



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, April 23, 2018

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Richmond City Council convened in Informal Session on Monday, April 23, 2018, 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 (late arrival)
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Deputy Council Chief of Staff
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk

Council President Chris Hilbert called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Interim Deputy 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

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2018-030 – to be continued to Monday, June 25, 2018
2. Ord. 2018-044 – to be amended and continued to Monday, May 14, 2018
3. Ord. 2018-113 – retained on the Consent Agenda
4. Ord. 2018-114 – retained on the Consent Agenda
5. Ord. 2018-115 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2018-116 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2018-117 – retained on the Consent Agenda

8. Ord. 2018-118 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2018-119 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2018-120 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2018-121 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2018-122 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2018-123 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2018-124 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2018-125 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Vice President Cynthia Newbille and Dan Cohen, Economic and Community Development senior project manager, provided an introduction of proposed Ords. 2018-118, 2018-119, 2018-120, 2018-121, 2018-122, 2018-123, 2018-124 and 2018-125 and stated that all pieces of legislation will allow for the redevelopment of the properties by the Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School as a recreation center open to the community.

Councilor Michael Jones arrived at 4:10 p.m. and was seated.

Lee Downey, deputy chief administrative officer – Economic and Community Development, was available to answer questions regarding the proposed pieces of legislation as well as the community strategy surrounding East End’s revitalization.

Councilor Kim Gray questioned the need for a budget amendment, previously discussed during the budget work session earlier that today, if proposed Ords. 2018-118, 2018-119, 2018-120, 2018-121, 2018-122, 2018-123, 2018-124 and 2018-125 are adopted.

City Attorney Allen Jackson stated that the properties referenced in the proposed pieces of legislation would be tax-exempt due to a particular classification designation.

16. Res. 2017-R086 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
17. Res. 2018-R024 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018
18. Res. 2018-R029 – retained on the Consent Agenda
19. Res. 2018-R031 – retained on the Consent Agenda
20. Res. 2018-R032 – retained on the Consent Agenda
21. Res. 2018-R033 – to be continued to Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Councilor Kristen Larson requested that Res. 2018-R033 be continued to allow the Richmond Public School Board an opportunity to review the proposed legislation.

Regular Agenda:

22. Ord. 2018-031 – retained on the Regular Agenda
23. Ord. 2018-101 – to be reviewed after closed session
24. Ord. 2018-126 – to be reviewed after closed session

25. Res. 2018-R034 – to be continued to Monday, May 14, 2018

Councilor Parker Agelasto requested that Res. 2018-R034 be continued to allow for further discussion regarding the proposed legislation.

Budget Papers:

26. Ord. 2018-057 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, May 7, 2018

27. Ord. 2018-058 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, May 7, 2018

28. Ord. 2018-059 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, May 7, 2018

29. Ord. 2018-060 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, May 7, 2018

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66. Ord. 2018-097 – after public hearing, to be continued to Monday, May 7, 2018

Closed Session Motion

At 4:31 p.m., Councilor Kristen Larson moved that the City Council go into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, specifically the contractual rights and duties of the parties to the agreements that are the subject of Ordinance No. 2018-101 and Ordinance No. 2018-126 if such ordinances are approved and the contractual rights and duties of the parties to these agreements if such ordinances are not approved.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Michael Jones motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Councilors reconvened in open session at 5:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

April 23, 2018

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 Candice D. Reid, 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:

Docket Review – Continued

After consulting with legal counsel in closed session regarding Ords. 2018-101 and 2018-126, it was the consensus of Council to continue both pieces of proposed legislation to the May 14, 2018 Formal Session of Council with a comprehensive review at the May 7, 2018 Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

President Chris Hilbert requested that councilors forward questions regarding the Stone Brewing Phase II project to the Council Chief of Staff office for a response prior to the May Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

Entertaining further deliberation of docket items, Councilor Parker Agelasto questioned the tax sale of the properties referenced in proposed Ords. 2018-118, 2018-119, 2018-120, 2018-121, 2018-122, 2018-123, 2018-124 and 2018-125 to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority instead of the intended recipient, Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School.

Lee Downey, deputy chief administrative officer – Economic and Community Development, informed Council that the sale agreement for the proposed project will specify the intended community recreation center purpose of the properties.

Councilors Michael Jones and Ellen Robertson both inquired regarding the city's process for conveying properties acquired by way of a tax delinquent judicial sale.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to continue Ords. 2018-118, 2018-119, 2018-120, 2018-121, 2018-122, 2018-123, 2018-124 and 2018-125 to the May 14, 2018 Formal Session of Council with further consideration at the May 7, 2018 Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting, in order to allow for the receipt of a letter of intent for the proposed tax sale and a discussion with Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority representatives regarding the project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

CITY CLERK