

# **City of Richmond Formal Meeting Minutes**

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Monday, June 14, 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

The Honorable Katherine Jordan

The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert

The Honorable Kristen Larson (late arrival and early departure)

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 26, 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, June 14, 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 Father Nicholas Bacalis of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 30 Malvern Avenue, 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.

#### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Vice President Ellen Robertson, on behalf of Richmond City Council, recognized and honored Rita Jane Robinson for her 44 years of dedicated service in elementary education as a teacher at Overby-Sheppard Elementary School, and congratulated Ms. Robinson for her upcoming retirement.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Councilor Kristen Larson joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

## Vice President Ellen Robertson moved that the following appointments be approved:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name	<u>Terms</u>
Sister Cities Commission (13 members)	Reside or work in the city	Norman E. Washington, II	06/14/2021 – 09/09/2021 Succeeding Jimmie Jarvis
Ethics Reform Commission (11 members)	Reside or work in the city	Tomaree Porter	06/14/2021 - 06/13/2024
		Joaquin Ross	06/14/2021 – 06/13/2024
		Belita Strudwick	06/14/2021 - 06/13/2024
		Lawrence West	06/14/2021 - 06/13/2024

## The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

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#### **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 June 14 2021 Formal City Council meeting minutes, which can be accessed at <a href="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>

**Melvin Jones** addressed Council and informed members of a gun shooting incident he witnessed within the city. Mr. Jones stated that he received little assistance from the Richmond Police Department (RPD) regarding the incident. Mr. Jones requested that Council provide RPD with the necessary funding to ensure well-trained officers are retained.

## **AGENDA REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS**

#### Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert moved to amend the agenda as follows:

## ORD. 2021-132

To authorize the special use of the property known as 501 Oliver Hill Way for the purpose of warehouse, brewery, and food and beverage manufacturing uses, upon certain terms and conditions.

#### To be continued to Monday, June 28, 2021

## 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.

#### To be continued to Monday, July 26, 2021

There were no comments or discussion and the **motion to amend the agenda was** seconded and unanimously approved.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

## The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

## ORD. 2021-083

To authorize the special use of the property known as 109 North Plum Street for the purpose of no more than one dwelling unit within an accessory building to an existing single-family dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

## 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.

## 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.

#### 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. (As Amended)

## ORD. 2021-128

To repeal City Code § 2-3, concerning the City logo, and to amend ch. 2, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-3, concerning the City logo, for the purpose of abandoning the former City logo and establishing a new City logo.

## ORD. 2021-130

To amend Ord. No. 2011-009-23, adopted Feb. 28, 2011, which authorized the special use of the property known as 405 Brook Road as a restaurant on a portion of the ground level of the building with a waiver of parking requirements, to allow a brewery, upon certain terms and conditions.

## ORD. 2021-131

To authorize the special use of the property known as 212 East Clay Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building, upon certain terms and conditions.

#### ORD. 2021-133

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1705 Chamberlayne Parkway, 1705  $\frac{1}{2}$  Chamberlayne Parkway, 1707 Chamberlayne Parkway, 1716 Roane Street, 1718 Roane Street, 710 West Fells Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

## ORD. 2021-134

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2015 North Avenue for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.

## ORD. 2021-135

To authorize the special use of the property known as 3511 P Street, for the purpose of a community center, upon certain terms and conditions.

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3700 Monument Avenue and 1301A North Hamilton Street for the purpose of a multi-family building containing up to 263 units, upon certain terms and conditions.

## 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## 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.

#### 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.

## 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).

#### 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.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding Consent Agenda items prior to the Formal City Council meeting. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the Council prior to the meeting and are included as an attachment to the June 14, 2021 Formal City Council meeting minutes, which can be accessed at <a href="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search=

## **Public Hearing**

**Brian Bills, Richmond Together member,** spoke in support of RES. 2021-R032, and requested that Council work to measure progress on the goals referenced in the proposed resolution. Mr. Bills also requested that city government reflect on the measured progress to determine if goals had been achieved, and if new goals should be established.

Councilor Kristen Larson stated that she had received concerns from citizens regarding ORD. 2021-111, and added that she relayed the concerns to city administration and they would be addressed.

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

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

## The following ordinance was considered:

#### 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.

Sherrill Hampton, Department of Housing and Community Development director, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding ORD. 2021-140.

## Public Hearing

Jake Bloom, Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity volunteer and board member, spoke in support of ORD. 2021-140, and stated that the funds referenced in the proposed ordinance would be put to good use. Mr. Bloom also requested that Council continue to support and fund affordable safe housing.

