



Richmond City Council

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City of Richmond Governmental Operations Committee

April 24, 2024

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: March 27, 2024

Next Meeting: May 22, 2024

Presentations, Discussions and Papers for Consideration

Presentations

1. None

Discussion Items

1. Discussion of next steps for the Review of the City Charter

Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Ord. No. 2023-094

Patrons: Ms. Jordan

Key Points:

- To amend City Code § 11-36, concerning exemptions to sound control, for the purpose of modifying the hours during which the City's refuse collection and sanitation services shall be exempted from the requirements of the City's sound control provisions.
 - This legislation is to amend Richmond City Code §11-36 (10) relative to noise issues resulting from refuse collection and sanitation services. The purpose is to make changes to the current refuse collection hours that are between 5:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., with the change reverting back to the 7 a.m. start time for refuse collection. Essentially, the request is to repeal sections of Ord. No 2022-219.
 - Commercial vendors collect refuse near residential areas from the dumpsters of businesses starting at 5 a.m. The proposed time change to 7 a.m. will address noise issues residents have conveyed from trash collection and noise from dumpster handling during early morning hours.
 - The 5 a.m. time is seemingly advantageous for the commercial vendors with refuse pickup being conducted when there is less opportunity to impede traffic flow and encountering other large vehicles sharing the same space. This earlier pickup time may also



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impact other delays with refuse collection and overlapping routes, unsafe driving conditions, crashes, or more carbon emissions.

- An email response from DPW is pending regarding the specific impact to the City of Richmond operations.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

2. Ord. No. 2024-115

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To amend ch. 9, art. III, of the City Code by adding therein a new section 9-58.1, concerning polling place licenses.
 - This legislation is to add a new section concerning polling place licenses to enter into license agreements to use real property not owned by the City for a period of not more than five (5) days.
 - Currently, the General Registrar operates over 20 polling places located at Richmond Public Schools, churches, recreation centers, private facilities, etc., during primary, special, and general elections. The General Registrar uses the property for more than five days to conduct elections and the logistics of the election activities in the polling place.
 - The amendment to the code section will allow the CAO to enter into license agreements for use of real property for public polling places, provided that the length of the license does not exceed fifteen (15) days.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

There is a fiscal impact.

3. Ord. No. 2024-121

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

(Companion legislation Ord. No. 2024-122 and 123)

Key Points:

- To approve the text of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and International Fire Fighters, Local 995 in accordance with City Code § 2-1301.13.
 - Effective May 1, 2021, the General Assembly allowed local governments to collectively bargain with the employees of a local government.



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- On July 25, 2022, City Council approved Ordinance Number 2022-221, which provides for collective bargaining with City employees and establishing Collective Bargaining Procedures.
- Following this approval, the Fire and EMS employees voted to have IAFF as their representative. Negotiations were held between the city and IAFF, and an agreement was reached.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

The fiscal impact of this 3-year agreement is estimated at \$29 million.

4. Ord. No. 2024-122

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To approve the text of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and Richmond Coalition of Police in accordance with City Code section 2-1301.13.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

There is a fiscal impact as noted.

5. Ord. No. 2024-123

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To approve the text of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and Service Employees International Union, Virginia 512 in accordance with City Code section 2-1301.13.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

There is a fiscal impact as noted.