



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
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Monday, February 10, 2020

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison (late arrival)
The Honorable Kim Gray
The Honorable Michael Jones (late arrival)
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Lawrence Anderson, Council Chief of Staff
Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst
Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Acting Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst 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

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2019-294 – to be amended and continued to Monday, March 9, 2020

Councilor Michael Jones arrived at 4:06 p.m. and was seated.

2. Ord. 2019-302 – to be amended and continued to Monday, March 23, 2020
3. Ord. 2019-319 – to be continued to Monday, April 13, 2020
4. Ord. 2019-320 – to be continued to Monday, April 13, 2020
5. Ord. 2020-011 – to be amended and continued to Monday, February 24, 2020
6. Ord. 2020-015 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2020-016 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2020-017 – retained on the Consent Agenda

9. Ord. 2020-018 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2020-019 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2020-020 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2020-021 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Ord. 2020-022 – retained on the Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2020-023 – retained on the Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2020-024 – retained on the Consent Agenda
16. Ord. 2020-026 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

17. Ord. 2018-236 – to be continued to Monday, April 13, 2020
18. Ord. 2019-012 – to be continued to Monday, September 14, 2020
19. Ord. 2019-211 – to be stricken
20. Ord. 2019-212 – to be stricken
21. Ord. 2019-213 – to be stricken
22. Ord. 2019-214 – to be stricken
23. Ord. 2019-215 – to be stricken
24. Ord. 2019-216 – to be stricken
25. Ord. 2019-217 – to be stricken
26. Ord. 2019-218 – to be stricken
27. Ord. 2019-219 – to be stricken

Councilor Andreas Addison arrived at 4:14 p.m. and was seated.

In an effort to provide an opportunity to fully vet and contemplate negotiation strategies regarding the Navy Hill Development (NHD) project, President Cynthia Newbille requested that Council consider overriding the Organizational Development Standing Committee's recommendation to strike Ords. 2019-211, 2019-212, 2019-213, 2019-214, 2019-215, 2019-216, 2019-217, 2019-218, 2019-219 and Res. 2019-R044, and instead continue all legislation to the February 24, 2020 Formal Session of Council for consideration.

Councilor Michael Jones stressed the need of Council to hear additional citizen comments concerning the NHD project at the suggested continuance date despite prior public hearings.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch requested that citizens still be awarded an opportunity to provide comment regarding the NHD project later that evening at the Formal Session of Council despite the recommended striking of all proposed legislation related to the project.

After further discussion, there was no consensus to override the recommendation to strike and continue legislation related to the NHD project; however, there was a consensus to suspend

Council's Rules of Procedure to provide for an opportunity to hear public comment associated with the project.

28. Ord. 2019-343 – to be continued to Monday, March 9, 2020

29. Res. 2019-R044 – to be stricken

30. Res. 2020-R009 – retained on the Regular Agenda

Vice President Chris Hilbert informed Council that he will abstain from the vote on Ord. 2020-011 due to a conflict of interest, and he requested that additional notification regarding the continuance of Ord. 2019-343 be publicized prior to that evening's Formal Session of Council.

Councilor Kim Gray acknowledged a need for a focus group involving short-term rentals.

President Cynthia Newbille clarified that the motion to suspend Council's Rules of Procedure, allowing for public comment regarding the NHD project, is to occur prior to the agenda review and amendments portion of that evening's Formal Session of Council.

John Wack, Finance director, was available to answer questions regarding proposed Ord. 2019-343.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

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