



City of Richmond

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Meeting Minutes Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair

The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert – Committee Member

Absent

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair

Others in Attendance

Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney

Candice Reid, City Clerk

Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren 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 comment speakers.

Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of July 18, 2023, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2023.265](#) July 18, 2023 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Minutes

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinances were considered:

1. [ORD. 2023-238](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the Hull Street Improvements Phase III - Warwick Road to Arizona Drive project for the purpose of the construction and installation of improvements including two lanes in each direction, turn lanes, medians, storage length at intersections, major traffic generators, and median crossovers.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

2. [ORD. 2023-240](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Maintenance Agreement for N. 7th Street Pedestrian Bridge Crossing I-95 between the City of Richmond, the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority, and the Virginia Department of Transportation to set forth the responsibilities of the parties for the inspection and maintenance of a proposed North 7th Street pedestrian bridge over I-95.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

4. [ORD. 2023-251](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing funding for the Scott's Addition Green Space project to establish a multimodal path along a portion of Patton Avenue, south of the CSX rail line, between Roseneath Road and North Arthur Ashe Boulevard.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

5. [ORD. 2023-252](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing funding for the Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures project for the installation of traffic data collection devices at certain signalized intersections.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

M Khara, Department of Public Works Deputy Director and City Engineer, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed ordinances.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert discussed the funding sources for the project referenced in ORD. 2023-238. Member Lambert also inquired about the design and construction schedule of the pedestrian bridge proposed in ORD. 2023-240.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson inquired about the green space design proposed in ORD. 2023-251.

M. Kara provided information regarding the purpose and planned construction of the green space referenced in ORD. 2023-251.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-238, ORD. 2023-240, ORD. 2023-251, and ORD. 2023-252 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Lambert, Robertson. Noes None.

The following ordinance was considered:

3. [ORD. 2023-241](#) To designate the north side of the 300 block of West Main Street in honor of the late Shawn Joseph Soares. (2nd District)

Patrons: Ms. Jordan and Ms. Lynch

Member Ann-Frances Lambert and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson requested to be added as co-patrons of ORD. 2023-241.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-241 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Lambert, Robertson. Noes None.

The following ordinances were considered:

6. [ORD. 2023-253](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Extension Agreement between Northbrook Properties, Inc., as lessor and the City of Richmond as lessee for the purpose of providing office and storage space for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities at 1209 Admiral Street. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

7. [ORD. 2023-254](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of an easement upon, over, under, and across certain property located in Joseph Bryan Park at 4308 Hermitage Road for the construction, maintenance, and operation of improvements and associated appurtenances for the generation, distribution and transmission of electricity in accordance with a certain Right of Way Agreement. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Deborah Morton, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Deputy Director, provided an introduction and additional information regarding the proposed ordinances.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert inquired about the costs for fixing the water pump located in Joseph Bryan Park referenced in ORD. 2023-254, and the storage rental facility costs referenced in ORD. 2023-253. Councilor Lambert also inquired about the long-term plan for renting the storage facility.

Ms. Morton provided additional information regarding the lease agreement referenced in ORD. 2023-253. Ms. Morton stated that the city would identify a new storage location prior to the end of the lease agreement proposed in ORD. 2023-253.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2023-254.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-253 and ORD. 2023-254 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Lambert, Robertson. Noes None.

The following ordinance was considered:

8. [ORD. 2023-255](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Quitclaim of Utility Easement between the City of Richmond and Roane Street, LLC, for the purpose of vacating by quitclaim deed a certain easement on the property known as 2021 Roane Street, for nominal consideration, to Roane Street, LLC. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Christian Chirico, Richmond Gas Works Deputy Director, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding ORD. 2023-255.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-255 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Lambert, Robertson. Noes None.

The following ordinance was considered:

9. [ORD. 2023-239](#) To amend City Code § 12-15, concerning contracts for non-departmental appropriations, for the purpose of removing the requirement that the Greater Richmond Transit Company enter into grant contracts with the City in order to receive City funds.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson provided an introduction and additional background information regarding ORD. 2023-239.

Sharon Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) for Planning, Economic and Community Development, requested that consideration of ORD. 2023-239 be continued. DCAO Ebert stated that the continuance would allow more time to identify other non-departmental agencies that could be included in the ordinance.

Vice Chair Robertson stated she wanted ORD. 2023-239 to move forward, but she informed DCAO Ebert that another ordinance could be considered that addressed other non-departmental agencies identified by city administration.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-239 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Lambert, Robertson. Noes None.

Board Vacancies

There were no board vacancies for consideration.

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst, provided the committee with the September staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.268](#) September 2023 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Staff Report

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.