



City of Richmond

Formal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, September 14, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
(Virtual Meeting)

Councilmembers Present

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

Absent

The Honorable Michael Jones

President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., and presided.

Invocation was offered by Pastor Alonza Lawrence of Moore Street Missionary Baptist Church, 1408 West Leigh Street, Richmond, VA.

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

ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

City Clerk Candice Reid, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as amended by Ordinance No. 2020-183, adopted August 20, 2020, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means. City Clerk Reid stated notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on August 21, 2020, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated members of the public were encouraged to provide comments in writing prior to the meeting and all comments received prior to 10:00 a.m., on Monday, September 14, 2020, were provided to Council members. Ms. Reid indicated that members of the public who signed up to speak and provide comment would be called to speak at the appropriate time.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren provided citizen speaker guidelines.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the following appointments and reappointments be approved, with the exception of Michael Dickinson's appointment to the Community Criminal Justice Board:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Terms</u>
Capital Area Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) Policy Advisory Board (4 members appointed by Council)	*	Dr. A'tasha Christian 7 th District Employment	09/14/2020 – 03/26/2021 <i>Succeeding Carlton G. Edwards</i>
Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration (15 members)	At- Large Member*	James Arnold 9 th District Resident (reappointment)	09/10/2020 – 09/10/2022
Community Criminal Justice Board (15 members)	Citizen Representative*	David Robinson 5 th District Resident	09/14/2020 – 09/11/2021 <i>Succeeding Carolyn Naoroz</i>
Richmond and Redevelopment Housing Authority (9 members)	Tenant Representative*	Veronica Blount** 6 th District Resident (reappointment)	09/14/2020 – 01/09/2024
		Charlene Pitchford 3 rd District Resident	09/14/2020 – 11/24/2023 <i>Succeeding Marilyn B. Olds</i>
		Patrice Shelton 6 th District Resident	09/14/2020 – 10/25/2022 <i>Succeeding Robert Adams</i>
Social Services Advisory Board (9 members)	Resident	Maureen Brookes 3 rd District Resident	09/14/2020 – 09/26/2023 <i>Succeeding Sayyeda Hall</i>
		Shannon Gonzalez 8 th District Resident	09/14/2020 – 09/26/2023 <i>Succeeding Chelsea Wise</i>
		Robin Mines 5 th District Resident	09/14/2020 – 03/26/2024 <i>Succeeding Michelle Mosby</i>
		Kimberley Young 7 th District Resident	09/14/2020 – 09/10/2024 <i>Succeeding Erin McClure</i>

Councilor Kim Gray joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no awards or presentations.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Karen Imes addressed Council and informed members of traffic accidents in her neighborhood on the 5700 block of Warwick Road. Ms. Imes stated she believed that reckless speeding of vehicles were the cause of the accidents. Ms. Imes inquired if it was possible to lower the speed limit on Warwick Road.

President Cynthia Newbille requested that Police Chief Gerald Smith follow up with Ms. Imes regarding her concerns and that he provide Council with an update on the city's plan to address speeding throughout the city.

Loraine Chew addressed Council and inquired if the city had plans to provide shelter for homeless individuals.

President Newbille informed Ms. Chew that Kelly King Horne, Homeward executive director, and Sharon Ebert, deputy chief administrative officer of Economic and Community Development, previously provided Council with an update that addressed homelessness in the city. President Newbille requested that the city clerk share the information and resources addressed in the homelessness update with Ms. Chew.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Vice President Chris Hilbert moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2020-103

To rezone certain properties in the areas surrounding the Science Museum of Virginia, Allison Street, and the Virginia Commonwealth University and the Virginia Union University Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit station areas.

To be continued to Monday, September 28, 2020

ORD. 2020-104

To amend the official zoning map for the purpose of designating certain street blocks as “priority streets” and certain street blocks as “street-oriented commercial streets” in the areas surrounding the Science Museum of Virginia, Allison Street, and the Virginia Commonwealth University and the Virginia Union University Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit station areas.

To be continued to Monday, September 28, 2020

ORD. 2020-105

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 30-433.2 (concerning parking lots in the UB Urban Business District, 30-440.3 (concerning yards in the B-4 Central Business District), 30-446.2 (concerning parking lots in the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District), and 30-950.2-30-950.5 (concerning Plan of Development Overlays), for the purpose of implementing the recommendations of the adopted Pulse Corridor Plan.

To be amended and continued to Monday, September 28, 2020

ORD. 2020-171

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 30-402.2, concerning permitted accessory uses and structures, 30-413.15, concerning yards, 30-419.2, concerning permitted principal uses, 30-419.3, concerning permitted principal uses on corner lots, 30-419.4, concerning permitted accessory uses and structures, 30-420.5, concerning yards, 30-424.5, concerning yards, 30-426.5, concerning yards, 30-428.6, concerning yards, 30-430.5, concerning yards, 30-442.1, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-442.4, concerning yards, 30-444.2, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-444.4, concerning yards, 30-446.4, concerning yards, 30-447.2, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-610.3, concerning alley frontage, 30-620.1, concerning lots and lot areas, 30-630.1, concerning yards, 30-630.4, concerning side yards, 30-630.9, concerning permitted projections and encroachments in yards and courts, 30-680.1, concerning location of accessory buildings, 30-800.2, concerning extension or expansion, 30-810.1, concerning alterations to buildings, 30-940.3, concerning the Urban Design Committee, and 30-1080, concerning unlawful conduct and penalties; to amend ch. 30, art. IV, div. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 30-402.8, 30-404.8, 30-406.8, 30-408.8, and 30-410.8, concerning driveways from streets; to amend ch. 30, art. VI, div. 7 of the City Code by adding therein a new § 30-660.1, concerning standards for location of refuse areas; to amend ch. 30, art. X, div. 4 of the City Code by adding therein a new § 30-1030.8, concerning expiration of approval of plans of

development, and to amend ch. 30, art. XII of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 30-1220.94, 30-1220.110:1, 30-1220.110:2, and 30-1220.110:3, concerning certain definitions.

To be amended and continued to Monday, September 28, 2020

ORD. 2020-172

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Quitclaim of Utility Easement Portion between the City of Richmond and the Capital Region Airport Commission, for the purpose of releasing a portion of a utility easement to the Capital Region Airport Commission.

To be continued to Monday, September 28, 2020

ORD. 2020-177

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 618 North 32nd Street and 620 North 32nd Street for the purpose of permitting the expansion of an existing adult care residence from 27 residents to 40 residents, upon certain terms and conditions.

To be continued to Monday, October 12, 2020

RES. 2020-R051

To impose enhanced speeding penalties pursuant to City Code § 27-163 and to authorize the placement of signs giving notice thereof on the portion of South Harrison Street located between Idlewood Avenue and Randolph Street and the portion of Colorado Avenue located between Randolph Street and South Allen Avenue.

To be continued to Monday, September 28, 2020

ORD. 2018-236

To amend ch. 26, art. V, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein new sections 26-370-26-374, concerning a real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling, for the purpose of establishing a new real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling.

To be continued to Monday, September 28, 2020

ORD. 2020-170

To change the use of the City-owned real estate known as the Annie Giles Community Resource Center and located at 1400 Oliver Hill Way so that such City-owned real estate will be used as an inclement weather shelter for homeless persons in the city of Richmond when the outdoor or wind chill temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and when the outdoor temperature rises to 92 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, when there is a forecast of accumulation of one inch or more of rain, snow, sleet or other precipitation within a 24-hour period, or when there is a forecast that includes a warning for a hurricane, tornado or high winds.

To be continued to Monday, October 12, 2020

RES. 2020-R048

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Police to revise its policies to ban the use of certain non-lethal weapons to control unlawful assemblies.

To be continued to Monday, October 12, 2020

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding pending legislation prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting and are included as an appendix to the September 14, 2020 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

The motion to amend the agenda was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None. Gray was excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2020-165

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$477,498.00 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Police's special fund by \$477,498.00 for the purpose of providing funding for COVID-19 pandemic response programs, projects, and services by the Department of Police, the Richmond Sheriff's Office, and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

ORD. 2020-166

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$79,779.52 from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, and to appropriate the funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' special fund by \$79,779.52 for the purpose of funding the construction of the Pump House Trail extension.

