



City of Richmond Formal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, February 22, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
Virtual Meeting

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Michael Jones (late arrival)
The Honorable Katherine Jordan
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert (early departure)
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (late arrival and early departure)
The Honorable Reva Trammell (late arrival)

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and presided.

ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

City Clerk Candice Reid, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as most recently amended by Ordinance No. 2020-232, adopted December 14, 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 February 12, 2021, 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, February 22, 2021, 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.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Benjamin Campbell of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 East Grace Street, Richmond, VA.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

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

CITIZEN SPEAKER GUIDELINES

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

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Levar Stoney addressed Council and provided an introduction of the Office of Community Wealth Building's (OCWB) annual performance report presentation.

Valaryee N. Mitchell, OCWB director, provided Council with an overview of OCWB's annual performance report. Ms. Mitchell also provided an update regarding OCWB's efforts to promote stability amongst families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and she informed members about the steps taken by OCWB to provide job training for citizens to help increase wage growth.

Councilor Michael Jones joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

There were no appointment/reappointment items for consideration.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Christa Donohue, Read to Them executive director, addressed Council and stated it was the mission of Read to Them to create a culture of literacy throughout the city. Ms. Donohue provided Council with a Read to Them schedule of upcoming literacy events and invited members to join in reading to the city's youth.

Elizabeth Orcutt addressed Council and stated the Carytown community was in need of additional assistance to ensure a safe and clean environment. Ms. Orcutt also stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, larger crowds are gathering in Carytown to take advantage of the outdoor space. Ms. Orcutt further stated that additional funding will be required to address the increase in trash throughout Carytown in order to provide a clean environment for citizens and tourists.

AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Vice President Ellen Robertson moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2019-275

To amend ch. 6 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. XII (§§ 6-596-6-602) to establish a technology zone program in accordance with Va. Code § 58.1-3850, for the purpose of facilitating the development and location of technology businesses in the city of Richmond, capital investment, and job creation.

To be continued to Monday, March 22, 2021

ORD. 2019-276

To amend City Code §§ 26-872, concerning definitions related to license taxes, and 26-989, concerning license taxes for personal services businesses, and to amend ch. 26, art. XV, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein a new section numbered 26-1003.1, concerning the license tax for technology businesses, for the purpose of creating a new business, profession, and occupation license category called "technology business" and imposing a new license tax on such businesses.

To be continued to Monday, March 22, 2021

ORD. 2020-257

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute appropriate documents releasing the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and its successors in interest from the reversionary right of the City contained in a certain special warranty deed concerning the property known as 30 West Jackson Street for the purpose of allowing the

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to sell the property for the development of a rental housing project for low-income residents.

To be continued to Monday, March 8, 2021

ORD. 2020-261

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 30-420.1, 30-420.1:1, and 30-420.2, concerning permitted uses in the R-73 Multifamily Residential District; 30-426.1, 30-426.1:1, and 30-426.2, concerning permitted uses in the RO-2 Residential-Office District; 30-432.1, concerning permitted uses in the I Institutional District; 30-434.1 concerning permitted uses in the B-1 Neighborhood Business District; 30-436.1, concerning permitted uses in the B-2 Community Business District; 30-438.1 and 30-438.2, concerning permitted uses in the B-3 General Business District; 30-440.1 and 30-440.2, concerning permitted uses in the B-4 Central Business District; 30-450.1, concerning permitted uses in the OS Office-Service District; 30-452.1, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses in the M-1 Light Industrial District; 30-1045.6, concerning specific conditions applicable to particular uses, and 30-1220, concerning certain definitions; to amend ch. 30. art. VI of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 15 (§ § 30-698-30.698.3), concerning specific conditions applicable to particular uses; and to amend ch. 30, art. XII of the City Code by adding therein new sections 30-1220.32:1, 30-1220.84:1, 30-1220.84:2, 30-1220.95:1, 30-1220.95:2, 30-1220.120:1, and 30-1220.122:1. (As Amended)

To be continued to Monday, March 8, 2021

ORD. 2020-275

To erect all-way stop signs at the intersection of Lamont Street and Wilmington Avenue.

To be continued to Monday, March 22, 2021

ORD. 2021-020

To amend City Code §§ 26-880, concerning beginner businesses, occupations or professions, and 26-891, concerning the time of assessment and payment, penalties and interest, and rates of interest for license taxes, for the purpose of establishing a due date of March 1 of each license tax year instead of January 1 of each license tax year for business license taxes.

Referral to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee to be waived and to be considered on the Consent Agenda

ORD. 2021-023

To amend Ord. No. 2020-049, adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by re-appropriating a \$656,995.00 portion of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 fund balance excess identified as an assignment of "Unspent Building Code Fees" in the City's 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and to appropriate these funds to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Planning and Development Review by \$656,995.00 for the purpose of supporting the functions of the Department of Planning and Development Review's Division of Permits and Inspections in compliance with Va. Code § 36-105.

To be continued to Monday, March 22, 2021

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 stricken

ORD. 2021-024

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for an on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the Development Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and Capital City Partners, LLC, for the purpose of providing for the private development of a mixed-use project located at 500 North 10th Street and the construction and dedication of certain public improvements in the vicinity thereof.

Referral to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee to be waived and to be continued to a special meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021

ORD. 2021-025

To direct the sale of the City-owned real estate located at 500 North 10th Street and known as the Public Safety Building to Capital City Partners, LLC, for \$3,520,456.00 for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment thereof.

Referral to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee to be waived and to be continued to a special meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021

ORD. 2021-026

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the dedication of right-of-way improvements consisting of 22,277± square feet and property consisting of 6,067± square feet for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment of the property known as 500 North 10th Street.

