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Summary City Council

Monday, September 28, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

This meeting was held through electronic communication means.

1. [ORD. 2019-275](#) To amend ch. 6 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. XII (§§ 6-596-6-602) to establish a technology zone program in accordance with Va. Code § 58.1-3850, for the purpose of facilitating the development and location of technology businesses in the city of Richmond, capital investment, and job creation.

Patrons: Mr. Addison

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2. [ORD. 2019-276](#) To amend City Code §§ 26-872, concerning definitions related to license taxes, and 26-989, concerning licenses taxes for personal services businesses, and to amend ch. 26, art. XV, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein a new section numbered 26-1003.1, concerning the license tax for technology businesses, for the purpose of creating a new business, profession, and occupation license category called “technology business” and imposing a new license tax on such businesses.

Patrons: Mr. Addison

Continued to Monday, December 14, 2020

3. [ORD. 2020-171](#) To amend and reordain City Code §§ 30-402.2, concerning permitted accessory uses and structures, 30-413.15, concerning yards, 30-419.2, concerning permitted principal uses, 30-419.3, concerning permitted principal uses on corner lots, 30-419.4, concerning permitted accessory uses and structures, 30-420.5, concerning yards, 30-424.5, concerning yards, 30-426.5, concerning yards, 30-428.6, concerning yards, 30-430.5, concerning yards, 30-442.1, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-442.4, concerning yards, 30-444.2, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-444.4, concerning yards, 30-446.4, concerning yards, 30-447.2, concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-610.3, concerning alley frontage, 30-620.1, concerning lots and lot areas, 30-630.1, concerning yards, 30-630.4, concerning side yards, 30-630.9, concerning permitted projections and encroachments in yards and courts, 30-680.1, concerning location of accessory buildings, 30-800.2, concerning extension or expansion, 30-810.1, concerning alterations to buildings, 30-940.3, concerning the Urban Design Committee, and 30-1080, concerning unlawful conduct and penalties; to amend ch. 30, art. IV, div. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 30-402.8, 30-404.8, 30-406.8, 30-408.8, and 30-410.8, concerning driveways from streets; to amend ch. 30, art. VI, div. 7 of the City Code by adding therein a new § 30-660.1, concerning standards for location of refuse areas; to amend ch. 30, art. X, div. 4 of the City Code by adding therein a new § 30-1030.8, concerning expiration of approval of plans of development, and to amend ch. 30, art. XII of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 30-1220.94, 30-1220.110:1, 30-1220.110:2, and 30-1220.110:3, concerning certain definitions. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

4. [ORD. 2020-172](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Quitclaim of Utility Easement Portion between the City of Richmond and the Capital Region Airport Commission, for the purpose of releasing a portion of a utility easement to the Capital Region Airport Commission.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

5. [ORD. 2020-187](#) To amend Appendix A of the City Code for section 24-117, concerning the application and processing fee for each administrative approval encroachment application for use of a sidewalk for outdoor dining purposes applied for by October 31, 2020.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

6. [ORD. 2020-188](#) To amend Ord. No. 2020-092, adopted Apr. 13, 2020, which extended the deadline for filing an application or certification by real estate taxpayers claiming an exemption or freeze under City Code §§ 26-364 or 26-365 for the taxable year 2020 only from Mar. 31, 2020, to Apr. 30, 2020, by further extending the deadline from Apr. 30, 2020 to Oct. 30, 2020.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Larson, Ms. Trammell, President Newbille, Vice President Hilbert and Mr. Jones

This ordinance was adopted.