ORD. 2020-167

To amend City Code §§ 10-79, concerning the award of franchises and permits to operators of emergency medical service vehicles, 10-80, concerning the responsibility of authorized providers to respond to the City's centralized dispatch center, and 10-83, concerning the suspension of authorization to operate emergency medical service vehicles, to make modifications to the City's regulations governing the operation of emergency medical service vehicles in the city. (As Amended)

ORD. 2020-168

To grant to Med-Trans Corporation a permit for the operation of rotary-wing emergency medical services vehicles in the city to provide [~~non-emergency~~] emergency aeromedical services, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

ORD. 2020-169

To amend Ord. No. 2019-084, adopted Apr. 8, 2019, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2020-040, adopted Feb. 24, 2020, which declared that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain fee simple interests and easements for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Hull Street Road between its intersection with Hey Road and its intersection with Warwick Road, to authorize the acquisition of additional fee simple and easement interests for the project.

ORD. 2020-173

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Governor's Agriculture & Forestry Industries Development Fund Performance Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond, Virginia, and River City Cider, LLC, doing business as Bryant's Small Batch Cider, for the purpose of enabling the Authority to provide an economic development grant to River City Cider, LLC, doing business as Bryant's Small Batch Cider, as an incentive to construct and improve a Virginia agricultural products processing facility in the city of Richmond.

ORD. 2020-174

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 64-161-147, adopted Jun. 22, 1964, which authorized the use of certain real estate situated on the north side of Franklin Street beginning at a point 60.5 feet west of

the west line of Adams Street, fronting 104.25 feet on the north side of Franklin Street and extending back between parallel or nearly parallel lines 200.5 feet, also known as the property located at 104 West Franklin Street, for the purpose of the construction and occupancy of an apartment building, to modify the off-street parking space requirements, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-175

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2007-224-196, adopted Sept. 10, 2007, which authorized the special use of the property known as 2811 Grove Avenue, for the purpose of authorizing an owner-occupied single-family dwelling with three tourist home lodging units, together with accessory parking, to remove the condition of owner-occupancy and to allow the hosting of special events, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-176

To authorize the special use of the property known as 311 West Franklin Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 128 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-178

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1106 North 21st Street and 1108 North 21st Street for the purpose of two two-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-179

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2000 Selden Street for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-180

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2406 Grayland Avenue for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-181

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3131 Kensington Avenue for the purpose of five single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-182

To authorize the special use of the property known as 5312 Wingfield Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2020-186

To amend Ord. No. 2020-053, adopted May 11, 2020, which appropriated and provided funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2020, and ending Jun. 30, 2021, by decreasing estimated revenues from various sources.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding Consent Agenda items prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting and are included as an appendix to the September 14, 2020 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch clarified that the acceptance of funds referenced in ORD. 2020-165, did not originate from the city's general fund, but was provided by the United States Department of Justice to provide the Richmond Police Department (RPD), Richmond Sheriff's Office and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office with funding for COVID-19 pandemic related matters.

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

Councilor Kim Gray left the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2018-324

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2007-131-174, adopted Jul. 23, 2007, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1400 Grove Avenue for the purpose of permitting a multifamily dwelling consisting of no more than ten units and authorized the special use of the properties known as 1410 and 1412 Grove Avenue for the purpose of allowing single-family attached dwellings on substandard sized lots, together with accessory off-street parking, to remove from the ordinance the provisions pertaining to 1412 Grove Avenue, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2018-325

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1412 Grove Avenue for the purpose of either a single-family attached dwelling or a single-family detached dwelling and up to four rooms or groups of rooms for short-term rental use, upon certain terms and conditions.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding ORD. 2018-324 and ORD. 2018-325 prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting and are included as an appendix to the September 14, 2020 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

President Cynthia Newbille confirmed that the City Planning Commission recommended that ORD. 2018-324 and ORD. 2018-325 be rejected.

There were no further comments or discussions and **ORD. 2018-324 and ORD. 2018-325 were rejected:** Ayes 1, Trammell. Noes 6, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille.

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2020-148

To amend ch. 26, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 10 (§§ 26-590-26-599) for the purpose of providing for the partial exemption of certain rehabilitated commercial or industrial structures from real estate taxation. (As Amended)

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding ORD. 2020-148 prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting and are included as an appendix to the September 14, 2020 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

Councilor Ellen Robertson provided an introduction of ORD. 2020-148, and stated that the proposed ordinance would provide tax abatement incentives for continued industrial development in the city.

Vice President Chris Hilbert confirmed that ORD. 2020-148 allowed mixed-use developments to take part in the tax abatement program, but only for the business portion of any mixed-use development, and not the residential portion.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch inquired if a fiscal impact statement was included in the ordinance. Councilor Lynch expressed her concerns about the potential loss of revenue if ORD. 2020-148 was adopted.

Councilor Robertson stated the ordinance requires an evaluation of the tax abatement's impact within five years to determine if any additional action was necessary by Council. Councilor Robertson confirmed that the program was available to businesses of all sizes looking to rehabilitate and develop commercial or industrial structures in the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and **ORD. 2020-148 was adopted:** Ayes 6, Robertson, Larson, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes 1, Lynch.

MOTIONS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the ordinance entitled:

ORD. 2020-105

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 30-433.2 (concerning parking lots in the UB Urban Business District, 30-440.3 (concerning yards in the B-4 Central Business District), 30-446.2 (concerning parking lots in the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District), and 30-950.2-30-950.5 (concerning Plan of Development Overlays), for the purpose of implementing the recommendations of the adopted Pulse Corridor Plan.

be amended and continued to Monday, September 28, 2020, as follows:

Page 9, Line 11

After the word “required”, strike the text “except as provided in Subsection (4) of this section, and”

Page 9, Line 14

After the second occurrence of the word “an”, strike the text “RO-3 or”

Page 9, Line 18

After the second occurrence of the word “an”, strike the text “RO-3 or”

Page 20, Line 5

After the second occurrence of the word “building”, insert a comma followed by the text “with the exception of single- and two-family dwellings” followed by a comma

The motion was seconded and was approved: Ayes 7, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell moved that the ordinance entitled:

ORD. 2020-171

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 30-402.2, concerning permitted accessory uses and structures, 30-413.15, concerning yards, 30-419.2, concerning permitted principal uses, 30-419.3, concerning permitted principal uses on corner lots, 30-419.4, concerning permitted accessory uses and structures, 30-420.5, concerning yards, 30-424.5, concerning yards, 30-426.5, concerning yards, 30-428.6, concerning yards, 30-430.5, concerning yards, 30-442.1, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-442.4, concerning yards, 30-444.2, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-444.4, concerning yards, 30-446.4, concerning yards, 30-447.2, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-610.3, concerning alley frontage, 30-620.1, concerning lots and lot areas, 30-630.1, concerning yards, 30-630.4, concerning side yards, 30-630.9, concerning permitted projections and encroachments in yards and courts, 30-680.1, concerning location of accessory buildings, 30-800.2, concerning extension or expansion, 30-810.1, concerning alterations to buildings, 30-940.3, concerning the Urban Design Committee, and 30-1080, concerning unlawful conduct and penalties; to amend ch. 30, art. IV, div. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 30-402.8, 30-404.8, 30-406.8, 30-408.8, and 30-410.8, concerning driveways from streets; to amend ch. 30, art. VI, div. 7 of the City Code by adding therein a new § 30-660.1, concerning standards for location of refuse areas; to amend ch. 30, art. X, div. 4 of the City Code by adding therein a new § 30-1030.8, concerning expiration of approval of plans of development, and to

amend ch. 30, art. XII of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 30-1220.94, 30-1220.110:1, 30-1220.110:2, and 30-1220.110:3, concerning certain definitions.

be amended and continued to Monday, September 28, 2020, as follows:

Page 44, Line 18

After the word “height”, insert a comma followed by the text “except that in the R-1 district they may not exceed 6 ½ feet”

The motion was seconded and was approved: Ayes 7, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the following Richmond City Council meetings: Special Meetings held on Monday, August 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.; Monday, August 10, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.; Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, July 27, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Robertson, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, September 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2020-187

To amend Appendix A of the City Code for section 24-117, concerning the application and processing fee for each administrative approval encroachment application for use of a sidewalk for outdoor dining purposes applied for by October 31, 2020.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(2).