*Mary-Kay Huss, Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity chief executive officer,* spoke in support of ORD. 2021-140, and stated that HOME funds would be used to help provide equitable opportunities for home ownership.

There were no further comments or discussions and **ORD**. **2021-140 was unanimously adopted**.

#### The following resolution was considered:

#### 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.

Vice President Ellen Robertson provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed resolution.

Councilor Kristen Larson referenced recent discussions about implementing additional guardrails for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF).

Councilor Andreas Addison stated that the AHTF was addressed at a recent Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, and he informed Council that the concerns addressed were if the AHTF was equipped to spend the large increase in forthcoming federal funding and if the appropriate balance was being met for area median income (AMI) percentage requirements in new housing developments.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2021-R028 was unanimously adopted.** 

## The following resolution was considered:

## 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.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch provided an introduction of RES. 2021-R033, and she informed Council of the goals to be addressed by the proposed resolution.

Councilor Katherine Jordan requested to be added as a co-patron of RES. 2021-R033, and she stated that homelessness services need immediate assistance before colder weather arrives.

Councilor Michael Jones stated his concerns with the proposed resolution, and requested that city administration provide a plan of action before Council approves any allocation of federal relief funding for homelessness services. Councilor Jones also stated he believed that since Council had yet to approve RES. 2021-R030, which was continued to the July 26, 2021 City Council Formal meeting, RES. 2021-R033 should also be continued.

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated that the emergency cold weather overflow shelter has been a recurring issue that requires action. Vice President Robertson also stated that city administration previously provided Council with a Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, which Council approved through adoption of RES. 2020-R031, adopted May 11, 2020. Vice President Robertson further stated that she was in support of continuing consideration of RES. 2021-R033, to allow for additional discussions and collection of information.

Councilor Kristen Larson also referenced RES. 2020-R031 and the city's Strategic Plan to End Homelessness. Councilor Larson stated that she believed a lot of work has taken place to address homelessness.

Councilor Lynch informed members that the proposed resolution would help fund a year-round shelter to help provide homelessness services.

Councilor Jones again stated his concerns with the process of how Council was addressing the issues referenced in RES. 2021-R033, and he also stated that the proposed action could have been addressed with the adoption of RES. 2021-R030.

Councilor Michael Jones moved to continue RES. 2021-R033 to the June 28, 2021 City Council meeting, which was seconded and failed: Ayes 4, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes 5, Addison, Jordan, Lambert, Larson, Lynch.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2021-R033 was unanimously adopted.** 

## The following resolution was considered:

#### 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.

Leonard Sledge, Department of Economic Development director, provided an introduction and background information of the proposed resolution.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding RES. 2021-R034 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 June 14, 2021 Formal City Council meeting minutes, which can be accessed at <a href="https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&Options=&Search="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>?ID=4994509&GUID=39FFF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&OptionSearch="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx</a>?ID=4994509&GUID=39FF90A-5812-4E22-853A-42803041827B&OptionSearch="https://richmondva.legislationDetail.aspx">https://richmondv

## **Public Hearing**

**Charlene R. Pitchford** spoke in support of RES. 2021-R034, and requested that Council approve the proposed resolution.

**Rodney Hall** spoke in support of RES. 2021-R034, and stated that he supported the ONE Casino + Resort because of the potential for more jobs and economic development coming to the 8<sup>th</sup> Voter District.

**Jack Berry, Richmond Region Tourism president and CEO,** spoke in support of RES. 2021-R034, and stated the ONE Casino + Resort would be an asset for the city regarding tourism. Mr. Berry also stated that the casino would help the Richmond region compete with other regions throughout the state in attracting tourists.

**Dr. Monroe Harris, Jr. D.M.D.**, spoke in support of RES. 2021-R034, and stated that he supported the ONE Casino + Resort because of the development team's commitment to philanthropic efforts in the city. Dr. Harris requested that Council support the proposed casino project.

*Greta Harris, Better Housing Coalition president and CEO*, spoke in support of RES. 2021-R034, and stated that the Better Housing Coalition was a partner with the casino development team regarding the delivery of community benefits. Ms. Harris also stated that she believed the ONE Casino + Resort would provide living wage jobs, additional city revenue, and much needed entertainment venues in the city's Southside.

Mark J. Hourigan, Hourigan Construction and Real Estate Development founder and chief executive officer, spoke in support of RES. 2021-R034, and stated that the ONE Casino +

Resort was an excellent opportunity for the entire city to create new jobs. Mr. Hourigan also stated that the casino development would lead to greater investments in the city's Southside.

