

# City of Richmond Formal Meeting Minutes

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Monday, May 24, 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 (late arrival)

The Honorable Michael Jones

The Honorable Katherine Jordan

The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert

The Honorable Kristen Larson

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (late arrival)

The Honorable Reva Trammell (early departure)

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 May 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, May 24, 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 Larry J. Cochran of Belmont United Methodist Church, 3510 Broad Rock Boulevard, Richmond, VA.

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.

Councilor Andreas Addison joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

# **APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS**

Councilor Michael Jones moved that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

<b>Board Name</b>	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name	<u>Terms</u>
Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks (13 members)	Staff of the city's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities	Christopher E. Frelke (reappointment)	07/23/2021 – 07/22/2024
	4th District Representative	Nathan Burrell	05/24/2021 – 05/23/2024 Succeeding Richard J. White
Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board (9 members)	Staff of the city's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities	Cathy Saunders	05/24/2021 – 12/09/2022 Succeeding A. Lynn Ivey, III
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Board (5 members)	City Resident	Kathy Graziano (reappointment)	07/01/2021 – 06/30/2025
		Dr. Kenneth Warren Foster (reappointment)	07/01/2021 – 06/30/2025
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (15 members)	Reside or work in the city	Shauntelle Hammonds	07/01/2021 – 06/30/2024 Succeeding Sabrina Gross
Social Services Advisory Board (9 members)	City Resident	Preston Page (reappointment)	06/23/2021 – 06/22/2025
Minority Business Enterprise and Emerging Small Business Advisory Board (9 members)	Mayoral Nominee - Minority Business Enterprise Member - Reside or work in the city	Brittany Rawlinson	05/24/2021 – 11/28/2024 Succeeding Alicia Slayton
Clean City Commission (15 members)	Corporate/Citizen Volunteer Representative – Reside or work in the city	Charles D'Aprix (reappointment)	05/24/2021 – 01/27/2023
,		Jeannette Seagraves	07/26/2021 – 07/25/2023 Succeeding Jessica Wright
		Norman E. Washington,	05/24/2021 – 01/27/2023 Succeeding Avohom Carpenter
Commission of Architectural Review Board (9 members)  Urban Design Committee (10 members)	At-Large city resident	Sean Wheeler (reappointment) Kathleen Harper	07/24/2021 - 07/23/2024 07/24/2021 - 07/23/2024
	Historic Richmond	Morgan (reappointment) Lawrence Pearson	08/01/2021 – 07/31/2024
	Foundation Representative – Reside or work in the city	(reappointment)	
	American Institute of Architects nominee – Reside or work in the city	Andrew Moore	05/24/2021 – 05/23/2024 Succeeding Sanford Bond
	Registered Professional Engineer – Reside or work in the city	Amelia Wehunt	05/24/2021 – 05/24/2024 Succeeding Andrew P. Gould
	Registered Architect – Reside or work in the city	Jessie Gemmer	05/24/2021 – 05/24/2024 Succeeding Jill Nolt 07/24/2021 – 03/10/2022
	City Planning Commission Representative	Max Hepp-Buchanan (reappointment)	
Advisory Board for the Assessment of Towing Fees and the Storage of Vehicles (7 members)	Towing and Recovery Operator Police Department	Ronda Lawson  Major Darrell Goins	05/24/2021 – 06/10/2022 Succeeding Melvin Lawson 05/24/2021 – 03/22/2022
	Representative	Captain Christopher Gleason	Succeeding Victoria Pearson 05/24/2021 – 05/12/2022 Succeeding Lt. John Beazley
Capital Area Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) Policy Advisory Board (4 members appointed by Council)	Reside or work in the city	Janet VanCuyk	05/24/2021 – 03/26/2024 Succeeding William W. Muse
Community Criminal Justice Board (15 members)	Judge of the General District Court	Judge Mansi Shah	05/24/2021 - 05/23/2023 Succeeding Judge David Cheek
	Judge of the Circuit Court	Judge David Eugene Cheek	05/24/2021 – 05/23/2023 Succeeding Judge Reilly Marchant

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Richmond Ambulance Authority (11 members)	Reside or work in the city	Elizabeth Matish (reappointment)	05/24/2021 – 10/24/2021
		Dr. Richard Bennett (reappointment)	06/11/2021 – 06/10/2023
Audit Committee (7 members)	Financial Services – Reside or work in the city	Samuel Bemiss (reappointment)	05/24/2021 – 11/28/2023
Ethics Reform Commission (11 members)	Mayoral nominee(s) - Reside or work in the city	Betty Burrell	05/24/2021 – 05/23/2024
		Linda Owen	05/24/2021 – 05/23/2024
Human Rights Commission (13 members)	City Resident	Jennifer Moon	05/24/2021 – 10/07/2021 Succeeding Chelsea Wise
		Santa Rivera Sorenson	05/24/2021 – 10/21/2021 Succeeding Shannon Gonzalez
Maggie L. Walker Initiative Citizens Advisory Board (16 members)	City Resident	Gina Lyles	05/24/2021 – 03/09/2024 Succeeding Cindy Chambers
PlanRVA (6 members and 1 alternate appointed by the city)	Alternate member (Qualified voter of the city)	Nolen Blackwood (reappointment)	05/24/2021 – 04/23/2024

**The motion was seconded and approved:** Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch had not yet arrived.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

# **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Levar Stoney addressed Council and provided a presentation regarding the selection of ONE Casino + Resort as the city's preferred casino gaming operator and location.