ORD. 2020-188

To amend Ord. No. 2020-092, adopted Apr. 13, 2020, which extended the deadline for filing an application or certification by real estate taxpayers claiming an exemption or freeze under City Code §§ 26-364 or 26-365 for the taxable year 2020 only from Mar. 31, 2020, to Apr. 30, 2020, by further extending the deadline from Apr. 30, 2020 to Oct. 30, 2020.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(2).

ORD. 2020-189

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the National League of Cities; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of Community Wealth Building called the NLC Census Initiative Response Special Fund; and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of Community Wealth Building's NLC Census Initiative Special Fund by \$5,000.00 for the purpose of funding an awareness campaign promoting the importance of participation in the 2020 United States Census.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

ORD. 2020-190

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, and to appropriate the funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Planning and Development Review's Permitting and Inspections Technical Renewal special fund by \$2,000.00 for the purpose of funding the purchase of equipment and technical upgrades for use in virtual certification and continuing education classes for employees of the Department of Planning and Development Review's permitting and inspections division.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

ORD. 2020-191

To amend Ord. No. 2020-164, adopted Aug. 10, 2020, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to submit an amended Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds, accepted funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$6,184,226.00, and appropriated \$6,184,226.00 for various projects, to authorize the submission of a further amended version of the amended Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan and to reallocate and re-appropriate \$4,239,079.00 in unallocated funds for various projects.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

ORD. 2020-192

To amend and reordain certain fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 8-545 (concerning fees for the temporary use of Main Street Station) for the purpose of revising the schedule of fees for the temporary use of Main Street Station.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-193

To declare surplus and direct the sale of the City-owned real estate known as 2901 Bainbridge Street for \$10,000.00 to the Richmond Fire Department Foundation.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-194

To amend Ord. No. 2020-050, adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted the Special Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and appropriated the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds, to transfer funds in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 from the Office of the City Attorney's "Delinquent Tax Sales" special fund and to amend Ord. No. 2020-051, adopted May 11, 2020, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and the four fiscal

years thereafter, adopted a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget, and determined a means for financing the same by (i) establishing a new project in the Culture & Recreation category called the "Enslaved African Heritage Campus" project and (ii) appropriating the funds transferred to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget by increasing revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Enslaved African Heritage Campus project by \$1,700,000.00 for the purpose of planning, designing, acquiring land for, and constructing a multiuse enslaved African cultural and heritage parklike campus in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-195

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Richmond as lessor and Challenge Discovery Projects, Inc. as lessee for the purpose of leasing to Challenge Discovery Projects, Inc. a certain portion of the City-owned property located at 2405 Jefferson Avenue.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-196

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease between the City of Richmond and T-Mobile USA Tower LLC for the purpose of permitting T-Mobile USA Tower LLC to operate existing telecommunications equipment at 4827 Old Warwick Road.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-197

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a City of Richmond Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Friends of the James River Park for the purpose of restoring a section of riparian buffer and performing related environmental activities along the James River at Pony Pasture Rapids Park and the Wetlands Park in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-198

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Pony Pasture Rapids Park and the Wetlands Park Right-of-Entry Agreement between the City of Richmond and Friends of the James River Park for the purpose of restoring a section of riparian buffer and performing related environmental activities along the James River at Pony Pasture Rapids Park and the Wetlands Park in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-199

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the parcel of real property owned by the Virginia Department of Transportation and known as 311 South Belmont Avenue for the purpose maintaining the property as a City green space, playground, and recreational area.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-200

To designate the 900 block of St. James Street in honor of James Russell Stallings, Sr.

Patron: Vice President Hilbert

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-201

To amend and reordain City Code § 27-283, concerning performance measurements for the special parking districts program, for the purpose of changing the due date for the submission of the annual study from March 1 of each year to September 1 of each year.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.

ORD. 2020-202

To amend and reordain City Code § 8-545, concerning the establishment of fees for licenses to temporarily use Main Street Station or portions thereof, for the purpose of authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to appoint a designee to license Main Street Station or any portion thereof for temporary use by the public.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.

RES. 2020-R052

To provide for the nomination of George P. Braxton, Benjamin P. Campbell, and Eldridge Forest Coles as the City of Richmond's three Directors and the election of the Board of Directors of the Greater Richmond Transit Company for the period commencing upon election and qualification of these nominees as Directors and terminating on the date of the 2021 annual meeting of shareholders upon the election and qualification of the successors to these Directors.

Patrons: City Council

This resolution was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(a).

RES. 2020-R053

To request that the Mayor propose, for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and for every fiscal year thereafter, a budget that includes funding in the amount of at least \$10,000,000.00 for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2020-R054

To request that the Mayor make such recommendations for budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2021 or otherwise propose an annual budget for Fiscal Year 2022 that would achieve pay parity between the employees of the City of Richmond's Office of the Public Defender and the City of Richmond's Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

Patron: Ms. Lynch

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2020-R055

To declare surplus, and to authorize and request the Chief Administrative Officer to seek offers, bids, or proposals by solicitation or auction for City-owned properties located at 809 West 44th Street, 811 Rear West 44th Street, and 4306 Rear Reedy Avenue for the purpose of facilitating the purchase and development of such parcels.

Patron: Ms. Larson

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

RES. 2020-R056

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Finance and the Department of Human Resources to conduct a study of the City's telecommuting workforce to determine if cost savings and other benefits have been derived from the telecommuting policies adopted by the City in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for the purpose of potentially continuing or expanding upon such policies after the pandemic.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, October 12, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2020-203

To amend Ord. No. 90-15-31, adopted Feb. 26, 1990, as previously amended by Ord. No. 96-169-163, adopted Jun. 24, 1996, Ord. No. 99-428-2000-16, adopted Jan. 24, 2000, Ord. No. 2003-246-253, adopted Sept. 8, 2003, and Ord. No. 2014-75-54, adopted Apr. 28, 2014, which authorized a special use of the property known as 428 North Boulevard, to permit exterior and interior modifications for museum and library purposes, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-204

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 83-67-66, adopted Apr. 25, 1983, as amended by Ord. No. 95-244-274, adopted Nov. 13, 1995, which authorized the use of the property known as 5607 Grove Avenue, for the purpose of a dance studio and the use of the existing building for office purposes, to allow exterior façade modifications, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-205

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1041 North Lombardy Street, 1480 Moore Street, and 1500 Moore Street for the purpose of multifamily dwellings containing a total of up to 90 dwelling units, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-206

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1429 Mechanicsville Turnpike for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-207

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1513 Rear Grove Avenue for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-208

To close, to public use and travel, a portion of Moore Street located between North Lombardy Street and Bowe Street consisting of 9,843± square feet, but retaining portions as utility easements and access easements, upon certain terms and conditions, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the dedication of a public utility easement and a public access easement, consisting of 1,159± square feet and a public utility easement and a public access easement consisting of 11,723± square feet, over certain parcels adjacent to the closed portion of Moore Street, in connection with vehicular and pedestrian access to a proposed mixed-use development in the area.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2020-209

To amend City Code §§ 30-438.1, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-438.3:1, concerning floor area and usable open space, 30-438.4, concerning screening, 30-452.1, concerning permitted principal uses, and 30-515, concerning sign regulations, to amend ch. 30, art. IV, div. 21 of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 30-438, concerning the intent of the B-3 zoning district, and 30-438.6, concerning parking and circulation of vehicles, and to amend ch. 30, art. XII of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 30-1220.15:1 and 30-1220.84:1, concerning certain definitions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Mr. Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Members of Council provided reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell left the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

CITY CLERK

From: [Dan Nacu](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Please oppose ORD. 2020-103.
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 12:55:21 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my concern that ORD. 2020-103 will negatively impact the well-being of Richmond's current population in favor of an potential future population of people who are not here.

Developers are interested in making money and will not provide quality apartment buildings that match the architectural feel of Richmond. New construction nowadays uses cheap, generic, and ugly design motifs.

Property owners will not provide "low-cost" housing since there will always be people who can afford "luxury" prices or outbid low-income Richmonders.

Richmond is a beautiful city that deserves to preserve its look and feel. 20 story buildings adjacent to the Fan will ruin this while failing to provide Richmonders with meaningful value as stated above. If developers themselves say that 20 stories may not be preferred due to the cost, then why even include that number?