**Richard W. Walker** spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R034, and stated he did not believe the city's Southside community would receive any increased benefits from the casino. Mr. Walker also stated his concerns with the potential for increased crime as a result of the casino.

**Suzanne Keller** spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R034, and stated her concerns with the potential negative effects of gambling on citizens. Ms. Keller also stated that she believed it was morally wrong to establish a casino in the city.

**Scott Price, Alliance for a Progressive Virginia (APV) public policy director**, spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R034. Mr. Price stated that the APV opposed the resolution because of the potential for gambling addiction, negative effects on local businesses and sex-trafficking.

**Quinton Robbins, Richmond for All representative**, spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R034, and stated that he believed the development would extract wealth from lower income citizens. Mr. Robbins also stated taxes should be increased on the wealthy to increase city revenue rather than through the establishment a casino. Mr. Robbins further stated his concerns with oversaturation of casino developments in the state.

**Willie Hilliard** spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R034, and stated he believed casinos were predatory businesses. Mr. Hilliard requested that the city to look at other opportunities for economic development in the city's Southside, rather than through the building a casino.

**Allan-Charles Chipman** spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R034, and stated he believed that casinos would have a negative impact on the city's efforts for racial equity.

**Debbie Rowe** spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R034, and stated her concerns with the long term social costs of establishing a casino in the city. Ms. Rowe also stated her concerns with oversaturation of casino options in the state.

Felicia Cosby, on behalf of Virginia Union University (VUU) and VUU President Dr. Hakim J. Lucas, stated that VUU supported RES. 2021-R034 and the ONE Casino + Resort. Ms. Cosby also state that VUU was excited about the opportunities for Black ownership regarding ONE Casino + Resort.

*Kristin Reed* spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R034, and stated her concerns with the negative impacts a casino could have on women residents of the city.

Oludare Ogunde, Laborers' International Union of North America lead organizer, Project Give Back to Community, Inc. president, spoke in support of RES. 2021-R034, and stated that the casino development would help employ citizens with living wage jobs.

*Katherine Driggs* spoke in opposition of RES. 2021-R034, and stated her concerns with the potential for increased sex trafficking in the region as a result of the casino project.

It was the consensus of Council to allow Charles Willis to provide public comment regarding RES. 2021-R034.

**Charles Willis, Richmond Highway Neighborhood Civic Association president**, spoke in support of RES. 2021-R034, and requested that Council support the proposed resolution to allow the public an opportunity to participate in a referendum regarding the establishment of a casino in a city.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that he believed citizens should be provided an opportunity to vote on the potential for a casino in the city. Mr. Jones also stated that he did not believe declining casino development would improve the lives of individuals in the city's Southside.

Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert stated that she had reservations about the potential negative impact the casino could have on Black and low-income neighborhoods. Councilor Lambert also stated that she would work to make sure accountability of the casino operator was maintained regarding potential impacts on disenfranchised communities.

Councilor Kristen Larson stated her appreciation of city administration's efforts with initiating communication between the casino development team and Council. Councilor Larson suggested that Council look at dedicating allocation of additional city revenue received from the casino development to the city's Southside for economic and infrastructure developments.

Vice President Ellen Robertson stated that she hoped Council would make sure the concerns raised by citizens are reviewed. Vice President Robertson informed Council of her support for the ONE Casino + Resort development, and also stated she believed it was based on a successful business model. Vice President Robertson further stated that she believed the casino would be located at an opportunistic location, and that it would lead to more investment in the city's Southside. Vice President Robertson informed members she would vote to adopt the proposed resolution.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated her support for the establishment of a casino in the city, and she also suggested that revenue received from the development be allocated towards infrastructure efforts in the city's Southside.

Councilor Andreas Addison stated his support for having citizens vote on the establishment of a casino through a referendum. Councilor Addison also stated his support for the potential entertainment options that would be available at the ONE Casino + Resort development. Councilor Addison informed Council that he would vote to adopt RES. 2021-R034.

Councilor Katherine Jordan stated she felt conflicted regarding the proposed casino development, and added that she was still undecided about how to vote on RES. 2021-R034.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell shared her appreciation for city administration's efforts in presenting the proposed ONE Casino + Resort development to Council. Councilwoman Trammell stated that she supported the casino development because of the potential increase of revenue and infrastructure improvements in the city's Southside.

President Cynthia Newbille shared her appreciation for city administration and the casino evaluation panel for the work conducted in reviewing potential casinos for the city. President Newbille stated that she believed the casino development would bring economic and community improvements in the city's Southside. President Newbille informed Council that she would vote to adopt RES. 2021-R034, due to the potential benefits.