7. [ORD. 2020-189](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the National League of Cities; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of Community Wealth Building called the NLC Census Initiative Response Special Fund; and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of Community Wealth Building's NLC Census Initiative Special Fund by \$5,000.00 for the purpose of funding an awareness campaign promoting the importance of participation in the 2020 United States Census.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

8. [ORD. 2020-190](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, and to appropriate the funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Planning and Development Review's Permitting and Inspections Technical Renewal special fund by \$2,000.00 for the purpose of funding the purchase of equipment and technical upgrades for use in virtual certification and continuing education classes for employees of the Department of Planning and Development Review's permitting and inspections division.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

9. [ORD. 2020-192](#) To amend and reordain certain fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for section 8-545 (concerning fees for the temporary use of Main Street Station) for the purpose of revising the schedule of fees for the temporary use of Main Street Station.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

10. [ORD. 2020-193](#) To declare surplus and direct the sale of the City-owned real estate known as 2901 Bainbridge Street for \$10,000.00 to the Richmond Fire Department Foundation.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

11. [ORD. 2020-194](#) To amend Ord. No. 2020-050, adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted the Special Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and appropriated the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds, to transfer funds in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 from the Office of the City Attorney's "Delinquent Tax Sales" special fund and to amend Ord. No. 2020-051, adopted May 11, 2020, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget, and determined a means for financing the same by (i) establishing a new project in the Culture & Recreation category called the "Enslaved African Heritage Campus" project and (ii) appropriating the funds transferred to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget by increasing revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Enslaved African Heritage Campus project by \$1,700,000.00 for the purpose of planning, designing, acquiring land for, and constructing a multiuse enslaved African cultural and heritage parklike campus in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

12. [ORD. 2020-195](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Richmond as lessor and Challenge Discovery Projects, Inc. as lessee for the purpose of leasing to Challenge Discovery Projects, Inc. a certain portion of the City-owned property located at 2405 Jefferson Avenue.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

13. [ORD. 2020-196](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease between the City of Richmond and T-Mobile USA Tower LLC for the purpose of permitting T-Mobile USA Tower LLC to operate existing telecommunications equipment at 4827 Old Warwick Road.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

14. [ORD. 2020-197](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a City of Richmond Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Friends of the James River Park for the purpose of restoring a section of riparian buffer and performing related environmental activities along the James River at Pony Pasture Rapids Park and the Wetlands Park in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

15. [ORD. 2020-198](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Pony Pasture Rapids Park and the Wetlands Park Right-of-Entry Agreement between the City of Richmond and Friends of the James River Park for the purpose of restoring a section of riparian buffer and performing related environmental activities along the James River at Pony Pasture Rapids Park and the Wetlands Park in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

16. [ORD. 2020-199](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the parcel of real property owned by the Virginia Department of Transportation and known as 311 South Belmont Avenue for the purpose maintaining the property as a City green space, playground, and recreational area.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

17. [ORD. 2020-200](#) To designate the 900 block of St. James Street in honor of James Russell Stallings, Sr.

Patrons: Vice President Hilbert

This ordinance was adopted.

18. [ORD. 2020-201](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 27-283, concerning performance measurements for the special parking districts program, for the purpose of changing the due date for the submission of the annual study from March 1 of each year to September 1 of each year.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

19. [ORD. 2020-202](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 8-545, concerning the establishment of fees for licenses to temporarily use Main Street Station or portions thereof, for the purpose of authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to appoint a designee to license Main Street Station or any portion thereof for temporary use by the public.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

20. [RES. 2019-R068](#) To express the Council's support for certain goals in alignment with the Vision Zero traffic safety program that promote sustainability and equity in access to safe transportation.

Patrons: Mr. Addison, Mr. Jones, Ms. Robertson and President Newbille

This resolution was adopted.

21. [RES. 2020-R051](#) To impose enhanced speeding penalties pursuant to City Code § 27-163 and to authorize the placement of signs giving notice thereof on the portion of South Harrison Street located between Idlewood Avenue and Randolph Street and the portion of Colorado Avenue located between Randolph Street and South Allen Avenue.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

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22. [RES. 2020-R052](#) To provide for the nomination of George P. Braxton, Benjamin P. Campbell, and Eldridge Forest Coles as the City of Richmond's three Directors and the election of the Board of Directors of the Greater Richmond Transit Company for the period commencing upon election and qualification of these nominees as Directors and terminating on the date of the 2021 annual meeting of shareholders upon the election and qualification of the successors to these Directors.