In light of the BLM protests and the growing concern over income inequality, shouldn't funding be provided towards improving the quality of life in historically black neighborhoods, rather than ushering in luxury apartments and shopping centers that will exacerbate gentrification and income inequality?

Certainly not all of these proposals are bad. Some rezoning makes sense, especially when it comes to restoring and improving existing housing and fixing Richmond's food-desert issues, but ORD. 2020-103 is simply putting money in the hands of developers and big-businesses rather than regular Richmonders.

As a long time resident I strongly suggest ORD. 2020-103 be opposed and have a modified, more Richmond centric version considered after the pandemic when people can be fully informed and safely express their views.

Thank you for your time.

Dan Nacu



From: [Warthen, Martha](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: FW: Pulse Corridor Rezoning - ORD 2020-103, 104 & 105
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 2:45:19 PM

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Please include this email with the "Fan District Association Email" in the City Council agenda. Thank you.

From: Warthen, Martha [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 7:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council
[REDACTED]; Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Office
[REDACTED]; [REDACTED] Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office
Subject: Pulse Corridor Rezoning

Often in Richmond great changes happen without public input because the public doesn't take the time to be part of the process. That is not the case with the Pulse Corridor rezoning. Seven neighborhood organizations, including the Fan District Association, have actively participated in public meetings, written letters and emails, and made the City's Planning Department well aware of our thoughts on the proposed rezoning plan. Instead of listening to the neighborhoods that will be most affected by the proposed plan, the Planning Department has aligned itself with the development community and ignored us entirely.

The FDA recently polled its membership to ask their opinion on the rezoning of the Pulse Corridor and found that the majority of us look forward to Broad Street being redeveloped. We understand the City needs the revenue from new development and that rezoning is required for the redevelopment to go forward; however, our membership is opposed to the building height allowed by the proposed rezoning plan. In the poll, only 16% of Fan residents thought that 20+ story buildings were appropriate for the area, while 26% thought 12 stories should be the maximum, 6% were in favor of a 10 story maximum, and **52% were in favor of an 8 story limit.**

We all understand the need for redevelopment in the Pulse Corridor, but there is no need to remove all neighborhood input from the process. Allowing 20+ story buildings by right on the north side of Broad Street does just that.

Respectfully,

Martha Warthen

President, Fan District Association

From: [Diana Lim](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Oppose rezoning abroad bw Arthur Ashe Blvd and Belvidere
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:08:42 PM

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Dear City Council,
I strongly oppose this rezoning proposal, for the following reasons:

- 20+ stories is too high.
- City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.
- There are only six design restrictions, leaving too much flexibility
- It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.

Thank you for your time,
Diana Lim
Fan resident

From: [barry white](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Resining
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:10:27 PM

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20 stories is not necessarily an improvement for the area
Definitely feel the reasoning vote should be put off until the pandemic is over and the citizens or Richmond can adequately have their opinions heard and considered .
Chester White
Fan district

Sent from my iPad

From: [Colleen](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [jerome legions](#)
Subject: Current Pulse Corridor Plan
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:13:32 PM

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Candice:

Please forward this email to the Richmond City Council prior to the meeting on September 14, 2020.

Admittedly I am not clear on who suffers and who benefits from the Pulse Corridor Plan amendment, but I am a member of The Coalition for Concern Civic Associations, so if it is a concern for other neighborhoods in Richmond, it is a concern for me as well. I am not sure why this is even being pushed through at this time. Have we not had enough forced change, and turmoil so far this year?

It seems like this is a time for healing, peace, and unity. This email is a sample of my unity for my extended neighbors living in the affected neighborhoods. It seems like more development could take the focus and perhaps physical business from our already ailing businesses, and if so, putting it through could be considered irresponsible, and an potential attempt to further cripple this amazing city. Maybe all of you could just let this one go for now, and at the very least table the discussion until next year.

Thank you, you are a gift, have an amazing day!

Colleen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#)
Subject: North Broad st between Belvedere and the Ash Boulevard REZONING/ 20+ stories is too high.
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:17:50 PM

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I am currently a member of the FDA code enforcement and zoning committee and the committee recently voted to not approve 20 story buildings on North Broad St between Belvedere St. and Ash Boulevard. City council voted in 2017 to approve 12 story buildings, not 20. It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet with their civic leaders.

Bill Beville

Bill



"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive body, but rather to skid in sideways, champagne in one hand, strawberries in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming, "YOO HOO- What a Ride!"
Hunter S. Thompson

From: [Linda Lewis](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Broad Street Development
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:28:08 PM

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- Good afternoon: I'm writing today to express my opposition to the new pulse corridor plan.
In my opinion:
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- 20+ stories is too high.
- City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.
- There are only six design restrictions. These design restrictions are not legally required, so the Planning Department does not have to require developers to abide by them, and if developers don't want to abide by them they can sue the City and most likely win.
- It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders

Thank you for passing this on to the appropriate people.

Linda Lewis


From: [Jennifer O'Flynn](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Broad St. Rezoning to allow 20" buildings
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:32:05 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I have lived in the Fan district since 1995 and truly love the historical buildings and preservation efforts. With that said, I strongly disagree that we should be allowing 20' buildings on Broad St. in our neighborhood to tower over the skyline.

- City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.
- It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.

As a key. taxpayer in the City of Richmond, please do not pass this rezoning act.

Many thanks,

Jennifer O'Flynn

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Rezoning Broad
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:32:50 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to express my opinion that I am against passage of the plan to rezone Broad Street between Arthur Ashe Boulevard and Belvidere. To vote on this during the COVID-19 pandemic when meeting in person with our city council members and other city leadership is wrong.

Specifically, I am against allowing 20-story high buildings on this part of Broad Street, when the Pulse Corridor Plan allowed only 12 stories (which I also think is too high). Also, in this plan, the design restrictions are not legally enforceable, but should be.

I hope that the Rezoning Board will not allow this plan.

Ruth Nurnberg
[REDACTED]

From: [Leanne Kurland](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Broad Street Rezoning Planning commission meeting
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:36:39 PM

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Regarding the Planning Commission's upcoming meeting to discuss a rezoning plan for Broad Street between Belvidere and Arthur Ashe Boulevard, I urge the Commission to deny the rezoning application.

— The Pulse Corridor Plan in 2017 allowed building up to 12 stories. Why are you considering a proposal for a change to 20 stories? 20 stories is too high for the area.

— Such a change should not be taken into consideration during pandemic, as residents cannot meet easily and readily in person with civic leaders to discuss proposed changes.

— The design restrictions need to be legally enforceable. They currently are not, so developers would not have to abide by them, no matter what those restrictions may be.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Sincerely,

Leanne & Alex Kurland

[Redacted signature block]

From: [KFS](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#)
Subject: vote on rezoning Broad Street between Belvidere Street and Arthur Ashe Boulevard
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:37:18 PM

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I would like to voice my concern on the rezoning proposed for Broad Street.

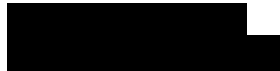
There are several issues that are important to consider.

- (1) We should not allow construction of buildings of 20 stories. This is too high and creates too high a density.
- (2) City Council adopted a plan in 2017 which allows buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.
- (3) There are only six design restrictions and they are not legally required, limiting Planning Department's ability to require developers to abide by them.
- (4) It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.

I am just one of many voices in opposition to this proposed rezoning.

Respectfully,

Kurt F. Schwarz



From: [Bruce MacAlister, software engineer, instructor retired](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#)
Subject: Regarding: Rezoning the Pulse Corridor vote in September 2020
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:48:33 PM

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To: The Richmond City Council

From: Bruce MacAlister, [REDACTED]

Date: 10 Sept 2020

Regarding: Rezoning the Pulse Corridor vote in September 2020

In the Pulse Corridor zoning you said 12-story buildings. Now you say 20-stories. Now you say north side of Broad only. Next you'll want to do south of Broad.

I have been watching the build-out in Scott's Addition and I don't want that ugliness in my neighborhood.

1. You should limit the height to 5 stories.
2. There should be a significant required setback from the street and sidewalk. I suggest 20 feet. Crowding the street like Scott's Addition is terrible to my eye.
3. Developers need to give back green space for a park or two. We don't need downtown in our area. It can be a collective give-back from several developers but park space needs to be part of it.

