

City of Richmond

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Standing Committee

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Chair
The Honorable Kristen Larson – Vice Chair
The Honorable Andreas Addison – Member (*late arrival*)
Tara Bethea, Assistant City Clerk
Greg Lukanuski, Assistant City Attorney
Candice Reid, Interim City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

Call to Order

Chair Reva Trammell called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Chamber Evacuation Plan and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Assistant City Clerk Tara Bethea provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with citizen speaker guidelines.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Member Larson moved to approve the October 24, 2017 meeting minutes, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2 – Larson, Trammell; Noes 0. Member Andreas Addison had not yet arrived.

Paper for Consideration

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2017-R087

To approve and adopt the Richmond-Crater Hazard Mitigation Plan 2017.

Anthony McClean, Emergency Management Coordinator, introduced RES. 2017-R087 and stated that the plan is an updated plan from 2012 which will allow the city to maintain its current status, apply for mitigation grants, and the plan was approved by FEMA.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Chair Trammell moved to forward RES. 2017-R087 to the December 11, 2017 Council meeting with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2 – Larson, Trammell; Noes 0. Member Andreas Addison had not yet arrived.

Board Vacancies

Member Larson moved to continue consideration of the at-large resident vacancy on the Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration, to the January 23, 2018 Public Safety meeting and to forward the Mayoral nominee applicant for the board to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2 – Larson, Trammell; Noes 0. Member Andreas Addison had not yet arrived.

| Board Name | Criteria for Appointment | Applicant Name |
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| Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration (15 members) | Members, at least eight of whom shall be residents of the city, shall be representatives from any combination of the following categories: 1. Resident of the community within the city where correctional resident-based services, establishments providing alternatives to incarceration or correctional facilities are located 2. At-large resident of the city 3. Richmond Public Schools 4. Workforce development agency 5. Small minority business development organization 6. Technical educational institution 7. Higher educational institution 8. Law enforcement 9. State or local department of social services 10. Administrator of a community-based corrections program 11. Faith-based community organization 12. Business community 13. Council member representing the district in which the Justice Center is located (1 vacancy nominated and appointed by Council and 2 vacancies nominated by the mayor and appointed by Council) | At-large resident of the city: Robert Lee Dunham (page 3) Kevin A. Starlings (page 5) Marti M. Williams (page 7) Nominated by Mayor Levar M. Stoney: Law Enforcement James B. Killingsworth Sr. (page 9) |

^{*} Applicants must either reside or work in the city.

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Member Addison arrived and was seated.

Discussion of the December 26th Public Safety Meeting

It was the consensus of the committee to cancel the December 26, 2017 Public Safety Standing Committee meeting.

Chair Trammell asked for the following items to be presented at the January 23, 2018 meeting:

- Presentation and copy of the Richmond Police Department's (RPD) latest Focus Report
- Crime statistics for 2017
- Presentation and copies of current personnel strength reports by position for RPD, Richmond Fire Department (RFD) & Department of Emergency Communications (DEC)
- Presentation and copies of organizational charts for RPD, RFD & DEC that reflect authorized

positions and vacancies

• Homicide reports from 2008-2017

Deputy Chief Steve Drew, RPD, noted that there were 57 homicides in the city to date compared to 53 homicides last year. Deputy Drew reported that some of the city's homicide cases are being investigated by the Virginia State Police as well as the medical examiner to determine if certain cases are actually homicides.

In response to Chair Trammell's questions regarding the cost of service calls in the city, Jackie Crotts, deputy director of technology (DEC), stated that costs only occur when officers actually respond to calls and not when residents make calls.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Richmond Ambulance Authority CEO Chip Decker reported that the authority delivered 35 control kits to Richmond schools.

Staff Report

Council Policy Analyst Steve Taylor distributed the November staff report to the committee.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.