City of Richmond Governmental Operations Committee

March 27, 2024

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: February 28, 2024   **Next Meeting:** April 24, 2024

Presentations, Discussions and Papers for Consideration

Presentations

1. None

Discussion Items

1. Update on the Public Art Commission – Ordinance, Susan Glasser, Secretary of the Art Commission

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

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