Referral to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee to be waived and to be continued to a special meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021

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 February 22, 2021 Formal City Council meeting minutes.

Councilor Kristen Larson stated she had requested from the Office of the City Attorney, a legal opinion regarding the language used within the legislation related to the sale of the city-owned Public Safety Building.

Interim City Attorney Haskell Brown stated he had provided Councilor Larson a legal opinion addressing her concern. Mr. Brown also stated that he would provide a copy of the legal opinion to all members of Council.

Vice President Ellen Robertson requested that Interim City Attorney Brown confirm that no amendments would be necessary to the legislation continued to the March 1, 2021 City Council Special meeting.

President Cynthia Newbille confirmed that individuals who had registered to speak during the public hearing for ORD. 2021-024, ORD. 2021-025 and ORD. 2020-026, would be automatically registered for the public hearing scheduled to take place at the March 1, 2021 City Council Special meeting.

There were no further comments or discussion and the **motion to amend the agenda was seconded and approved:** Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch was excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances and resolution were considered:

ORD. 2021-016

To authorize the special use of the property known as 321 West Grace Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing up to 16 stories and up to 177 dwelling units, upon certain Terms and conditions.

ORD. 2021-017

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2525 Belt Boulevard, 2613 Belt Boulevard, and 2701 Belt Boulevard for the purpose of up to 36 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2021-018

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 5300 Rear Hull Street Road, 5311 Warwick Road, 5315 Warwick Road, and 5323 Warwick Road for the purpose of up to 65 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. 2021-019

To rezone the property known as 470 Tredegar Street from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the DCC Downtown Civic and Cultural District.

ORD. 2021-020

To amend City Code §§ 26-880, concerning beginner businesses, occupations or professions, and 26-891, concerning the time of assessment and payment, penalties and interest, and rates of interest for license taxes, for the purpose of establishing a due date of March 1 of each license tax year instead of January 1 of each license tax year for business license taxes.

ORD. 2021-021

To amend City Code § 24-111, concerning encroachment application and processing fees, for the purpose of extending the application deadline for use of a sidewalk for outdoor dining from October 31, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

ORD. 2021-022

To amend Ord. No. 2020-049, adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by reducing total appropriations by \$1,753,657, transferring funds from various agencies and non-departmental programs and the Budget and Revenue Stabilization Contingency Reserve, and appropriating the transferred funds to various agencies and non-departmental programs.

RES. 2021-R015

To express the Council's support for the establishment of a federal guaranteed income program to provide economic relief in the form of ongoing direct cash payments for the duration of the health crisis to families affected financially by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell, Councilor Michael Jones and President Cynthia Newbille requested to be added as co-patrons of RES. 2021-R015.

There were no further comments or discussions and the **Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted.**

REGULAR AGENDA

There were no regular agenda items for consideration.

MOTIONS

There were no motions for consideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Special Organizational Meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.; Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

Vice President Ellen Robertson requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2021-017 and ORD. 2021-018.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2021-032

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$35,650.00 from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles; 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 DMV Traffic Enforcement and Safety Initiative Special Fund by \$35,650.00 for the purpose of funding police traffic enforcement and safety initiatives in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

ORD. 2021-033

To amend City Code § 21-40, concerning cooperative procurement, for the purpose of modifying the procedures for joint and cooperative procurement.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

ORD. 2021-034

To amend City Code § 21-59, concerning contract modification or supplement, for the purpose of providing that no fixed-price contract may be increased by more than 25 percent of the amount of the contract or \$100,000.00, whichever is greater, without written approval by the Chief Administrative Officer before any such modification is made.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

ORD. 2021-035

To amend City Code §§ 21-67, concerning competitive negotiation for goods, nonprofessional services, insurance, and construction, and 21-68, concerning contracting for professional services by competitive negotiation, for the purpose of modifying the procedures for the publishing of public notices for competitive negotiations.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

ORD. 2021-036

To amend City Code § 21-68, concerning contracting for professional services by competitive negotiation, for the purpose of increasing the threshold for competitive procurement of professional services from \$60,000.00 to \$80,000.00.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.:

ORD. 2021-037

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1312 Bainbridge Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing personal services businesses, and medical and dental offices and clinics, within the commercial area of the building, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. 2021-038

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2416 Jefferson Avenue for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing outdoor dining and tourist home uses, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021, 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.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

CITY CLERK

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From: JaVonne Bowles [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 12:40 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Zoning Ordinance 2020 - 261

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As a resident of Richmond City, I support Ordinance 2020-261 to reduce current zoning barriers to emergency and permanent supportive housing.

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In Solidarity,
JaVonne Bowles | Community Advocate
Pronouns: She/Her/We
Virginia Community Voice
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From: Historic W. Grace St. Assoc. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 6:04 PM
To: Addison, Andreas D. - City Council; Jones, Michael J. - City Council; Jordan, Katherine - City Council; Lambert, Ann-Frances - City Council; Larson, Kristen N. - City Council; Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office; Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council; Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council; Trammell, Reva M. - City Council
Cc: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Supportive Housing Ordinance 2020-261

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City Council members,

We are writing to express the concern of the Historic West Grace Street Association about proposed Ordinance 2020-261, which has the potential to affect thriving historic neighborhoods along the Broad Street corridor.

Since a city is supported by successful neighborhoods, we ask that the proposed ordinance be revised to retain the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit. This would allow community participation in any proposal to convert a neighborhood house or building from one use to another.

If the ordinance cannot be revised before the February 22nd City Council meeting, we ask that the ordinance be continued until the revision is made.

Thank you,
Board of Directors
Historic West Grace Street Association

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