Leonard Sledge, Department of Economic Development director, provided Council with a presentation that detailed specifics of the proposed ONE Casino + Resort development.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

President Cynthia Newbille informed members of the process and legislation required by Council regarding the review of the proposed ONE Casino + Resort development.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her appreciation of the Mayor and city administration for the efforts put forward in proposing the casino development.

Councilor Michael Jones informed Council that he was hopeful that the proposed development would lead to improved infrastructure and employment opportunities in the city's Southside.

#### CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written citizen 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 attachment to the May 24, 2021 Formal City Council meeting minutes, which can be accessed at <a href="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>?

Charles Willis, Richmond Highway Neighborhood Civic Association member, addressed Council and stated that the Richmond Highway Neighborhood Civic Association

(previously known as the Jefferson Davis Neighborhood Civic Association) supported the proposed ONE Casino + Resort development. Mr. Willis informed Council that he was in favor of potential development in the city's Southside.

#### **AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS**

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

#### ORD. 2021-085

To conditionally rezone the property known as 1801 East Main Street from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the TOD-1C Transit-Oriented Nodal District (Conditional), upon certain proffered conditions.

# To be amended and continued to Monday, June 14, 2021

# ORD. 2021-111

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1005 Westover Hills Boulevard for the purpose of a mixed-use building, containing up to twelve dwelling units and commercial space, upon certain terms and conditions.

# To be continued to Monday, June 14, 2021

# ORD. 2021-115

To conditionally rezone the properties known as 2 Manchester Road and 4 Manchester Road from the RF-1 Riverfront District to the B-4 Central Business District (Conditional), upon certain terms and conditions.

# To be continued to the Special Council meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021

# RES. 2021-R026

To direct the City Planning Commission to prepare, submit to public hearing, and consider an amendment making certain changes to the Master Plan.

# To be continued to Monday, June 28, 2021

#### RES. 2021-R028

To express the Council's intent, to the extent authorized, to appropriate \$7,100,000.00 from funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and to request the Mayor to propose as soon as is practicable such an appropriation.

# To be continued to Monday, June 14, 2021

There were no 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 had not yet arrived.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

# The following ordinances and resolution were considered:

# ORD. 2021-084

To authorize the special use of the property known as 520 North 25<sup>th</sup> Street for the purpose of a restaurant and beverage service establishment, upon certain terms and conditions.

To amend and reordain ch. 2, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-6, concerning the prohibition of the sale or [distribution] display of symbols of hate by the City, for the purpose of ensuring that the City does not promote the distribution or display of symbols of hate or oppression. (As Amended)

# ORD. 2021-098

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2601 Edgewood Avenue for the purpose of two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

# ORD. 2021-106

To declare surplus and to direct the sale of certain City-owned real estate for nominal consideration to The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment thereof.

# ORD. 2021-108

To close, to public use and travel, a portion of an alley bounded by Hampton Street, Colorado Avenue, South Meadow Street, and Dakota Avenue, consisting of 2,296± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

# ORD. 2021-109

To authorize the special use of the property known as 415 North 35th Street for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

# ORD. 2021-110

To authorize the special use of the property known as 513 Northside Avenue for the purpose of a dwelling unit within an accessory building to an existing single-family dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

#### ORD. 2021-112

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1402 Roseneath Road for the purpose of an automated teller machine accessible from the exterior of a building, upon certain terms and conditions.

# ORD. 2021-113

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2006 Carver Street for the purpose of two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

# ORD. 2021-114

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3017 Forest Hill Avenue for the purpose of a day nursery for up to 12 children, upon certain terms and conditions.

# ORD. 2021-116

To rezone the property known 4401 East Main Street from the RF-2 Riverfront District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District.

# ORD. 2021-117

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 the James River Association to provide funding for the implementation of green infrastructure practices to increase stormwater detention at certain libraries of the City known as the West End Branch, the North Avenue Branch, and the Broad Rock Branch.