This proposal of a major deviation from the original Pulse Corridor is suspicious given that everyone is distracted by the pandemic and the start of the school year.

The final cause for my suspicion of devious manipulation is all this follows the secretive Navy Hill project and the "deal" made to have the statues removed. Can the officials at city hall be trusted anymore? I think not.

Regards, Bruce MacAlister
[REDACTED]

From: [Paige Hausburg](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Proposed rezoning
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:59:13 PM

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Please do not vote to approve the proposed new zoning for the following reasons:

- 20+ stories is too high.
- City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.
- There are only six design restrictions (see page 5 [here](#)). These design restrictions are not legally required, so the Planning Department does not have to require developers to abide by them, and if developers don't want to abide by them they can sue the City and most likely win.
- It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.

Thank you,
Paige Hausburg



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Agustin Rodriguez](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#)
Subject: Zoning proposal for Broad Street
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 4:03:32 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please share the following with the Mayor and City Council. I write in opposition to the proposal to allow the building of buildings in excess of 12 stories along the Broad Street corridor. My reasons include:

- 20+ stories is too high and is not in keeping with the historical landscape of Broad Street and the adjoining neighborhoods.
- City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.
- There are only six design restrictions (see page 5 [here](#)). These design restrictions are not legally required, so the Planning Department does not have to require developers to abide by them, and if developers don't want to abide by them they can sue the City and most likely win.
- It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.

Please vote NO on this proposal to the extent it allows buildings in excess of 12 stories.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Broad Street Rezoning
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 4:31:59 PM

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- 20+ stories is too high.
 - City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.
 - There are only six design restrictions (see page 5 [here](#)). These design restrictions are not legally required, so the Planning Department does not have to require developers to abide by them, and if developers don't want to abide by them they can sue the City and most likely win.
 - It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.
- [REDACTED]

From: [Orna Malone](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: No to rezoning Arthur Ashe
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 4:45:30 PM

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Hello,

I like to express my opposition to the proposed rezoning Broad Street between Belvidere Street and Arthur Ashe Boulevard.

No to 20storey plus Buildings.

We - the people who actually live in the city - have to endure the pulse (two dead, so far) and that allows buildings UP TO 12storeys. This proposed rezoning violates that limit.

There are only six design restrictions. Which are not legally required - so sneaky - so your department doesn't have to require developers to abide by them. I mean, I'm rolling my eyes here.

Also, in case you haven't noticed, there's a pandemic. So meeting and sitting down and going over the actual details is a little difficult right now so how about you just hold off for a bit.

Orna malone

[REDACTED]

From: [Julie Hunt Dalton](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: proposed rezoning on Broad street - concerns
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 5:03:24 PM

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Hello,

I am a citizen of the City of Richmond in the Fan District. I am very concerned about the proposed rezoning on Broad street which would allow buildings to be built up 20 stories. My understanding was that the:

- City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.

Please do not approve this change as I believe it will significantly and negatively impact the feeling of community we have all been striving to build here in our city.

I oppose this 20 story rezoning.

Sincerely,

Julie Dalton

From: [Colby and Adrienne Howard](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Opposition to Rezoning of Broad Street
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 5:48:18 PM

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Dear City Council,


I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed rezoning of Broad Street between Belvidere and Ashe to allow for the construction of 20 story buildings.

The Pulse Corridor plan of 2017 allowed for 12 story buildings and that was reasonable. 20 story buildings will not only be an eyesore, they will completely change the nature of that area and NOT for the better.

The proposed design restrictions are just suggestions not legal requirements so you are literally inviting wealthy developers to sue if they don't want to abide by them.

Lastly, I oppose the timing of this proposition....in the middle of a pandemic when affected citizens cannot meet in person with our civic leaders. I am a property owner in the immediate area and feel that such a large change mandates a pause on this plan until all stakeholders can meet to discuss in person.

Regards,
Adrienne Howard



From: [MaryAnne Rodriguez](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: RE Rezoning
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 6:26:15 PM

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We oppose buildings 20 story high anywhere near or west of Broad St and Belvedere.

Thank you,

Dr. and Mrs. Gil Rodriguez



From: [Anne Repp](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#)
Subject: Rezoning North of Broad Street / Fan District area
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 6:45:25 PM

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To: City Council

I am concerned about the Zoning Commission's approved changes to the zoning north of Broad Street between Arthur Ashe Blvd. and Belvidere. They are too broad—not anticipated.

The most egregious is the allowable height of 20-story buildings! Ideally buildings should be no higher than the highest building already there. I understand that City Council agreed on a limit of 12 stories when the Pulse was planned, but even that is too high.

This is particularly in onerous because the City is adopting changes when the citizens cannot meet in person and discuss with one another or with City Planners. It feels not only dishonorable, but unwise: the planning picture might be entirely different in a year and we need to revisit it when Pandemic restrictions are lifted. I hope you will reconsider the plans and, at best, postpone the vote.

Sincerely,

Anne Repp

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Judy Jamison](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Rezoning from Belvidere to Arthur Ashe Blvd.
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 8:08:04 PM

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I wish to voice my objection to allowing high rise apartment buildings in excess of 12 stories on the Pulse Corridor specifically on the North side of Broad adjoining The Fan District.

It has only been 3 years since the city council wrote these restrictions and for good purpose. High rise apartments rarely have enough parking which creates issues for neighboring areas. There are already a large number of new apartments being built in this area or in nearby Scotts Addition.

The pandemic may have changed live college as we once knew it. Housing may not need to be required on the scale Richmond is building it if students spend more time in virtual learning.

It appears there are only six design restrictions which are not enforceable. Furthermore, all of this has been pushed through during a pandemic when residents cannot meet with their elected officials and civic leaders.

I urge you to deny this change.

Regards,
Judy Jamison



From: [Kathleen Sardegna](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Rezoning
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 8:16:33 PM

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Hello,

We would like to register our concern about the proposed rezoning for buildings of height up to 20 stories on Broad Street.

This is higher than the previously agreed upon height of 12 stories noted during the Pulse Corridor Plan in 2017. It is also close to many areas of the Fan which are single family homes and would significantly impact those neighborhoods.

Please do not proceed with such dramatic changes to our area during a Pandemic when we cannot attend meetings to be heard in person and discuss concerns.

Thank you,

Kathleen Sardegna
David Marcello
[REDACTED]

From: [Susan Snyder](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#)
Subject: 20+ stories
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 8:21:44 PM

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Dear city leaders,

As a fan resident I beg of you not to approve 20 + story buildings along the Pulse corridor where 12 stories are approved as of now. Why change it. That should be more than sufficient to add density in the city while not building tall cavernous buildings near our residences.

I ask you to at least delay the vote until there is more time to study the impact on traffic, parking, and schools, etc in the area.

Thanks a lot,
Jim Buzzard and Susan Snyder

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Peter Hahn](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Proposed rezoning North of Broad between Belvedere and Boulevard
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 6:58:08 AM

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Hi City Clerk, I've heard a lot of debate about this rezoning. I'm really concerned that 20+ stories is too high. I saw that even developers are unlikely to build higher than 20 stories, so why even allow it?

With the pandemic, I haven't had the opportunity to attend meetings to discuss the proposal. I also don't think people will want to go into buildings with elevators.

The zoning should allow for development within limitations. The new proposal essentially removes all limitations which is going to lead to unsustainable development.

Peter Hahn
City of Richmond resident and tax payer

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: VOTE NO on ReZoning Broad Street!
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 10:27:29 AM

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Dear City Council,

Please VOTE NO on the reZoning **Broad Street between Belvidere Street and Arthur Ashe Boulevard, to allow for TWENTY STORY buildings.**

Driving down Broad today I noticed the Radio Tower, which sits at 843 feet **tall** and 1,046 feet above sea level.

The tallest building we saw was the William Byrd Senior Apartments located at 2501 W Broad St is 11 stories, less than **154 feet tall.**

Several new apartment building are spouting up new Scott's Addition, most of them 4-6 stories high, less than **100 feet high.**

IMAGINE building **3X that** height, dwarfing Broad Street and casting a **giant shadow** over the small town urban charm of Richmond as we know it.

PLEASE VOTE NO!

