



City of Richmond

Informal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, April 26, 2021

4:00 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 (late arrival)
The Honorable Kristen Larson
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (late arrival)
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

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

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and presided.

ELECTRONIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton, 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, and stated that notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on April 14, 2021, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated there would be no opportunities for public comment and no public hearings during the meeting.

Docket Review

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2021-078 – retained on the Consent Agenda
2. Ord. 2021-083 – to be continued to Monday, May 10, 2021

Councilor Michael Jones joined the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

3. Ord. 2021-084 – to be amended and continued to Monday, May 24, 2021

4. Ord. 2021-085 – to be continued to Monday, May 24, 2021
5. Ord. 2021-086 – retained on the Consent Agenda
6. Ord. 2021-087 – retained on the Consent Agenda
7. Ord. 2021-088 – retained on the Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2021-090 – retained on the Consent Agenda
9. Ord. 2021-091 – retained on the Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2021-092 – retained on the Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2021-093 – retained on the Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2021-094 – retained on the Consent Agenda
13. Res. 2021-R023 – to be continued to Monday, May 24, 2021

Councilwoman Reva Trammell questioned the referenced donation of Ord. 2021-088 to be provided only to Fire and Emergency Services personnel.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

14. Res. 2021-R024 – retained on the Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

15. Ord. 2021-089 – retained on the Regular Agenda
16. Res. 2019-R057 – to be continued to Monday, February 28, 2022

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Acting Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders and Sharon Ebert, deputy chief administrative officer – Economic Development, provided an introduction of Ord. 2021-087.

Ms. Ebert also introduced Ord. 2021-089 and stated that additional Council approval would be required to allocate funding to specific district projects.

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

Update on the General Assembly Legislative Session and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Federal Advocacy

Laura Bateman and Ron Jordan, Advantus Strategies, provided an update regarding consequential legislation enacted in the 2021 General Assembly Session along with an overview of the ARP Act and other federal relief to be received by the city. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Councilor Kristen Larson inquired regarding enforcement of the ban on “gray” machines effective July 1, 2021, and requested a follow-up from the Commonwealth’s Attorney Office.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell inquired regarding funding for seniors, homeowners, mobile parks and utilities assistance through the ARP Act.

Other Discussion

Interim Council Chief of Staff Joyce Davis provided updates on the following subject matters:

- City attorney recruitment process
- Council's lobbyist service contract recommendations
- Monuments disposition and collaborative process

Ms. Davis acknowledged the need to revise the 2022 budget review meeting schedule to include additional and/or lengthen previously planned sessions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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