



City of Richmond

Special Meeting Minutes

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Monday, January 7, 2019

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

The Council of the City of Richmond met for an organizational meeting pursuant to Section 4.03 of the Richmond City Charter.

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Kim Gray
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Reported Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

City Clerk Candice Reid called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. and presided. Upon the City Clerk's request, Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk, 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.

Election of the Council President

Ms. Reid opened the floor for nominations to fill the City Council President seat. Councilor Chris Hilbert moved to nominate 7th District Councilor Cynthia Newbille for President of City Council, which was seconded.

The City Clerk asked if there were additional nominations. Hearing none, she announced that the floor was closed for nominations for Council President.

The motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk declared Cynthia Newbille Council President for a term of two years ending December 31, 2020.

President Newbille assumed the president's chair and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

President Newbille thanked her colleagues for their vote of confidence in selecting her to serve as President of Council. President Newbille recounted a quote from the late Annie Giles and stated that she cares about all residents of the city, not just those in the 7th District. President Newbille also stated that she is committed to working together with her colleagues, city administration, Richmond School Board, businesses, organizations and especially citizens to make Richmond an even greater city for all.

Election of the Council Vice President

City Clerk Candice Reid opened the floor for nominations to fill the City Council Vice President seat. Councilor Kimberly Gray moved to nominate 3rd District Councilor Chris Hilbert for Council Vice President, which was seconded.

The City Clerk asked if there were additional nominations. Hearing none, she announced that the floor was closed for nominations for Council Vice President.

The motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk declared Chris Hilbert as Council Vice President for a term of two years ending December 31, 2020.

Vice President Hilbert stated that he is grateful for the trust placed in him by his colleagues to serve as Vice President of Council. Vice President Hilbert expressed gratitude to 3rd District residents for their support over the years, and offered a special thanks to his wife, Sheila. Vice President Hilbert also stated that he looks forward to working together with his colleagues to continually improve procedures for doing the people's business to make the city an even greater place.

Legislation for Expedited Consideration

Councilor Kristen Larson moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

RES. 2019-R001

To appoint Meghan K. Brown as the Interim Council Chief of Staff.

Patron: President Hilbert and Vice President Newbille (*Legislation drafted prior to introduction*)

Councilor Kim Gray expressed concern with the handling of personnel matters; she asked that, moving forward, Council deliberate in a closed session prior to considering legislation involving Council appointees and/or contract negotiations or modifications for appointees.

Councilor Michael Jones also expressed concern surrounding Council procedures.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated that she did not approve of considering the proposed resolution without prior deliberation.

At 5:22 p.m., Councilor Kristen Larson moved that the City Council go into 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 Deputy Council Chief of Staff, an appointee of the City Council.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Kristen Larson motioned to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Councilors reconvened in open session at 6:05 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

January 7, 2019

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:

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

DECLINING TO CERTIFY:

RES. 2019-R001 was adopted: Ayes 6, Addison, Gray, Larson, Agelasto, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes 1, Trammell. Abstentions 1, Jones.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the special organizational meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

CITY CLERK