Respectfully,

Nancy J Clark
[REDACTED]

From: [Michael](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#); [Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#); [Hilbert, Chris A. - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#); [Mayor Levar Stoney](#); [Saunders, Lincoln - Mayor's Office](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Office](#)
[REDACTED] [Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Office](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Building height limits on Broad Street
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 12:17:51 PM

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Dear Council Leadership –

We are writing to request City Council vote against the proposed ordinance from the Planning Commission of re-zoning for 20+ story buildings on West Broad Street in the uptown area.

As a property owners and residents in the Historic West Grace Street neighborhood, there are many more immediate and pressing concerns we are currently facing in this area. With the varied state of health, safety, and basic infrastructure challenges continuing before us, this proposal seems particularly inappropriate and reckless to even be up for discussion. This is a big misjudgment from the Planning Commission to present and pursue something so drastically different than what was originally approved. It quite clearly misrepresents the former agreed upon plan and now has significant impacts on our surrounding neighborhoods and the city as a whole. There is an undeniable lack of transparency and a blatant sense of disregard as to why the Planning Commission has chosen to ignore the previous building height limit agreements between the neighborhoods.

Please remember and take note that there are residents who have chosen to make this area of the city our home and have made considerable investments in our historic properties. Please take a moment and consider how you would view constructing such large buildings in your back yard. Progress and forward movement to improve the city is very important to all of us, but approval of these building heights will quite definitely undermine the city's commitment to the residents on the things that matter.

We request that you provide a firm and unanimous vote against this proposal.

Sincerely,

Michael Fowler & Scott Hafling
[REDACTED]

From: [Shannan Hillier](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Proposed rezoning of Broad St, Belvidere to Arthur Ash: NO!
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 12:56:19 PM

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This proposed rezoning is inappropriate and not in keeping with the character of The Fan.
Please vote NO!

As the FDA stated, this proposed rezoning should NOT be passed for several reasons, including:

- 20+ stories is too high. Building height should align with the current building heights.
- City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit, which is already way higher than appropriate.
- There are only six design restrictions. These design restrictions are not legally required, so the Planning Department does not have to require developers to abide by them, and if developers don't want to abide by them they can sue the City and most likely win.
- It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.

Shannan Hillier
The Fan, homeowner

From: [Marshall Lynch](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Re-Zoning Plan!!!
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 1:10:52 PM

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- 20+ stories is too high!
- City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.
- There are only six design restrictions, and these design restrictions are not legally required!
- It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.

Please consider waiting at least until in-person meetings can be held.

Sincerely, Marshall Lynch

From: [Kelly Bonds](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Lori Bonds](#)
Subject: Please vote NO on rezoning Broad St between Belvidere and Arthur Ashe
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 2:16:52 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Dear Councilmembers:

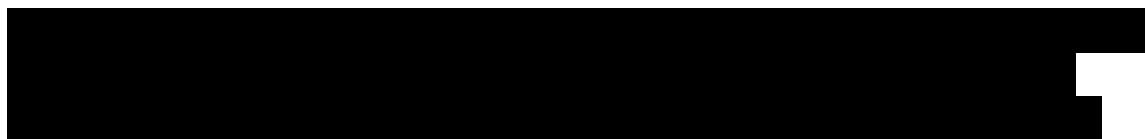
The City Council is scheduled to vote on rezoning Broad Street between Belvidere Street and Arthur Ashe Boulevard. Planning Staff recommended, and this week the Planning Commission approved, rezoning a significant amount of land North of Broad Street to **allow 20+ story buildings**. The proposed rezoning has significant flaws and I request that you reject it based on the following problems:

- 20+ stories is too high. Buildings of that size in that area would significantly change the landscape, architectural and historical features of the area not to mention the significant increase in population.
- City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.
- There are only six design restrictions (see page 5 [here](#)). These design restrictions are not legally required, so the Planning Department does not have to require developers to abide by them, and if developers don't want to abide by them they can sue the City and most likely win.
- It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Regards,

Kelly



From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: New zoning on Broad St
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 3:40:33 PM

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As residents of [REDACTED], we OPPOSE the change in zoning to allow 20+ story development on the Broad St. corridor.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at the cell number below.

Best

Jake

Jake Savage

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Broad Street Rezoning
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 3:47:41 PM

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Hello,

I am strongly against the 20 story rezoning. It is far too high and completely out of character with the area involved. The pulse corridor allows buildings to 12 stories and there is no reason to allow anything higher. All design restrictions should be done i. a way that developers have to follow them and cannot weasel out as they always seem to do!

Thank you.

Steven Cape
[REDACTED]

From: [Janet Chase](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: objections to RVA rezoning summary
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 4:02:12 PM

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Here are my objections to the **SCIENCE MUSEUM/ALLISON STREET/VCU&VUU STATION AREA REZONING SUMMARY**.

- 20+ stories is too high for buildings on Broad St.
- City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.
- There are only six design restrictions. These design restrictions are not legally required, so the Planning Department does not have to require developers to abide by them, and if developers don't want to abide by them they can sue the City and most likely win.
- It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.


Janet Chase

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Mark Rickey](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Proposed zoning changes on Broad street to allow 20 story buildings
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 4:50:46 PM

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Please note that as a resident of the fan district I strongly oppose the proposal to allow 20 story buildings along broad street. This will only result in vastly more traffic and congestion as well as create an eyesore along the broad street corridor. Please do not allow this change to take place.

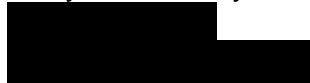
Thank you
Mark Rickey


From: [Mary Lou Rickey](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Rezoning of Pulse Corridor
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 4:58:07 PM

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I am a resident of the Fan and am alarmed to hear that there will be an attempt to rezone the area between Belvidere and Arthur Ashe Boulevard to include 20 story buildings. It feels like the wrong time to make such a decision with pandemic restrictions in place. Please reconsider approving this change.

Mary Lou Rickey



Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Stephanie Theofanos](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support Rezoning
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 8:46:36 PM

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I am a Fan resident and member of the FDA and I support rezoning north of Broad to allow for 20 story buildings.

I think it's important to take advantage of vertical space to create a more inclusive community.

Thank you.

Stephanie Theofanos

From: [Ann Beverly](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: rezoning Broad Street between Belvidere Street and Arthur Ashe Boulevard
Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020 6:27:34 AM

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Good Morning,

As a Fan resident, I am very concerned about the impact this rezoning will have on traffic, parking and congestion on Broad Street and the surrounding neighborhood. Specific concerns include:

- 20+ stories is too high.
- City Council adopted the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.
- There are only six design restrictions. These design restrictions are not legally required, so the Planning Department does not have to require developers to abide by them, and if developers don't want to abide by them they can sue the City and most likely win.
- It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.

Thank you for taking these concerns in consideration before you vote against the wishes of your constituents in favor of commercial interests.

Respectfully,

Ann D. Beverly



From: [Henry Bowen](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Propsed rezoning of Broad Street
Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020 11:39:49 AM

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To Whom It May Concern, As a resident of Richmond and of The Fan I wish to express my opposition to the rezoning of Broad Street to allow 20+ story buildings. Twelve story buildings are allowed in the Pulse Corridor Plan and this should not be changed. It is also disenfranchising to consider such a change in the midst of a pandemic when gatherings to consider the change are unwise. I appreciate you consideration. Respectfully, Henry A. Bowen, [REDACTED]

From: [Cecilia S Lewis](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: 20 stories for this area is far too tall
Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020 12:45:05 PM

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Please consider the area with wonderful residential areas, Neighborhood parks, and neighborhood restaurants that add quality to the area!

Cecilia Lewis



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Olwen Cape](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Rezoning of Science Museum/Allison Street/VCU & VUU Station Area
Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020 4:59:45 PM

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I am a Fan District resident ([REDACTED]), and have a concern about the proposed rezoning of this area:

The plan allows for buildings up to 20 stories high north of Broad Street. This is incompatible with the current streetscape and the 2017 Pulse Corridor Plan approved by City Council, which allowed for 12 story buildings. Buildings taller than the 12 story limit in this plan will have a dramatic negative effect on the streetscape. In addition, buildings of this size will significantly increase traffic in an area (Scott's Addition) that is already very congested, and where there is very little parking available. It is unrealistic to expect that all new residents of the will use public transportation exclusively.

Please reconsider this aspect of the proposed rezoning.

