



## City of Richmond

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### Minutes

#### Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

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Tuesday, January 19, 2021

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall  
(Virtual Meeting)

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#### Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair  
The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair  
The Honorable Michael Jones – Committee member (late arrival)  
The Honorable Katherine Jordan – Alternate Committee member  
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney  
Samson Anderson, Council Budget Analyst  
Meghan Brown, Interim Council Chief of Staff  
Bill Echelberger, Council Budget Analyst  
Pamela Nichols, Senior Assistant City Clerk  
Candice Reid, City Clerk  
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst  
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

#### Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m., and presided.

#### Electronic Participation

Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols, 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. Senior Assistant City Clerk Nichols stated notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on January 12, 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 Tuesday, January 19, 2021, were provided to committee members. Mrs. Nichols indicated that members of the public who signed up to speak and provide comment would be called to speak at the appropriate time.

#### Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Senior Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols provided citizen speaker guidelines.

#### Public Comment Period

There were no public comment speakers.

## Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the meeting minutes of Tuesday, November 17 2020, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

## Board Vacancies

Senior Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson expressed concern regarding the number of vacancies for the Board of Building Code Appeals, Plumbing and Mechanical Division, and the impact the vacancies have on the board's ability to function.

Chair Andreas Addison requested a discussion regarding board appointments and vacancies at a future Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

Vice Chair Robertson asked about district representation for members currently serving on the Board of Fire Appeals.

*Member Michael Jones joined the meeting at 12:13 p.m.*

Vice Chair Robertson expressed support of having greater diversity among members appointed to the City Planning Commission and the screening of potential members to determine who may have conflicts of interest with items under consideration by the commission.

Member Michael Jones echoed a need for diverse representation on boards and commissions to reflect communities throughout the city. Mr. Jones stated he would like more robust discussions on possible revisions to the boards and commissions application process.

Chair Addison requested to continue consideration of the following appointment applications for the Green City Commission to the February 16, 2021, Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>
Green City Commission (9 members)	Representative from the sustainability field* (1 vacancy)	Robert Birdsey 1 <sup>st</sup> District Resident
	At-Large resident* (1 vacancy)	Eva Clarke 1 <sup>st</sup> District Resident

Vice Chair Robertson requested a copy of the members list for the Green City Commission.

Chair Addison expressed support for the appointment and reappointment applications for the Safe and Healthy Streets Commission.

Member Jones expressed support for the appointment applications for the Urban Design Committee.

**Member Michael Jones moved to forward the following board appointment and reappointment applications to Council with the recommendation to approve, and to continue consideration of the appointment applications for the Green City Commission to the February 16, 2021, Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting:**

<b>Board Name</b>	<b>Criteria for Appointment</b>	<b>Applicant Name</b>
<b>Board of Building Code Appeals, Plumbing and Mechanical Division</b> (8 members)	Certified Master Plumber*  (1 vacancy)	Anson Bell 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Resident (reappointment)
<b>Board of Fire Appeals</b> (5 members)	Individual qualified by experience and training to rule on matters pertaining to building construction and fire prevention*  (2 vacancies)	William Willis 6 <sup>th</sup> District Employment (reappointment)
		William Andrews 8 <sup>th</sup> District Resident
<b>City Planning Commission</b> (9 members)	Qualified voter of the city who hold no office of profit under the city government  (1 vacancy)	Vivek Murthy 1 <sup>st</sup> District Resident (reappointment)
<b>Clean City Commission</b> (15 members)	3 <sup>rd</sup> District Representative  (1 vacancy)	Edward Gilchrist 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Resident (reappointment)
	8 <sup>th</sup> District Representative  (1 vacancy)	Claudia Spurill 8 <sup>th</sup> District Resident
<b>Commission of Architectural Review Board</b> (9 members)	At-Large resident*  (1 vacancy)	Ashleigh Brewer 6 <sup>th</sup> District Resident (reappointment)
<b>Safe and Healthy Streets Commission</b> (12 members)	Transportation Safety Expert  (1 vacancy)	Michael Todd 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Resident (reappointment)
	Qualified voter of the city who hold no office of profit with the city (1 vacancy)	Christopher Woody, Sr. 8 <sup>th</sup> District Resident
<b>Urban Design Committee</b> (10 members)	Member of a community focused organization or business*(1 vacancy)	Justin Doyle 7 <sup>th</sup> District Resident
	Member with demonstrated arboriculture or forestry expertise or a member of the Urban Forestry Commission*  (1 vacancy)	Eva Clarke 1 <sup>st</sup> District Resident

\* Applicants must either reside or work in the city

*A copy of the material provided has been filed.*

**The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

*The committee asked Senior Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols to contact the representative for the Board of Building Code Appeals, Electrical and General Divisions regarding membership and vacancies.*

### **Presentation(s)**

There were no presentations.