# ORD. 2021-118

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Greening Richmond Public Libraries Project, West End Branch, North Avenue Branch, and Broad Rock Branch Right-of-Entry Agreement between the City of Richmond and the James River

Association for the purpose of implementing green infrastructure practices to increase stormwater detention at certain libraries of the City known as the West End Branch, the North Avenue Branch, and the Broad Rock Branch.

# ORD. 2021-119

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Pole Attachment Agreement between the City of Richmond as licensor and VA SkyWire LLC as licensee for the purpose of allowing the attachment and maintenance of communication cables, fibers, attachments, equipment, and other related facilities on certain City-owned utility poles.

#### ORD. 2021-120

To approve the Work Plan and Budget for the fiscal year ending Jun. 30, 2022, for the provision of services in the Downtown Richmond Special Service and Assessment Districts.

#### ORD. 2021-122

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, 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 Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Pump House Park special fund by \$100,000.00 for the purpose of funding the planning, engineering, and construction of trail access improvements in Pump House Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

# ORD. 2021-123

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic Development called the Maymont Below Stairs Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Economic Development's Maymont Below Stairs Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund by \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of providing a grant of such funds to the Maymont Foundation for the Maymont Below Stairs historic preservation project.

# ORD. 2021-124

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic Development called the VUU Center for African American History and Culture Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Economic Development's VUU Center for African American History and Culture Project DHR Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund by \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of providing a grant of such funds to Virginia Union University for the Virginia Union University Center for African American History and Culture Project.

# ORD. 2021-125

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic Development called the Valentine Museum/JXN Project Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Economic Development's Valentine Museum/JXN Project Historic Preservation Grant Special Fund by \$500,000.00 for the purpose of providing a grant of such funds to the Valentine Museum Foundation, Inc. for the JXN Project celebrating the 150th anniversary of Jackson Ward.

To amend Ord. No. 2020-051, adopted May 11, 2020, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvements Projects for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) establishing a new project for the Department of Social Services in the City Facilities category called the "DSS Marshall Plaza" project and by (ii) transferring \$3,607,410.44 from the Reserve Fund for Permanent Public Improvements and appropriating \$3,607,410.44 of transferred funds to the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the new DSS Marshall Plaza project in the City Facilities category for the purpose of renovating the Marshall Plaza Building located at 900 East Marshall Street for use by the Department of Social Services.

# ORD. 2021-127

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Seventh Amendment to the Agreement for the Provision of Services in the Downtown Richmond Special Service and Assessment Districts between the City of Richmond and Venture Richmond, Inc., for the purpose of extending the term of the agreement to June 30, 2026.

# RES. 2021-R023

To adopt budgetary policies under which the City will endeavor to provide operating funds annually for capital maintenance purposes, the City's annual required contribution for other post-employment benefits, and a self-insurance claims reserve.

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# Public Hearing

Laura Lafayette, Richmond Association of Realtors chief executive officer, Maggie Walker Community Land Trust chair, stated her appreciation of Council's support for the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust. Ms. Lafayette spoke in support of ORD. 2021-106, and informed Council that the proposed ordinance would help provide more affordable housing in the city.

Vice President Ellen Robertson requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2021-106.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2021-117 and ORD. 2021-118.

There were no further comments or discussion and the **Consent Agenda was adopted:** Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch had not yet arrived.

President Cynthia Newbille and Councilwoman Reva Trammell requested to be added as copatrons of ORD. 2021-106.

# **BUDGET RELATED PAPERS**

# The following ordinances were considered:

# ORD. 2021-040

To adopt the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget. (As Amended)

To adopt the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds for the said fiscal year. (As Amended)

# ORD. 2021-042

To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2021, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2021; and to determine the means of financing the same.

#### ORD. 2021-043

To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022.

#### ORD. 2021-044

To adopt the Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated expenditures from the Debt Service Fund for the said fiscal year.

#### ORD. 2021-045

To adopt the Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Internal Service funds for the said fiscal year. (As Amended)

# ORD. 2021-046

To adopt the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Richmond Cemeteries Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Richmond Cemeteries for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of the facilities.

#### ORD. 2021-047

To adopt the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Works' Parking Enterprise Fund for the said fiscal year for the operation and management of parking facilities.

#### ORD. 2021-048

To adopt the Electric Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Electric Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Electric Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Electric Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

# ORD. 2021-049

To adopt the Gas Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Gas Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Gas Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Gas Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

## ORD. 2021-050

To adopt the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Fund Budgets for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022, and to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Department of Public Utilities' Stores Internal Service Funds for the said fiscal year.

# ORD. 2021-051

To adopt the Stormwater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Stormwater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Stormwater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the stormwater utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

To adopt the Wastewater Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Wastewater Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Wastewater Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Wastewater Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

# ORD. 2021-053

To adopt the Water Utility Budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2021, and ending Jun. 30, 2022; to appropriate the estimated receipts of the Water Utility for the said fiscal year; and to make appropriations from the Water Utility Renewal Fund or Operating Fund for renewing, rebuilding or extending the plant and distribution system of the Water Utility and for the purchase of vehicles.