Regards,

Olwen Cape

From: [Elliott Kurtz](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Wagner, Daniel M. - City Council Office](#)
Subject: Support Broad St rezoning
Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020 7:59:13 PM

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Hello,

I wanted to voice my support for the proposed Broad St rezoning. Higher density zoning will allow for a more ecologically friendly city and will maximize the effectiveness of the Pulse transit system.

Elliott Kurtz


From: [Daniel Lawrence](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Rezoning of Broad Street between Belvedere and Arthur Ashe
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2020 11:08:07 AM

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We are a family of five that all live and vote in the fan district. We strongly urge the city council not to approve 20-story zoning north of Broad Street. In an area with narrow streets, limited parking, and too much traffic, 20-story buildings would create way too much density and congestion. 12 stories is high enough. In fact, in the case of the monstrosity of a dorm that VCU recently built on Monroe Park, it is way too high. To allow developers to thwart the democratic process by pushing through a major zoning change during a time when people cannot meet to discuss it is a very bad idea that I can't imagine any of you would want to be part of your legacy on the city council. And to allow a such zoning change that contains no enforceable design restrictions would be simply criminal. Please do not vote for this measure.

Sincerely,

Daniel Lawrence



From: [John Albright](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Input - Ordinance 2020-103, 2020-104, 2020-105
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2020 5:21:14 PM

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To: Honorable City Council members
Re: Ordinance 2020-103, 2020-104, 2020-105

We want to voice our opinion on some aspects of the Pulse Rezoning proposals.

1. We think parts of the original 2017 Pulse Corridor Plan, specifically those around limiting buildings to 12 stories (not up to 20 stories) should remain in place. We are concerned that buildings higher than that will negatively impact the more historical layout of the impacted areas of the city.
2. The six design restrictions do not appear to be legally required, which we think should be changed. If we are to have consistency in the fabric of the city's landscape, the restrictions should be mandatory for any new development. As part of this, keeping requirements for front yards & setbacks will ensure proper space for greenery, air circulation, and pedestrian access.
3. Lastly, we think more time should be allowed before such impactful rezoning changes are voted on so that more city residents can review and comment on the proposals; due to the covid 19 pandemic, people have been limited and in many cases unable to meet and discuss these proposed changes with city leaders.

Thank you for considering our comments.

John & Michelle Albright



From: [L Monroe](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Proposed Broad St rezoning comment - Belvidere to the Boulevard
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2020 9:54:29 PM

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Hello - I am a resident who lives adjacent the proposed rezoning area, and am strongly opposed to the rezoning plan for Broad St (Belvidere to the Boulevard). My reasons are:

- The Pulse Corridor Plan in 2017 already is a complete plan and allows 12 stories in height. This is sufficient to get additional density in the area. 20 stories (which would rival downtown) is way too high, and violates the already approved Pulse Corridor Plan.
- It's not acceptable to pass major rezoning of an entire area in the middle of a pandemic, when we can't meet in person (and may have lots of other things going on in dealing with the pandemic).
- Most importantly - there has been significant change to the character of the Fan in the last few months. Our neighborhood looks truly awful - vulgar graffiti the city won't remove, roads barely paved, downed street lamps. Honestly - can you just give us a break from the constant change/uncertainty we've been facing lately? Maybe table this for a bit until things settle down. We just want to live in a quiet, beautiful, classical architecture, residential neighborhood - not next to some brainstorm that city urban planners (who probably don't even live nearby) want to foist on us.

Regards,
Laura Frieese

From: [Lisa Hahn](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#); [West Grace Street](#); [Peter Hahn](#)
Subject: Broad Street Rezoning
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:10:36 AM

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I have been made aware by the Fan District Association and the Historic West Grace Street Association that there will be a rezoning of a significant amount of land North of Broad Street to allow 20+ story buildings. This is very concerning, and we are against allowing this rezoning for many reasons.

#1: 20+ stories is too high. This would have a number of problematic and negative consequences for the surrounding community, including:

- The impact of 350-500 new tenants in each tall building
- The state of the alleys on Broad Street and side streets
- increase of traffic and its new patterns
- not enough parking
- risks to pedestrian safety (particularly considering the Pulse lanes and how the buses travel)
- utilities
- schools
- emergency services (will they increase the number of police officers? does our fire department have the infrastructure/training/equipment for a totally new set of potential disasters?)
- 20+ story building would block access to light for adjacent neighborhoods
- impact on real estate taxes

City Council adopted the Pulse Corridor Plan in 2017, which allowed buildings up to 12 stories in height. The proposed rezoning violates this limit.

There are only six design restrictions (see page 5 of the Rezoning Summary attached). These design restrictions are not legally required, so the Planning Department does not have to require developers to abide by them, and if developers don't want to abide by them they can sue the City and most likely win.

It is inappropriate to implement wide-sweeping rezoning during a pandemic when citizens cannot meet in person with their civic leaders.

Also, how honest are they being about including the promised affordable housing? This is a key element of any development to ensure that our important service workers can afford to live close to their jobs at supermarkets, hospitals, offices, etc. It is also clear that this is an easy pass for developers to build student housing, as opposed to attracting a more permanent tax-paying base invested in the community long term.

Basically, our very own Planning Department, whom we employ and pay, are more interested

in serving developers-mostly from out of town- than the city's residents!

We are very concerned about these proposed changes and believe they will have a negative consequence for our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Lisa and Peter Hahn

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area, with a small rectangular cutout on the right side.

From: [Ann Jewell](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Resining Broad St.
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:00:00 AM

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I am against allowing 20+story buildings on Broad Street between Belvedere and Arthur Ashe Blvd.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert Sullivan](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Pulse Corridor Rezoning
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:59:35 AM

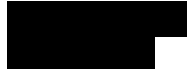
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I am a Fan resident, and I support the proposed rezoning along the Pulse corridor and North of Broad.

It's a matter of common sense and good land use to encourage greater density - commercial and residential - at our mass transit stops. Richmond needs to prepare for a future adapted to climate change, and this calls for more public transit, more infrastructure for bicycles and pedestrians, and greater population density in proximity to workplaces.


I encourage the Council to approve the plan.

Robert Sullivan



Andrew and Ellen Blake

9/1/2020



Candice D. Reid
City Clerk
City of Richmond Planning commission
900 E. Broad Street, Suite 305 Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Special use permits for 618 and 620 N 32nd

Dear Richmond City Council Members,

We own the property on the corner of 32nd and M street.

We have strong reservations against the proposed increase of occupancy of the above referenced properties. We understand the need for such facilities. However, having observed the activity at the two locations over the years, we believe an increase of nearly 67% is untenable. We have witnessed some friction between the residents at the facility and consider more people will exasperate the situation.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that you deny the special use permit request.

Sincerely,

Andrew and Ellen Blake

CC: Richmond Planning Commission

re: 2020-177

From: [Church Hill](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: ORD. 2020-177 For September 14th Richmond Meeting
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 7:58:59 PM

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Good day to all city council member and Richmond leadership,

My comments are in regards to the potential expansion of the adult care facility from 27 to 40 (or as outlined by the location's business plan - 50) Located at 618 & 620 32nd street. Opposed to rezoning and reconfiguring this space, would the city consider a location that is "not" within 3 blocks of "two" of our elementary schools??

I live appx 2 blocks from this location and the supervision/freedom for Residents at this facility is not at the level where increasing the residential capacity is warranted. Quite frankly, some (not all) of the residence continue to loiter at a local church, are Consistently/daily intoxicated, and as recent as today - engages in verbal confrontations with neighbors.

There is without question a need for places like this to assist those who desperately need help/support to overcome emotional and mental sickness. I speak for many of us within the Chimborazo community that questions the decision to consider this motion. We are looking to change the culture around our children who attend these two elementary schools close by. These concerns for this location, and other facilities that allow drunk loitering, have been a deep concern for some time (even in pre-Covid).