There were no further comments or discussions and **RES. 2021-R034 was adopted:** Ayes 8, Addison, Lambert, Larson, Lynch, Trammell, Jones, Robertson, Newbille. Noes 1, Jordan.

## **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 Informal and Formal Council Sessions held on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively, the Special Meeting held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

## ORD. 2021-152

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept \$50,000.00 from Capital One Services, LLC; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget by creating a new "Transfer to Human Services Equity Study Special Fund" Non-Departmental line item, re-appropriating \$110,000.00 from the "Equity Study" assignment of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 fund balance excess, and appropriating this \$110,000.00 to the new Transfer to Human Services Equity Study Special Fund Non-Departmental line item; and to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new "Equity Study" special fund for the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services and increasing revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services' Equity Study special fund by \$160,000.00, all for the purpose of providing for an equity study and training as described in Res. No. 2020-R013, adopted Jul. 27, 2020.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

#### ORD. 2021-153

To amend Ord. No. 2020-164, adopted Aug. 10, 2020, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2020-191, adopted Sept. 28, 2020, and Ord. No. 2021-089, adopted Apr. 26, 2021, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to submit an amended Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds; accepted funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$16,318,561.00; and appropriated \$16,318,561.00 for various projects, to reallocate \$600,000.00 in previously appropriated CDBG-CV funds, and authorize the submission of a further amended version of the amended Annual Action Plan.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

## ORD. 2021-154

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$76,800.00 from the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority 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 Department of Justice Services by \$76,800.00 for the purpose of funding an additional probation officer position to provide supervision services for the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond's behavioral health docket.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Police called the RRHA Crime Prevention 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 Police's RRHA Crime Prevention Special Fund by \$75,000.00 for the purpose of funding the salary of a program manager to be employed by the City to implement certain prevention and intervention strategies aimed at reducing criminal activity in public housing communities.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

#### ORD. 2021-156

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation from the Richmond Police Foundation of physical fitness equipment, flooring materials, and renovation services valued at approximately \$46,000.00 for the purpose of providing physical fitness equipment for use by Department of Police personnel at the Department of Police's Third Precinct located at 301 South Meadow Street.

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. 2021-157

To amend and reordain City Code § 26-460, concerning the levy on machinery and tools used in business and certain motor carrier transportation property, for the purpose of reflecting amendments to Va. Code § 58.1-3506.

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. 2021-158

To create a new reservation of fund balance called the 2021 Permanent Supportive Housing Reserve intended to be categorized as a committed fund balance and used to fund permanent supportive housing needs in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Ms. Lynch

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. 2021-159

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain fee simple interests for the public purpose of facilitating the construction of the East Main Street and Williamsburg Avenue intersection improvement project.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain fee simple interests and easements for the public purpose of facilitating the construction of the Whitehead Road culvert replacement and sidewalk improvements project.

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. 2021-161

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the design and construction of a replacement to the CSX abandoned spur line bridge from Interstate 95 to North 16th Street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-162

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Parking License Agreement between Parkway Parking of Virginia, Inc, as lessor and the City of Richmond as lessee for the purpose of providing 42 parking spaces for the Department of Social Services at 608 North 4th Street and 628 North 4th Street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

## ORD. 2021-163

To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of the easement, franchise, right and privilege to use a portion of certain property located at 201 Hioaks Road for the construction, operation, and maintenance of certain access and utility facilities in accordance with a certain Deed of Easements; and to declare that a public necessity exists for and authorize the acquisition of a public access easement over and across a portion of certain property located at 6850 Atmore Drive in accordance with such Deed of Easements.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

## ORD. 2021-164

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority Regarding a Joint Application for a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant for the purpose of seeking funding for the development of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy that includes the Gilpin Court public housing complex located at 102 West Charity Street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

To designate the first block at the intersection of West Clay Street and East Clay Street in honor of the late Rosa Dixon Bowser.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

## ORD. 2021-166

To designate the first block at the intersection of West Charity Street and St. John Street in honor of the late Lucy Goode Brooks.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

## ORD. 2021-167

To designate the intersection of Chamberlayne Parkway and Jackson Street in honor of the late William Washington Browne.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

## ORD. 2021-168

To designate the 500 block of North 2nd Street in honor of the late Neverett Eggleston.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-169

To designate the first block of East Charity Street in honor of the late Lillie Ann Estes.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-170

To designate the 1000, 1100, and 1200 blocks of St. James Street in honor of the late Charles Sidney Gilpin.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