# ORD. 2021-054

To amend the schedule of classifications and assigned ranges incorporated into section I of the Pay Plan for the purpose of revising the wording of certain classification titles [and], changing the pay ranges of certain classification titles, and providing for a 3.25% adjustment of general pay ranges; to amend section II of the Pay Plan by adding therein a new subsection (C) for the purpose of providing for a 3.25% increase for eligible employees and implementing the recommendations of a study completed in 2018 that found significant compression in the lower end of the pay ranges and pay bands for non-sworn employees and recommended pay increases to move those employees toward the midpoint of their pay ranges or pay bands; and to amend sections III(B)(11), providing for salary supplements for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, III(B)(12), providing for salary supplements for the Office of the Sheriff, III(B)(25)(e), suspending the education incentive for sworn fire and police employees, III(B)(36), to increase the hourly living wage for City employees from \$12.07 to \$13.00, and III(B)(40), to provide for the full implementation of the step-based pay plan for sworn fire and police employees, of the Pay Plan. (As Amended)

# ORD. 2021-055

To amend the fees set forth in the City Code for sections 7-6 (concerning fees for interments, disinterments, reinterments and entombments), 7-15 (concerning fees for installation of foundation for monuments or grave markers), and 7-92 (concerning fees for burial spaces and lots) of the City Code, to establish revised charges for certain cemeteries services.

# ORD. 2021-056

To amend City Code §§ 28-191, 28-192, 28-194, 28-195, 28-196, 28-198, 28-199, 28-200, 28-201, 28-202, 28-203, and 28-204, concerning gas service, for the purpose of changing the measurement of natural gas from quantities per thousand cubic feet to quantities per hundred cubic feet, and to amend and reordain City Code §§ 28-191(2) and 28-191(3) (concerning fees for residential gas service), 28-192(2) (concerning fees for residential gas peaking service), 28-193(2) (concerning fees for general gas service), 28-193(3) (concerning fees for small commercial gas sales), 28-194(2) (concerning fees for large volume gas service), 28-195(f) and 28-196(f) (concerning fees for transportation service), 28-198(2) and 28-198(3) (concerning fees for municipal gas service), 28-199(c), 28-199(d), and 28-199(g)(2), (concerning flexibly priced interruptible gas service), 28-200(2), 28-200(3) and 28-200(4) (concerning unmetered gaslight service), 28-201(c) (concerning gas air conditioning service), 28-202(c) (concerning fees for large volume gas sales service), 28-203(c) (concerning fees for large volume, high load factor, gas sales service), and 28-204(b) and 28-204(c) (concerning fees for natural gas vehicle gas service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July 2021, to establish revised charges for such services.

# ORD. 2021-057

To amend the fees set forth in the City Code for sections 28-923 (concerning fees for residential stormwater service) and 28-924 (concerning fees for developed residential properties stormwater service) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2021, to establish revised charges for the stormwater utility's services.

To amend the fees set forth in sections 28-650 (concerning fees for residential wastewater service), 28-651 (concerning fees for commercial wastewater service), 28-652 (concerning fees for disposal of industrial sewage and wastewater), 28-653 (concerning fees for disposal of state and federal sewage and wastewater), and 28-654 (concerning fees for disposal of municipal sewage and wastewater) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2021, to establish revised charges for the wastewater utility's services.

# ORD. 2021-059

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 28-326 (concerning fees for residential water service), 28-327 (concerning fees for commercial water service), 28-328 (concerning fees for industrial water service), 28-329 (concerning fees for municipal water service), 28-330 (concerning fees for state and federal water service), 28-458 (concerning fees for water for fire protection) and 28-549 (concerning fees for water use during conservation periods) of the City Code, effective as of the date of rendering bills for Cycle I in July, 2021, to establish revised charges for such services.

# ORD. 2021-060

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$27,500,000 to finance the cost of school projects and general capital improvement projects of the City for the following purposes and uses: construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public schools; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for various infrastructure needs, including traffic control facilities. streets, sidewalks and other public ways, bridges, storm sewers, drains and culverts, and refuse disposal facilities; participation in redevelopment, conservation and community development programs, including the construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for targeted public facilities included in these programs; construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public institutional, operational, cultural, educational and entertainment buildings and facilities, including but not limited to the theaters, parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, libraries and museums; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and the making of appropriations to the City's Economic Development Authority ("'EDA") to be used by the EDA to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

# ORD. 2021-061

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$7,987,280 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the stormwater utility of the City for the following purposes and uses: replacement of and upgrades to the stormwater facilities, including but not limited to, construction, reconstruction, improvements, rehabilitation and upgrades of stormwater sewers and associated facilities; new and replacement infrastructure of the storm sewer system, drainage structures, catch basins, ditches, storm sewer pipes, culverts, green infrastructure; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and equipment for various infrastructure needs; and authorizes the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds and to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement bonds.