Patrons: City Council

This resolution was adopted.

23. [RES. 2020-R053](#) To request that the Mayor propose, for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and for every fiscal year thereafter, a budget that includes funding in the amount of at least \$10,000,000.00 for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lynch, President Newbille, Vice President Hilbert, Mr. Jones, Ms. Trammell and Mr. Addison

This resolution was adopted.

24. [RES. 2020-R054](#) To request that the Mayor make such recommendations for budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2021 or otherwise propose an annual budget for Fiscal Year 2022 that would achieve pay parity between the employees of the City of Richmond's Office of the Public Defender and the City of Richmond's Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Robertson, President Newbille, Vice President Hilbert, Mayor Stoney, Mr. Jones, Mr. Addison and Ms. Trammell

This resolution was adopted.

25. [RES. 2020-R055](#) To declare surplus, and to authorize and request the Chief Administrative Officer to seek offers, bids, or proposals by solicitation or auction for City-owned properties located at 809 West 44th Street, 811 Rear West 44th Street, and 4306 Rear Reedy Avenue for the purpose of facilitating the purchase and development of such parcels.

Patrons: Ms. Larson

This resolution was adopted.

26. [RES. 2020-R056](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Finance and the Department of Human Resources to conduct a study of the City's telecommuting workforce to determine if cost savings and other benefits have been derived from the telecommuting policies adopted by the City in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for the purpose of potentially continuing or expanding upon such policies after the pandemic.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

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27. [ORD. 2018-236](#) To amend ch. 26, art. V, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein new sections 26-370-26-374, concerning a real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling, for the purpose of establishing a new real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling.

Patrons: Ms. Gray

Continued to Monday, October 12, 2020

28. [ORD. 2020-103](#) To rezone certain properties in the areas surrounding the Science Museum of Virginia, Allison Street, and the Virginia Commonwealth University and the Virginia Union University Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit station areas.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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29. [ORD. 2020-104](#) To amend the official zoning map for the purpose of designating certain street blocks as “priority streets” and certain street blocks as “street-oriented commercial streets” in the areas surrounding the Science Museum of Virginia, Allison Street, and the Virginia Commonwealth University and the Virginia Union University Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit station areas.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Continued to Monday, November 9, 2020

30. [ORD. 2020-105](#) To amend and reordain City Code §§ 30-433.2 (concerning parking lots in the UB Urban Business District, 30-440.3 (concerning yards in the B-4 Central Business District), 30-446.2 (concerning parking lots in the B-7 Mixed-Use Business District), and 30-950.2-30-950.5 (concerning Plan of Development Overlays), for the purpose of implementing the recommendations of the adopted Pulse Corridor Plan. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Continued to Monday, November 9, 2020

31. [ORD. 2020-117](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Records Management System User Agreement between the City of Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University for the purpose of contracting for the use of equipment and materials as allowed by Va. Code § 15.2-1736 by allowing the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department to become an operational user of the Department of Police’s records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the Department of Police and the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Continued to Monday, January 11, 2021

32. [ORD. 2020-153](#) To rename that portion of U.S. Route 1, known as Jefferson Davis Highway and located within the corporate boundaries of the City, from its northerly terminus at its intersection with Hull Street to its southerly terminus at the corporate limits of the City near its intersection with Walmsley Boulevard, as “Richmond Highway.”

Patrons: Ms. Trammell, Vice President Hilbert and Mayor Stoney

Continued to Monday, December 14, 2020

33. [ORD. 2020-191](#) To amend Ord. No. 2020-164, adopted Aug. 10, 2020, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to submit an amended Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds, accepted funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$6,184,226.00, and appropriated \$6,184,226.00 for various projects, to authorize the submission of a further amended version of the amended Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan and to reallocate and re-appropriate \$4,239,079.00 in unallocated funds for various projects.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was adopted.

