



# City of Richmond

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

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Thursday, March 23, 2023

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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### Committee Members

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair  
The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair  
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert – Committee Member

### Others in Attendance

Andrew Gore, Assistant City Attorney  
Paul Van Lenten, Jr., Council Budget Analyst  
Candice Reid, City Clerk  
Rebecca Sullivan, Assistant City Clerk  
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst  
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

### Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m., and presided.

### Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Assistant City Clerk Rebecca Sullivan 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 February 23, 2023, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2023.081](#) February 23, 2023 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Meeting Minutes

### Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

### Staff Report

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

*A copy of the material provided has been filed and can be accessed below.*

**CD.2023.082** Land Use, Housing and Transportation Staff Report

### Paper(s) for Consideration

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The following ordinance was considered:

1. [ORD. 2023-057](#) To repeal Ord. No. 2008-189-2009-171, adopted Oct. 26, 2009, which prohibited the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Hermitage Road and Laburnum Avenue.

**Patrons:** Ms. Lambert and Ms. Jordan

*Member Ann-Frances Lambert introduced the proposed ordinance, and explained her reasoning for repealing the ordinance due to the recent removal of the monument in that particular area.*

M Khara, Department of Public Works Deputy Director and City Engineer, shared city administration's support for the paper.

### Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

**There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-057 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

#### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The following ordinance was considered:

2. [ORD. 2023-070](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Exercise of Renewal Option and Second Amendment to Operating and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Richmond and Richmond First Tee, for the purpose of providing for the use by Richmond First Tee of City-owned real estate known as the Elson Redmond Memorial Driving Range located at 400 School Street to provide golf, learning facilities, and educational programs for area youth.  
(3rd District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

*Member Ann-Frances Lambert expressed her support for the proposed legislation.*

Sharon Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Economic and Community Development, shared that the proposed ordinance was a lease renewal to continue the First Tee operations.

### Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

**There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-070 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

**The following ordinance was considered:**

3. [ORD. 2023-087](#) 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 Atlantic LLC, for the purpose of vacating by quitclaim deed certain easements on the property known as 1809 Roane Street, for nominal consideration, to Roane Atlantic LLC.  
(3rd District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

**Forwarded to the March 27, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve**

Dan Rifenburg, Engineering Manager with the Department of Public Utilities, introduced the proposed ordinance and explained the reasoning for the quitclaim deed.

### Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

**There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-087 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

4. [ORD. 2023-089](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a City of Richmond Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the James River Association to provide funding for the implementation of green infrastructure improvements to increase stormwater management at a certain library of the City known as the East End Branch located at 1200 North 25th Street. (7th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

Jennifer Clarke, Program and Operations Supervisor with the Department of Public Utilities, introduced the proposed ordinance and explained the need for storm water utility maintenance.

*Chair Andreas Addison asked for ways in which the Council could help similar future projects.*

*Ms. Clarke suggested that comments and show of public support help promote and secure funding for similar projects.*

### Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

**There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-089 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

**The following ordinance was considered:**

5. [ORD. 2023-086](#) To amend Ord. No. 2022-104, adopted April 25, 2022, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2022-243, adopted Sept. 12, 2022, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to issue grants, loans, or a combination thereof from the City's 1st Tranche of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds to certain entities in designated amounts and authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to execute all necessary documents to affect such issuance for the purpose of financing the construction and preservation of single-family and multifamily dwellings, to provide for a revised list of entities eligible for the issuance of such grants, loans, or a combination thereof.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

Sherrill Hampton, Housing and Community Development Director, introduced the proposed ordinance and explained the funding details.

#### **Public Hearing**

There were no public hearing speakers.

**There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-086 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

6. [ORD. 2023-088](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a HOME - ARP Allocation Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the receipt of Home Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan (HOME - ARP) Program funds in the amount of \$5,840,854.00.

**Patrons:** Mayor Stoney

Sherrill Hampton, Housing and Community Development Director, introduced the proposed ordinance and explained the importance and need for the funds.

*Member Ann-Frances Lambert confirmed that the funds would be a one time installment.*

*Vice Chair Ellen Robertson requested copies of housing plans produced by regional partners for Council members' review.*

### **Public Hearing**

There were no public hearing speakers.

**There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-088 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

### **Discussion Item(s)**

#### **Future Housing Plan to include Richmond 300 growth nodes with transit corridors and a system similar to Arlington's Revitalization Zones**

*Chair Andreas Addison requested the possibility to meet outside of the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting as a group in order to discuss plans to develop more affordable housing within the city.*

*Member Ann-Frances Lambert expressed her support for meeting to discuss future affordable housing projects.*

*Vice Chair Ellen Robertson expressed her concern regarding how the city was addressing affordable housing investments in the proposed FY 2024 Budget.*

*Chair Addison shared that a draft agenda for the proposed work session would be available in the coming days for committee members to review.*

*Vice Chair Robertson suggested sharing the draft agenda with city administration.*

### **Board Vacancies**

There were no board vacancies.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.