# ORD. 2021-062

To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$60,185,560 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the gas, water and wastewater utilities and public utilities buildings and facilities for the following purposes and

uses: enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the gas plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the waterworks plant and transmission lines; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the wastewater plant and intercepting lines; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, and improvement of sanitary and storm water sewers, pumping stations, drains and culverts; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of public utility buildings and facilities therefor, including but not limited to the stores division; and acquisition of real property and real property rights (including without limitation easements and rights-of-way) therefor as appropriate; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to approve the form of supplemental indenture of trust; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such public utility revenue bonds.

# ORD. 2021-063

To authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$7,100,000 to finance the cost of equipment for the following purposes and uses: acquisition of computer, radio, office, solid waste collection, office furniture and miscellaneous equipment and vehicles for the various departments, bureaus and agencies of the City, and equipment for City schools; and to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell equipment notes to finance the acquisition of such equipment, and to authorize the issuance of taxable notes, for the same purposes and uses, in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation equipment notes.

# ORD. 2021-121

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Richmond, Virginia and the Public Defender for the City of Richmond, Virginia for the purpose of providing funds to supplement the salaries of employees in the Public Defender's Office for the City of Richmond.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding Budget Related 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 attachment to the May 24, 2021 Formal City Council meeting minutes, which can be accessed at <a href="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>?

# **Public Hearing**

**Charles Willis** spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Mr. Willis stated that the proposed budget would provide organizations with opportunities to help those in need.

**Jay Lockwood** spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Mr. Lockwood stated that children residing in public housing needed more opportunities for increased recreation.

**Charlene Pitchford** spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Ms. Pitchford stated that children still need more and requested that Council approve the proposed recreation funding increase.

**Dennis Pitchford** spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Mr. Pitchford informed Council that improvements were needed at the Calhoun Park and Community Center to provide better recreation for the city's youth.

*Oludare Ogunde, Project Give Back to Community, Inc. president*, spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Mr. Ogunde stated that providing children with more opportunities with increased recreation was a public safety issue.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**Bill Pantele, Richmond Coalition of Police (RCOP) representative**, stated that the Town of Ashland was increasing the starting salary of police officers to help increase retention and recruitment numbers of its officers. Mr. Pantele also stated that Richmond Police officers have one of the lowest starting salaries in the region, and he also addressed the number of current vacancies in the Richmond Police Department (RPD).

Keith Andes, Richmond Professional Firefighter Association IAFF Local #955 president, stated his concerns with the starting salaries of public safety officers working for the city. Mr. Andes also stated his concerns with the number of hours Richmond Fire Department (RFD) firefighters are required to work, as well the recently implemented mandatory overtime policy.

**Carl Scott, Richmond Police Officer**, stated that the current public safety officer pay plan was flawed. Mr. Scott also stated that the city had an opportunity to address income inequality amongst public safety officers in the city in relation to public safety officers working in surrounding counties.

*Michael Tedesco, Richmond Firefighter, Station Thirteen*, stated it was disappointing that the city chose to conduct a study of the public safety officer pay plan put forth by members of RCOP and IAFF Local #955, prior to implementation. Mr. Tedesco also stated his concerns regarding the mandatory overtime policy and added that the overtime would negatively impact city firefighters' mental health.

**Sherard Glover, Richmond Firefighter**, stated that it was insulting that firefighters in surrounding counties had a higher starting pay. Mr. Glover also stated his concerns with the current staffing numbers of firefighters in the city.

**Iman Shabazz** spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Mr. Shabazz addressed his experiences with violence growing up in the city. Mr. Shabazz stated that increasing available programing for youth would help prevent children from falling victim to violence.

**Brendan Leavy, Richmond Police Detective, RCOP president**, spoke to the low morale of police officers in the city, and he warned Council that qualified officers would soon leave for better paying jobs in surrounding counties. Mr. Leavy stated that he would be meeting with Council over the next year to ensure that the study of the proposed public safety officer pay plan is completed and implemented.

*King Khalfani* spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Mr. Khalfani stated that it would provide more programing for children living in public housing and also deter violence in the city.

**Mike Heizer, Richmond Firefighter**, addressed the staffing shortage within the RFD. Mr. Heizer stated his concerns with the mandatory overtime required of firefighters, and he also stated that the policy would negatively impact the mental health of firefighters. Mr. Heizer warned Council that many firefighters would leave for jobs in surrounding counties.

**Dr. Ram Bhagat** spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Dr. Bhagat addressed recent gun violence in the city, and he stated that a well-coordinated effort was necessary to support communities against ongoing trauma.

