerning the review of transportation-related projects~~], to require the [~~review by~~] Department of Public Works to provide the Commission [of] with information concerning transportation-related projects upon request therefor by the Commission. (As Amended)

ORD. 2017-029

To authorize the special use of a portion of the properties known as 1 South Plum Street, 3 South Plum Street, and 5 South Plum Street for the purpose of a parking area, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

ORD. 2017-072

To amend and reordain City Code § 30-930.5 to establish the Mason's Hall Old and Historic District.

ORD. 2017-073

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1117 West Franklin Street for the purpose of an expansion of an existing institutional use, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2017-075

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$74,852 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; to amend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Police called the Law Enforcement Intervention Focusing on Education (LIFE) Program Special Fund; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's Law Enforcement Intervention Focusing on Education (LIFE) Program Special Fund by \$74,852 for the purpose of providing prevention and intervention services, resources, and programs to assist in the diversion of youth from the criminal justice system.

ORD. 2017-076

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice for the purpose of enabling the City's Department of Justice Services to provide intake evaluations for direct care to juvenile offenders committed to the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice.

RES. 2017-R020

To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$500.00 from the Council Districts Funds for the First District to make a donation to Girls for a Change for its 2017 Date with Dad Dinner and Dance.

Support

Melvin Jones spoke in support of ORD. 2017-075 stating that the proposed legislation would assist city youth.

There were no further comments or discussions and **the Consent Agenda was adopted:** Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille, Hilbert. Noes None. Agelasto excused.

REGULAR AGENDA

There were no Regular Agenda items for consideration.

MOTION

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the resolution entitled:

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be amended and continued to Monday, April 24, 2017, and referred to the Tuesday, April 18, 2017 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, as follows:

Page 1, Line 8

After the words "reuse of", insert the words "nearly 50,000 square feet of"

After the word "space", strike the comma, the text "including the possibility of an affordable child care center" and the comma after the stricken word "center"

Page 1, Line 9

After the words "part of", strike the word "a" and insert the text "an approximately \$46,000,000"

Page 1, Line 10

After the word "mixed-use", strike the word "and" and insert a comma

After the word "mixed-income", insert a comma followed by the words "and transit-oriented"

Page 1, Line 19

After the words "reuse of", insert the words "nearly 50,000 square feet of"

After the word "space", strike the comma, the text "including the possibility of an affordable child care center" and the comma after the stricken word "center"

Page 1, Line 20

After the words "part of", strike the word "a" and insert the text "an approximately \$46,000,000"

Page 1, Line 21

After the word "mixed-use", strike the word "and" and insert a comma

After the word "mixed-income", insert a comma followed by the words "and transit-oriented"

Page 2, Line 4

After the word “will”, strike the text “be responsible for obtaining” and insert the word “obtain”
After the word “project”, insert a comma followed by the text “the total project budget of which is approximately \$46,000,000”

Page 2, Line 14

After the words “reuse of”, insert the words “nearly 50,000 square feet of”

Page 2, Line 15

After the word “space”, strike the comma, the text “including the possibility of an affordable child care center” and the comma after the stricken word “center”
After the words “part of”, strike the word “a” and insert the text “an approximately \$46,000,000”

Page 2, Line 16

After the word “mixed-use”, strike the word “and” and insert a comma
After the word “mixed-income”, insert a comma followed by the words “and transit-oriented”

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell, Addison, Newbille. Noes None. Abstentions 1, Hilbert (Conflict of Interest).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Andreas Addison moved to approve the following Richmond City Council meeting minutes: Governing 804 Event held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., Budget Work Session held on Monday, March 20, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., Budget Work Session held on Monday, March 27, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., Informal Council Session held on Monday, March 27, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., and the Formal Council Session held on Monday, March 27, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

MOTION

Councilor Kristen Larson moved that:

Council utilize funds in the amount of \$40,000 from the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 General Fund Budget, Council Agency line item – Management Services, for the procurement of an independent financial advisor to advise Council as needed regarding city business and finance.

Councilor Kim Gray explained that the proposed motion is not an uncommon practice.

Councilor Ellen Robertson expressed support for the proposed motion, stating that, at times, Council has needed advice on financial matters.

Deputy Council Chief of Staff Meghan Brown explained that the cited funds had been allocated to procure financial or economic development review advice regarding the Shockoe Bottom redevelopment proposal; however, the funds had not been expended since the withdrawal of the proposal.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated that the proposed motion would be beneficial to Council.

Deputy Council Chief of Staff Meghan Brown further explained that fiscal year 2017 third quarter projections predicted a shortfall in Council’s personnel budget and limited funds are available

in Council's operating budget; however, funds could be allocated in fiscal year 2018 for the proposed motion, which would stipulate a request for proposal.

Councilor Ellen Robertson requested a comprehensive analysis of Council's current budget and asked that the scope of financial services expected from the proposed motion be defined.

City Attorney Allen Jackson reminded Council of limitations to the proposed motion regarding procurement practices and departmental budget guidelines.

Councilor Kristen Larson requested Council's support of an amendment to the fiscal year 2018 general fund budget for the proposed motion.

Vice President Cynthia Newbille suggested that the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee review the proposed motion at its next scheduled meeting.

Councilor Kristen Larson withdrew her motion.

REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities were provided by the following council members: Councilors Jones, Addison, Robertson, Larson, Agelasto, Gray, Councilwoman Trammell, Vice President Newbille and President Hilbert.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, April 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2017-080

To amend Ord. No. 2016-047, which adopted the Department of Public Works' Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Parking Enterprise Fund Budget, and Ord. No. 2016-048, adopted May 13, 2016, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring and re-appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,237,828 from the Department of Public Works' Parking Management special fund to the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund for the purpose of funding parking equipment purchases and capital improvements at various City-owned parking facilities.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2017-081

To amend and reordain City Code § 13-195, concerning the storage of tires, for the purpose of extending the prohibition against the outside storage of used tires to all tires.

Patrons: Mr. Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2017-082

To approve the Work Plan and Budget for the fiscal year ending Jun. 30, 2018, for the provision of services in the Downtown Richmond Special Service and Assessment Districts.

Patrons: President Hilbert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

RES. 2017-R022

To designate the properties known as 910 Goddin Street, 1000 Goddin Street, 4907 Goddin Court, a portion of 1000 A Carlisle Avenue, 1000 B Carlisle Avenue, 1021 Carlisle Avenue, and the portion of Northampton Street closed to public use and travel by Ord. No. 2015-256, adopted Jan. 11, 2016, as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2.

Patrons: Newbille (By Request)

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2017-R023

To declare a public necessity to amend ch. 30 of the City Code and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to prohibit the use of commercial flags and restrict the use of building mounted banners.

Patrons: Mr. Jones

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

CITY CLERK