### **Paper(s) for Consideration**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

#### ORD. 2020-257

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute appropriate documents releasing the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and its successors in interest from the reversionary right of the City contained in a certain special warranty deed concerning the property known as 30 West Jackson Street for the purpose of allowing the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to sell the property for the development of a rental housing project for low-income residents.

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney

*Michelle Peters, Department of Housing and Community Development deputy director, introduced ORD. 2020-257.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2020-257 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

*Vice Chair Robertson directed Ms. Peters to advise the developer to contact Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert to discuss the proposed project.*

*John Bolton, vice president of real estate development for the Better Housing Coalition, was present to respond to questions.*

*Lynn McAteer, vice president of planning and evaluations for the Better Housing Coalition, reported that the Better Housing Coalition recently discussed the project with Councilor Katherine Jordan and the Historic Jackson Ward Association.*

*Chair Andreas Addison asked the Better Housing Coalition to review the proposed project with Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert prior to the January 25, 2021, Formal Council Meeting.*

**The following resolution was considered:**

RES. 2020-R071

To designate the property known as 3100 Nine Mile Road as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2.

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)

*Michelle Peters, Department of Housing and Community Development deputy director, introduced RES. 2020-R071.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward RES. 2020-R071 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following resolution was considered:**

RES. 2021-R010

To designate the properties known as 1218, 1224, 1226, 1228 East Brookland Park Boulevard as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2.

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney (By Request)

*Michelle Peters, Department of Housing and Community Development deputy director, introduced RES. 2021-R010.*

Mario Wells with Enterprise Community Development explained that the proposed multifamily development would serve low-income individuals and families, and seven units will be income restricted to families earning 30% of the area median income (AMI).

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward RES. 2021-R010 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

ORD. 2020-258

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Access Easement between the City of Richmond and AT Artisan LLC and American Tobacco Holdings LLC, for the purpose of granting an access easement to a portion of City-owned real property located at 400 Jefferson Davis Highway to AT Artisan LLC and American Tobacco Holdings LLC.

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney

*Alfred Scott, Department of Public Utilities senior deputy department director, introduced ORD. 2020-258.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2020-258 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

ORD. 2020-259

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition from Westmoreland Place Association of an easement of right-of-way over, upon, across, and through the streets located in the Westmoreland Place subdivision and known as Westmoreland Place, Virginia Avenue, Bolling Avenue, Powhatan Avenue, Rolfe Road, a portion of Pocahontas Avenue, and a portion of Charmian Road for public right-of-way purposes, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Agreement between the City and Westmoreland Place Association in connection therewith.

**Patron:** Mr. Addison

*Bobby Vincent, Department of Public Works director, was present to respond to questions.*

*Chair Andreas Addison introduced ORD. 2020-259.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2020-259 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

ORD. 2020-260

To designate the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Idlewood Avenue in honor of Larry Jerome Bland.

**Patron:** Ms. Lynch and Vice President Robertson

*Vice Chair Ellen Robertson introduced ORD. 2020-260.*

*Member Michael Jones asked to be added as a co-patron.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2020-260 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

ORD. 2021-002

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Urban Project Construction Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the design and construction of multimodal improvements along U.S. Route 1 from its intersection with Brinser Street to its intersection with Chesterman Avenue, including access improvements at U.S. Route 1 and its intersection with North Hopkins Road and at U.S. Route 1 and its intersection with Harwood Street.

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney

*Lamont Benjamin, Department of Public Works capital improvement projects (CIP) administrator, introduced ORD. 2021-002.*

*Bobby Vincent, Department of Public Works director, explained the project is funded through state funds and that improvements outside of the scope of the project will be a part of the city's CIP.*

*Vice Chair Ellen Robertson requested that the Department of Public Works meet with her and Councilwoman Reva Trammell to discuss proposed improvements.*

*Member Michael Jones emphasized the need for a more aggressive approach to address transportation safety throughout the city.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2021-002 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**Discussion Item**

There were no discussion items.

**Staff Report**

Steve Taylor, council policy analyst, and Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, provided the committee with the January staff report.

*A copy of the material provided has been filed.*

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.