**Ryan Burke, Richmond Firefighter, IAFF Local #955 member,** addressed his concerns with the mandatory overtime policy for Richmond firefighters. Mr. Burke stated that he believed the policy was hastily implemented and provided a list of flaws he thought were contained in the policy. Mr. Burke also shared his concerns about the impact the mandatory overtime would have on his ability to spend time with his family and the necessity for additional childcare.

Ralph Stuckey, Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) program manager, spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Mr. Stuckey also addressed the lack of staffing at the Calhoun Park and Community Center. Mr. Stuckey informed Council of the upcoming improvements to be implemented at the Calhoun Park and Community Center.

**Keisha Cummings** spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Ms. Cummings addressed recent gun violence in the city and stated that the budget amendment was necessary to provide additional programing for children living in the city's public housing properties.

**Evan Ackerman, Richmond Firefighter**, informed Council of his opposition to the recently implemented mandatory overtime policy for Richmond firefighters. Mr. Ackerman stated that the mandatory overtime would prevent him from spending time with his family and require him to secure additional childcare.

**Bryan Bradley, Richmond Firefighter**, stated his concerns with firefighter morale and RFD staffing vacancies. Mr. Bradley informed Council that the new mandatory overtime policy would negatively impact firefighter safety. Mr. Bradley also stated his concerns with how the policy would impact his family.

**John Washington, Richmond Firefighter, Station One**, addressed the mandatory overtime policy for Richmond firefighters and stated his frustrations with Council's actions related to public safety officers.

**Bryan Beatty, Richmond Firefighter Lieutenant**, addressed his concerns with the current public safety officer pay plan, and he stated that the mandatory overtime policy would negatively impact his desire to spend time with his family. Mr. Beatty requested that the city hire more firefighters and fix the public safety officer pay plan.

Michael Oprandi, Richmond Firefighter Captain, IAFF Local #955 secretary/treasurer, stated that he was disappointed that Council did not implement the proposed public safety officer pay plan. Mr. Oprandi requested that Council make it a priority to complete the pay plan study, in order to implement the plan before additional public safety officers leave the city for employment in surrounding counties.

**Joseph Signorelli, Richmond Firefighter, IAFF Local #955 member,** stated his concerns with Richmond firefighter morale. Mr. Signorelli also addressed the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on firefighters over the past year. Mr. Signorelli informed Council of his concerns regarding the need to improve the public safety officer pay plan.

**Jonathan Davis** spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Mr. Davis stated that the proposed increase of youth programming would help address the time gap between when students leave school for the day and when working parents arrive home from work.

*Glen Ivery, Richmond Firefighter*, informed Council of his concerns with the city addressing economic development, but not addressing the inadequate pay and safety of Richmond firefighters. Mr. Ivery stated that more Richmond firefighters were necessary to protect the developments the city hoped to build.

**De'Ontra Johnson** spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Ms. Johnson addressed recent gun violence in the city, and she stated additional resources were necessary to help the children of the city.

**Amy Wentz** spoke in support of the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Ms. Wentz stated that the city would see a positive return on its investment in the future of the city's youth.

President Cynthia Newbille shared her appreciation for individuals who provided comment that evening regarding the proposed budget. President Newbille stated that Council would work to ensure the study of the proposed public safety officer pay plan was completed as soon as possible in order to begin implementation.

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated her appreciation for individuals who provided comment that evening. Vice President Robertson also stated the city needed to review youth programing provided throughout the city's public housing neighborhoods to review potential improvements. Vice President Robertson further stated she understood the frustration that many Richmond Police officers and Richmond firefighters had with the current public safety officer pay plan. She also informed members that she hoped the budget would help address gun violence in the city.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated her appreciation for individuals who provided comment that evening. Councilor Lambert addressed several issues facing the city, and she informed members that she wanted to improve the difficult situation that many children living in public housing often experience, by providing additional funding to increase recreation in public housing neighborhoods.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated her understanding for individuals who may have felt frustrated throughout Council's review of the proposed budget. Councilor Jordan also stated her concern for the situation that the city's public safety officers were in regarding pay and mandatory overtime. Councilor Jordan further stated that the city should move quickly to review the proposed pay plan and that the city should address the mandatory overtime policy.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell addressed the need to provide more recreation programming for youth throughout the city. Councilwoman Trammell stated that Council should address the issues experienced by RPD officers and Richmond firefighters. Councilwoman Trammell informed members that she would vote to adopt the proposed budget, but she requested that Council work to support the city's public safety officers.

Councilor Kristen Larson stated her support for the proposed amendment to provide additional funding for increased recreation for youth. Councilor Larson informed members she would vote to adopt the proposed budget, but stated she was committed to have the proposed pay plan reviewed and implemented as soon as possible.