I again will firmly state there is a need for such a facility. However, to refurbish One of many Vacant lot/location(s) away from a local school (perhaps closer to 25th Street Market /RPD) where there could be an inclusive community engagement Hub within close proximity of the Market, Library, and New J Sar-Reynolds? Can this or an alternative like this be considered instead?? Every year we hear the city should do more for schools... and with the meal tax and other various programs in recent years, RVA/RPS has. But it takes more than just money. We need to continue to create an environment where Public schools in this city become sacred grounds. Create ordinances to not allow alcohol sold within certain proximities of schools, and minimize as much as we can the "continuous" portraits of a negative environment our inner city youth are faced with at home, let alone the visuals throughout church hill and other city localities. Let's help these adults, however with taking into consideration of how and "where" that best suits "all" citizens. As a long time city resident here, and growing up in Linden and Canarsie project developments in New York.... I'm speaking from a place where impressions can tax a community.... and it's future through children. I cannot condone this motion to rezone, and sincerely hope the city reconsiders , but implements and great secondary plan to help these people. Thank you for all that you do for our city..... and your time.

*Please forgive any typos or grammatical errors.

K Lewis

From: [Jesse](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Ordinance 2020-177
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 10:06:04 AM
Attachments: [Ordinance No 2020-177.docx](#)

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Please see attached letter regarding the above referenced ordinance.

Thank you!

Jesse S. Lennon III

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Integrity Business Trust 3107 M Street Series
[REDACTED]

September 11, 2020

City of Richmond
c/o Candice Reid, City Clerk
[REDACTED] -

RE: Ordinance No. 2020-177

To Whom It May Concern:

I own the parcel behind 618 and 620 N. 32nd Street. I would greatly appreciate it if the applicant would add a privacy fence at the rear of the property. The residents often sit in the rear yard and the residents at 3107 M Street often hear cursing and other profanities. It would also reduce the amount of trash that is in the side yard between the two properties.

If a privacy fence is installed, I would support this special use permit.

Should you have any questions, feel free to call me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely;

Jesse S. Lennon III

Jesse S. Lennon III
Manager

From: [Miles Gordon](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Fwd: Ordinance Number 2020-168 - Written Comments
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:27:07 AM
Attachments: [VCUHS Comments to ORD 2020-168 Final.docx.pdf](#)

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Good morning Madam Clerk,

I wanted to bump this message up ahead of next week's Council meeting. Below, is the attached comments from VCUHS regarding the Med Flight legislation.

Best,
Miles

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Miles Gordon [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 9:41 AM
Subject: Ordinance Number 2020-168 - Written Comments
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Karah Gunther [REDACTED]

Good morning Madam Clerk,

On behalf of VCU Health System, please see the attached comments from our Chair of Department of Emergency Medicine, Director of the Division of EMS, and Medical Director of VCU Critical Care Transport, Harinder Dhindsa, MD.

Best regards,

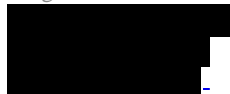
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Miles Gordon
Director of Government and Community Relations
Virginia Commonwealth University



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August 20, 2020

Re: ORD No. 2020-168: Med-Trans Corporation

Dear Members of Richmond City Council:

I write in regard to the above-referenced proposed ordinance, which seeks to grant to Med-Trans Corporation a permit for the operation of rotary-wing emergency medical services vehicles in the city to provide non-emergency aeromedical services. I serve as Chair of the VCU Health System's Department of Emergency Medicine, as well as the Director of the Division of EMS and Medical Director for VCU Critical Care Transport. I write today to provide additional context and background information regarding the current and planned future environment as it relates to air medical transportation in the City of Richmond and surrounding region. While I will not opine on the merits of the current proposal before you, I would like to underscore that air medical services within this region would be optimized by the implementation of collaborative approaches to serving our communities, such as the approach outlined below.

VCU Critical Care Transport Network has been serving central Virginia and beyond since its inception in 2001. It functions as a community model, meaning that it provides service to all area health systems and EMS partners. The geographical footprint served by the program's two aircraft – one of which is positioned south of Richmond in Dinwiddie County, and the second aircraft responds from the West Point area – extends clinical excellence to patients with time sensitive conditions in need of specialized care in a landscape that exceeds a 100 mile radius. Approximately 35% of all transports served by the program are transported to facilities other than VCU Health. Over the past 2 decades, the primary goal of the program has been to transport patients to the most appropriate and closest hospital, while serving as a community partner for all, and that principle continues to this day.

The transport network at VCU Health is in the process of an RFP with its current air transport vendor and other vendors, and in the spirit of continuing to serve as the region's helicopter transport service, VCU Health has approached all area health systems to invite them to be part of a formal air transport alliance. Currently, several health systems within the Commonwealth have expressed a strong interest or commitment to this collaborative model. With a formalized structure surrounding air medical transport, safety and appropriate utilization will be optimized. VCU Health believes there are areas of health care delivery where the community is best served when health systems compete; however, when it comes to helicopter medical transport we believe that the community is best served when health systems collaborate. Therefore, VCU Health welcomes every health system to

be a part of this alliance, including the health system presenting ORD. No. 2020-168 to you today.

We look forward to providing you with additional information as our collaborative alliance progresses. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harinder S. Dhindsa".

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VCU Health System
Professor and Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine
Director, Division of EMS
Medical Director, VCU Critical Care Transport

From: [Woodville Church of Nazarene Office](#)
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Home Building
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:37:19 AM

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To whom it may concern:

We're writing in reference to Ordinance No. 2020-179- Special Use Permit for 2000 Selden St

There is a proposal to have 2 houses built at the end of our church parking lot. The houses would block our church parking lot. We don't see how there's enough space for someone to build 1 house let alone 2 on the small strip of land. Whoever was to live in the houses wouldn't have much space for anything. It wouldn't work for someone who has children.

The Church does not think that it's a good idea to issue a special use permit in this case to build 2 houses.

Thanks,

Woodville Church of the Nazarene



Charles A. Tillman, Sr., Pastor

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Invoke the Lost
Nurture the Saints**

From: [John Albright](#)
To: [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#); [Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Hilbert, Chris A. - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#)
Subject: Oppose ORD. 2018-325 - SUP for 1412 Grove Ave
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 7:00:00 AM

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Honorable Members
Richmond City Council

Re: 1412 Grove Avenue, ORD. 2018-325
SUP Request as a "Tourist Home"
Request as a STR outside of recent city STR Guidelines

We're writing to express our strong opposition to Special Use Permit ORD 2018-325 (& ORD 2018-324) to allow short term rentals at 1412 Grove Ave and ask that City Council follow the Planning Commission's unanimous recommendation to Deny the request.

With the recent efforts of the Planning Commission and City Council to implement citywide STR regulations, it doesn't make sense to pass an SUP that would allow the property owner of 1412 Grove Ave, their non-primary residence, to host short term rentals. Allowing this type of SUP would set a bad precedent and result in a patchwork of inconsistent and confusing STR activity for the city and neighbors.

Additionally, the neighbors of 1412 Grove Ave have opposed this SUP since it was initially brought to the attention of the FDA and the neighbors in 2017 and as well the continued postings over the years at the Planning Commission meetings, only to be delayed. The neighbors have both appeared in person and/or sent letters asking for denial every time.

We thank the City Council for all their efforts to pass the recent STR regulation and provide a consistent set of regulations city-wide that support the best interests of neighborhoods like the Fan.

John and Michelle Albright


From: [Jane Carlson](#)
To: [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#)
Cc: [Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Office](#); [City Clerk's Office](#); [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Hilbert, Chris A. - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#)
Subject: SUP ORD 2018-325 for 1412 Grove Ave
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2020 2:45:34 PM

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Councilwoman Gray - I am writing you today to request that you **oppose** SUP ORD 2018-325 for 1412 Grove. This request was denied by the Planning Commission on September 8th. As you are aware this SUP does not align with the current Short-Term Rental (STR) regulations. Approving the SUP request so that others could bypass the current STR regulations would set a bad precedent.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope agreement, with this request.

Jane Carlson


From: [Cyane Crump](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#); [Hilbert, Chris A. - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council](#); [Trammell, Reva M. - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Harold Williams](#)
Subject: ORD 2020-148 on City Council Agenda 9/14/20
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:22:52 AM
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Members of City Council –

I am writing to support Ordinance 2020-148 on the City Council agenda for this evening.

The tax abatement program for commercial/industrial structures has proved an effective tool for economic development, creating jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities both in connection with the rehabilitation of these structures and in the businesses that occupy the rehabilitated spaces. As such, this program is effective in achieving its dual goals of community revitalization and preservation.

Thank you for all you do to make the City a better place for all, particularly in these trying times.

Cyane



Cyane Crump
Executive Director

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