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

34. [ORD. 2020-210](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 from The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Inc.; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of Community Wealth Building called the Annie Casey 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 Office of Community Wealth Building's Annie Casey Special Fund by \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding research on the number, financial profiles, and economic impact of businesses located within the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

35. [ORD. 2020-211](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in an amount up to \$3,900,000.00 from Advantage Richmond Corporation, and to assign such accepted funds to the Reserve Fund for Permanent Public Improvements established pursuant to City Code § 12-4.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

36. [ORD. 2020-212](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the parcel of real property owned by Advantage Richmond Corporation and known as 900 East Marshall Street for the purpose of a municipal office building.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

37. [ORD. 2020-213](#) To amend Ord. No. 2020-051, adopted May 11, 2020, which (i) accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and the four fiscal years thereafter, (ii) adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and (iii) determined a means of financing the same, to modify the purpose of the Heritage Center / Lumpkin's Jail (Devil's Half Acre) project in the Economic and Community Development category to provide that the scope of such project consists of design and construction of a pavilion and museum at the Lumpkin's Jail / Devil's Half Acre site, the design of and improvements to the Richmond Slave Trail and Trail Head at Ancarrow's Landing, the extension of the Slave Trail to 1305 North 5th Street, the acquisition of the property known as 1305 North 5th Street due to that property's historical significance associated with its use as the Burial Grounds for Free People of Colour and Slaves, and the planning activities for the proposed Heritage Center in Shockoe Bottom.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

38. [RES. 2020-R057](#) To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement refunding bonds of the City of Richmond, Virginia in the maximum principal amount of up to \$135,000,000 to refund all or portions of certain general obligation bonds previously issued by the City; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such refunding bonds for such purposes; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of taxable bonds in the same maximum principal amount and payable over the same period as such general obligation public improvement refunding bonds.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

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

39. [RES. 2020-R058](#) To approve the extension of the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority's performance contract for Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020.

Patrons: President Newbille

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.:

40. [ORD. 2020-214](#) To amend City Code §§ 12-36, concerning the disposition of revenues derived from the expiration of partial exemptions from real estate taxation and from certain sales of tax delinquent properties, and 26-104, concerning the duties of the City Assessor, for the purpose of providing for the accounting of certain real estate tax revenues arising from the phased reduction, expiration, and termination of certain partial exemptions from real estate taxation in such a manner as to facilitate the City Council's future appropriation of those revenues to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, President Newbille and Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

41. [ORD. 2020-215](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 26-355, concerning the levy of tax on real estate, to establish a tax rate of \$1.20 for the tax year beginning Jan. 1, 2021, pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-3321(b), and increasing such rate from the Rolled Back Tax Rate of \$1.176 as computed in accordance with Va. Code § 58.1-3321(a).

Patrons: President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

42. [ORD. 2020-216](#) To close, to public use and travel, Anderson Street and an east-west alley that bisects Anderson Street located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Government Road and Glenwood Avenue consisting of 18,660± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

43. [ORD. 2020-217](#) To close to public travel certain medians located in Monument Avenue and North Allen Avenue at or near General Robert E. Lee Circle, to retain the City's legal interests in such medians, and to designate such medians as official City Parks, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Ms. Gray

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

44. [ORD. 2020-218](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1829 West Cary Street and 1831 West Cary Street for the purpose of outdoor dining areas, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

45. [ORD. 2020-219](#) To designate the City-owned properties known as 201 Hioaks Road, 315 Beaufont Hills Drive, 620 Rosemont Road, 2100 Colby Lane, 2606 Lynhaven Avenue, and 2903 Rear Ernest Road as public parks to be known by the names of Hioaks Park, Reedy Creek Wetland Park, Rosemont Road Park, Broad Rock Creek Park, and Ernest Road Park.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Mr. Jones and Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

46. [ORD. 2020-220](#) To amend and reordain City Code §§ 2-927, concerning the general powers and duties of the Personnel Board, and 2-1264, concerning the creation of the personnel system, for the purpose of conforming the classes protected from discrimination under the City's personnel system to Va. Code §§ 2.2-3904 and 2.2-3905.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.