Councilor Andreas Addison informed members that he wanted to increase funding for many aspects of the budget, but stated that it could not happen due to the current state of the city's revenue. Councilor Addison also informed members that he hoped the city would work to develop much of the land owned by the city to help increase revenue to improve city services.

President Cynthia Newbille informed members that she would vote to adopt the proposed budget, and she stated that Council would work to address the issues raised by public safety officers. President Newbille also stated that she would work with city administration on the matter of mandatory overtime required of Richmond firefighters.

There were no further comments or discussions and the **Budget Related Ordinances were** unanimously adopted.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

# The following resolution was considered:

# RES. 2021-R027

To declare a public necessity to amend ch. 30 of the City Code and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to eliminate parking space minimums.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding RES. 2021-R027 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 attachment to the May 24, 2021 Formal City Council meeting minutes, which can be accessed at <a href="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&OptionSearch="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>?ID=4971589&GUID=7DC756FF-F733-485E-906C-C6111C65710F&OptionSearch="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>?ID=4971589&OptionSearch="https://ric

Councilor Andreas Addison provided an introduction and additional information regarding the proposed resolution.

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated that the requirement for parking space minimums was an issue in the city that required proper review and action. Vice President Robertson also stated that the proposed resolution would not eliminate parking, but only initiate the process of reviewing and engaging with the public regarding zoning requirements related to parking.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated that review and action on parking requirements in the city needed to be addressed, but she requested that more public engagement with citizens take place throughout the review process.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell stated her concerns with the concept of removing the requirement of parking spaces at businesses or apartment buildings.

Councilor Kristen Larson stated that she had concerns with the language of the proposed resolution, because she believed it would cause confusion amongst citizens regarding parking availability.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that he supported the proposed resolution, because it was forward thinking legislation that would address needed development in the city. Councilor Jones also stated that the resolution would only initiate the process of reviewing the possible elimination of parking requirements, and that would it would not immediately remove the requirement.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert requested to be added as a co-patron to RES. 2021-R027.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch inquired about the timeline for the process of the parking requirement review.

Councilor Addison stated he believed the process would take over one year, which would include opportunities for public engagement.

Acting Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders stated that city administration was looking forward to participating in the review process.

Kevin Vonck, Department of Planning and Development Review acting director, stated that he believed the resolution would work well with other possible future zoning changes that could occur in the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2021-R027 was adopted:** Ayes 8, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes 1, Larson.

#### **MOTIONS**

#### Councilor Andreas Addison moved that the ordinance entitled:

# ORD. 2021-085

To conditionally rezone the property known as 1801 East Main Street from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the TOD-1C Transit-Oriented Nodal District (Conditional), upon certain proffered conditions.

# be amended and continued to Monday, June 14, 2021, as follows:

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After the word "dated", strike the section date "February 8" and insert the date "May 17"

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

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

# RES. 2021-R029

To declare gun violence as a public health crisis in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and City Council

Councilor Stephanie Lynch provided an introduction of the proposed resolution and addressed recent gun violence that had occurred within the city. Councilor Lynch informed members that she was hopeful the resolution would help provide support to gun violence prevention efforts.

President Cynthia Newbille stated her support for the proposed resolution, and added that she looked forward to working with city administration to provide programming to address gun violence.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that additional funding and programing for children were necessary to fully address gun violence in the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2021-R029 was unanimously adopted.** 

# Vice President Ellen Robertson moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

#### RES. 2021-R030

To express the Council's intent, to the extent authorized by law, to prioritize the appropriation of any funds received by the City, whether from the United States government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or otherwise, provided pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the proposed American Jobs Plan of 2021.

Patron: President Newbille

The motion to expedite consideration was seconded and failed: Ayes 4, Addison, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes 5, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Lynch, Trammell.

President Cynthia Newbille informed members that because the motion to expedite consideration failed, RES. 2021-R030 would be referred to the Monday, June 7, 2021 Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting for review, and to the Monday, June 14, 2021 Formal Council meeting for consideration.

Councilor Kristen Larson stated her concerns with the expedited consideration of RES. 2021-R030, and informed members that she wanted more review of both the proposed resolution and the city's plans for using funds provided by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021.

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated that she believed Council had come to a consensus during budget deliberations on the idea of the proposed resolution.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that he would support the priorities listed in the proposed resolution, and he requested that the priorities not be changed. Councilor Jones also stated his request that federal stimulus ARP funds be directed toward projects in the city's Southside.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated that she understood that ARP funds would be directed to supplement funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, but added that she believed other priorities were yet to be finalized.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated that Council should examine the possibility of directing that a portion of future revenue created by the proposed ONE Casino + Resort be directed to improvements in the city's Southside.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.; Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively, and Council approved the minutes as presented.

# INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinance on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.:

# ORD. 2021-139

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for an on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$2,097,416.68 from the School Board of the City of Richmond and to appropriate the funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services by \$2,097,416.68 for the purpose of funding payments to providers of emergency childcare and virtual learning support through the end of the 2020-2021 school year and reimbursing the City for payments made by the City in Feb., 2021, to four providers of emergency childcare and virtual learning support.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.:

#### ORD. 2021-137

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 \$687,353 and the amount transferred from the Budget and Revenue Stabilization Contingency Reserve pursuant to Ord. No. 2021-022, adopted Feb. 22, 2021, by \$565,426, 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.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

# ORD. 2021-138

To amend Ord. No. 2020-053, adopted May 11, 2020, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2020-186, adopted Sept. 14, 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 increasing estimated revenues from certain federal programs.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

# ORD. 2021-140

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a 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; to accept funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$8,497,785.00; and to appropriate \$8,497,785.00 for various projects.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

#### ORD. 2021-141

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$358.50 from the Library of Virginia, 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 Circuit Court of the City of Richmond's Library of Virginia Records Preservation Grant special fund by \$358.50 for the purpose of preserving land records.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

# ORD. 2021-142

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$600,000.00 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic Development called the Brownfields Coalition Grant Special Fund; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Economic Development's Brownfields Coalition Grant Special Fund by \$600,000.00 for the purpose of funding the inventory, assessment, and cleanup of Brownfields in the City and Henrico County.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

#### ORD. 2021-143

To amend Ord. No. 2021-003, adopted Feb. 8, 2021, which amended 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 \$500,000.00 portion of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 fund balance excess, assigned to the Capital Reserve, to the General Fund Cash Transfer for Capital Projects program, and to appropriate these transferred funds to the Capital Improvements Projects for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget by appropriating such transferred funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Public Works' City Hall project in the City Facility Maintenance & Improvements category for the purpose of constructing improvements to the southwest quadrant of City Hall necessary to house either an employee health clinic or a relocated credit union office, or both, to instead house a community resource center or a space for a relocated credit union office, or both.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

# RES. 2021-R030

To express the Council's intent, to the extent authorized by law, to prioritize the appropriation of any funds received by the City, whether from the United States government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or otherwise, provided pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the proposed American Jobs Plan of 2021.

Patron: President Newbille

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, June 7, at 5:00 p.m.

#### RES. 2021-R031

To amend the Rules of Procedure adopted by Res. No. 2021-R005, adopted Jan. 4, 2021, for the purpose of conforming certain provisions concerning the electronic participation of Council members in Council meetings to Va. Code § 2.2-3708.2(A).

Patron: President Newbille

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 26, at 2:00 p.m.

# RES. 2021-R032

To express the City's support for achieving equity and justice in access to resources and opportunities through the implementation of the City of Richmond's Equity Agenda.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

#### RES. 2021-R033

To express the Council's intent, to the extent permitted by law, to support improved homeless services with funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 by appropriations to the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care and other such grantees of the City who provide homeless services, including shelter and homeless prevention programs.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

#### RES. 2021-R034

To select RVA Entertainment Holdings, LLC, as the City's preferred casino gaming operator to operate a casino gaming establishment located at 2001 Walmsley Boulevard and 4700 Trenton Avenue and to provide for the requisite referendum thereon pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-4123.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, June 7, at 5:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.:

#### ORD. 2021-144

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to enter into the Twenty-Fourth Commercial Area Revitalization Effort Program Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of providing for the operation of the Commercial Area Revitalization Effort ("CARE") Program and a business recovery grant program.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

# ORD. 2021-145

To amend ch. 11, art. VIII of the City Code by adding therein a new section numbered 11-198, concerning the suspension of the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing Program, for the purpose of providing for the suspension of such program until July 1, 2022.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-146

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1518 Perry Street for the purpose of a mixeduse building containing office and personal service uses on the first floor and one dwelling unit on the second floor, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

# ORD. 2021-147

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2910 Q Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building with outdoor dining, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

To rezone the property known as 423 Hull Street from the B-5 Central Business District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

# ORD. 2021-149

To rezone the properties known as 2116 East Main Street, 2126 East Main Street, and 16 North 22nd Street from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the B-5 Central Business District.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

# ORD. 2021-150

To amend the official zoning map for the purpose of rezoning certain properties in the Greater Scott's Addition neighborhood, in order to implement the adopted Richmond 300 Master Plan, and 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 Greater Scott's Addition neighborhood.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-151

To amend the official zoning map for the purpose of rezoning certain properties in the Science Museum, Allison Street, and VCU&VUU Pulse BRT Station Areas, in order to implement the adopted Richmond 300 Master Plan and Pulse Corridor Plan, and 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 Science Museum, Allison Street, and Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Union University Pulse BRT Station Areas.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 21, 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.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell left the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT					
There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.					
	CITY CLERK				