#### ORD 2021-171

To designate the 200 block of East Marshall Street in honor of the late Oliver Hill, Sr.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-172

To designate the 200 block of East Clay Street in honor of the late Giles B. Jackson.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

## ORD. 2021-173

To designate the 500 block of North 3rd Street in honor of the late John Mitchell, Jr.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-174

To designate the 300 block of North 2nd Street in honor of the late Lorna Pinckney.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-175

To designate the 600 block of North 3rd Street in honor of the late Alfred D. Price.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-176

To designate that portion of Leigh Street from its intersection with North 3td Street to its intersection with North Belvedere Street in honor of the late Bill "Bojangles" Robinson.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-177

To designate the 600 block of Judah Street in honor of the late Abraham Peyton Skipwith.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

## ORD. 2021-178

To designate the 00, 100, and 200 blocks of the south side of West Broad Street, from its intersection with North Adams Street to the intersection of East Broad Street and North 3rd Street, in honor of the late Maggie L. Walker.

Patron: Ms. Jordan

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-179

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Agreement Between The City of Richmond and The Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority for the purpose of providing for a Program Manager position within the Department of Police to implement certain prevention and intervention strategies aimed at reducing criminal activity in public housing communities.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

## ORD. 2021-180

To amend Ord. No. 2020-155, adopted Jul. 27, 2020, which established a Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board to review and provide recommendations concerning the creation of such a board, to revise and extend the submission deadlines for certain reporting requirements.

Patrons: Mr. Jones and Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

#### ORD. 2021-181

To extend the expiration date of Ord. No. 2020-093, adopted Apr. 9, 2020, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2020-183, adopted Aug. 20, 2020, and Ord. No. 2020-232, adopted Dec. 14, 2020, which assures the continuity of government during the disaster resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic by modifying the practices and procedures of public bodies to permit electronic meetings as authorized by Va. Code § 15.2-1413, from Jun. 30, 2021, to Dec. 31, 2021.

Patron: President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

## RES. 2021-R035

To request that the James River Outdoor Coalition provide to the Chief Administrative Officer and other officials of the City's Administration, as appropriate, the information necessary for the Mayor to introduce and for the Council to adopt the necessary amendments to Ord. No. 2021-042, adopted May 24, 2021, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2021, and for the four fiscal years thereafter, authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to accept a grant from the Coalition in the amount of \$145,000.00 for the construction of the universal access ramp at Huguenot Flatwater Park located at 8600 Riverside Drive in the city of Richmond, and that the Mayor introduce such legislation as may be necessary to accept such grant funds for the implementation of the universal access ramp at Huguenot Flatwater Park located at 8600 Riverside Drive in the city of Richmond and to amend the Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the purpose of appropriating \$145,000.00 for the universal access ramp at Huguenot Flatwater Park.

Patron: Ms. Larson

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

## RES. 2021-R036

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the City Administration to continue its efforts to take such actions and to recommend such legislation as may be necessary to implement the Master Plan, including the plan entitled "Hull Street Corridor Revitalization Plan," and effectuate a rezoning of the Hull Street corridor within South Richmond in accordance with such plans.

Patron: Ms. Lynch

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

#### RES. 2021-R037

To approve the General Registrar to apply to the State Board of Elections for a waiver to administer certain precincts as split precincts for elections held in 2021.

Patron: President Newbille

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

#### RES. 2021-R038

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be prepared and submitted to Council a report that provides certain data relevant to the City's code enforcement officers for property maintenance for the purpose of revising the required qualifications and pay level for certain code enforcement officers for certain property maintenance inspections.

Patron: Ms. Lynch

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.:

## ORD. 2021-182

To authorize a Creighton Court Redevelopment Preliminary Community Unit Plan permitting the development of a residential community of up to 700 dwelling units on approximately 38 acres of land located at 3070 Nine Mile Road, 3100 Nine Mile Road, 2101A Creighton Road and portions of adjacent unimproved public rights-of-way in Tate Street and Tuxedo Boulevard, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

## ORD. 2021-183

To authorize the special use of the property known as 412 West Franklin Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling and a dwelling unit within an accessory building, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Councilor Michael Jones stated that ORD. 2020-155, which authorized the Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board, was originally referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee for committee review. Councilor Jones requested that introductory paper ORD. 2021-180, which amends ORD. 2020-155, also be referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee for review, rather than the Public Safety Standing Committee.

It was the consensus of Council to refer ORD. 2021-180 to the June 23, 2021 Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, for committee review.

#### 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 9:28 p.m.

Councilor Kristen Larson left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before	the Council, th	the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m		
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