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Meeting Minutes - Final Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

1:30 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair
The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair
The Honorable Michael Jones – Committee Member

Others in Attendance

Samson Anderson, Council Budget Analyst
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Pamela Nichols, Senior Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Senior Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols 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 Tuesday, May 17, 2022, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2022.222](#) May 17, 2022 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [20220517 LUHT Minutes - Draft](#)

Presentation(s)

The Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility, Shared Mobility Device Program

Brandon King, Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility Program and Operations Supervisor, presented an overview of the Shared Mobility Device (SMD) program, which included current operators and revenue, usage, complaints and response procedures, opportunities and considerations for enhancing the SMD program, potential threats with enhancing the SMD, and recommended next steps.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson expressed her support of extending the hours of operation for the SMD program.

Dironna Moore Clarke, Department of Public Works Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility Administrator, responded to questions by the committee regarding the city's planned usage of the revenue from the proposed increase in the SMD permit fees.

Member Michael Jones expressed concern that the city's SMD program does not operate in sectors of the city south of the James River, and that current transportation infrastructure on the Southside does not provide for such usage.

Vice Chair Robertson requested a map of the locations of all bike share stations within the city.

Member Jones asked that city administration include as a part of the next steps in expanding the SMD program, a proposed plan to include service on the city's Southside.

Vice Chair Robertson asked that city administration provide a proposed plan to include SMD service for the city's public housing communities.

Chair Andreas Addison requested that safety enhancements and information regarding SMD ridership be included as a part of the committee's requests.

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

[CD.2022.241](#) Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility, Shared Mobility Device

Attachments: [20220621 LUHT - Shared Mobility Device Program](#)

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst, and Samson Anderson, Council Budget Analyst, provided the committee with the June staff report.

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

[CD.2022.242](#) Land Use, Housing and Transportation Staff Report

Attachments: [20220621 LUHT - StaffReport](#)

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

1. [ORD. 2022-166](#) 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 a non-exclusive easement over, under, through, upon, and across certain portions of the property located at 1 Browns Island for the laying, construction, operation, and maintenance of one or more lines of underground conduits and cables and all equipment, accessories, and appurtenances necessary in connection therewith for transmitting and distributing electrical service to a City site at 1 Browns Island in the city of Richmond with a certain Right of Way Agreement. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-166](#)
[Ord. No. 2022-166 - Bid 1 Respondent, Dominion Energy Virginia](#)

Matthew Ogburn, State and Local Government Affairs at Verizon, provided an overview of ORD. 2022-166.

Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst, advised the committee that Council staff did not have additional questions relative to the right of way agreement.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2022-166 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

2. [ORD. 2022-184](#) To amend and reordain a City ordinance, adopted Dec. 15, 1922, which dedicated the eastern portion of Plat A, Riverview Cemetery to Post Number One of the American Legion to be used for the burial of those soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the World War and died in destitute circumstances and otherwise would be buried at the expense of the City, to, due to the decease of all veterans of World War I, authorize the burial of indigent military veterans of all American wars and conflicts in such portion.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-184](#)

The committee was advised of the patron's request to continue ORD. 2022-184 to the next committee meeting.

There were no comments or discussions and Member Michael Jones moved to continue ORD. 2022-184 to the July 19, 2022, Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

3. [ORD. 2022-167](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of services in the form of labor and materials valued at approximately \$3,728,327.00 from the Friends of the Richmond Mounted Squad and, in connection therewith, to execute a Gift and Right-of-Entry Agreement between the City and the Friends of the Richmond Mounted Squad, for the purpose of constructing a new equine facility and related amenities located at 601 North 39th Street in the city of Richmond. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Vice President Robertson, Ms. Lambert and President Newbille

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-167](#)

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson asked to be added as a co-patron.

Public Hearing

Dexter Goode, Department of Public Works Capital Projects Manager, noted that the Richmond Police Department and the Department of Public Works were the agencies overseeing the proposed project outlined in ORD. 2022-167.

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2022-167 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was considered:

4. [RES. 2022-R033](#) To direct the City Planning Commission to prepare, submit to public hearing, and consider an amendment making certain changes to the Master Plan.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

Attachments: [Res. No. 2022-R033](#)

Amy Robins, 5th District Council Liaison, introduced RES. 2022-R033, and she explained that the Oregon Hill Association had requested that the Richmond 300 Master Plan be amended to change a certain portion of the Oregon Hill neighborhood identified in the Master Plan as neighborhood mixed use to the residential land use category.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Members of the committee had questions regarding the intent of the proposed legislation, and asked that RES. 2022-R033 be forwarded to Council with no recommendation to allow for an additional discussion.

Samson Anderson, Council Budget Analyst, explained that the proposed legislation will specifically identify the residential portion of the Oregon Hill neighborhood; however, the current zoning classification for that portion of the neighborhood will not change.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward RES. 2022-R033 to Council with no recommendation, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was considered:

5. [RES. 2022-R034](#) To modify the decision of the Commission of Architectural Review partially approving with conditions a certificate of appropriateness to replace windows at 2323 Venable Street by fully approving such application and removing all conditions to such approval. (7th District)

Patrons: President Newbille

Attachments: [Res. No. 2022-R034](#)

Neville Johnson, Jr., Commission of Architectural Review Chair, was present to respond to questions.

Alex Dandridge, Commission of Architectural Review (CAR) Secretary, advised the committee that CAR had partially approved the replacement of windows at the subject property; however, the work was performed without prior approval from CAR.

Public Hearing

Cyan Crump, Historic Richmond Executive Director, spoke in opposition to RES. 2022-R034, and she indicated that the homeowners were aware of approval requirements prior to beginning work on the property's exterior. Ms. Crump stated that CAR's decision was in keeping with the Richmond Old & Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines.

Mr. Dandridge reported that a city issued building permit is required for improvements to new and existing structures.

Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst, provided background information regarding Council President Cynthia Newbille's sponsorship of the proposed legislation. Mr. Taylor noted that the homeowner acted to mitigate a mold infestation which was identified by a city inspector.

Member Michael Jones expressed concern that work was performed without a building permit or a Certificate of Appropriateness, and he questioned whether or not Council's approval would set a precedent for similar situations in the future.

Kevin Vonck, Planning and Development Review Director, stated that pursuant to the City Code, City Council may reverse or modify the CAR's decision when the decision of the commission was made in error. Mr. Vonck explained that the homeowners could have received administrative approval to remediate issues to the structure if they had contacted the city prior to the renovations.

Chair Andreas Addison expressed concern that Council's decision could set a precedent.

Mr. Taylor explained that an appeal of a CAR's decision is reviewed extensively by the Council member introducing the proposed legislation.

Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney, was present to respond to questions.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward RES. 2022-R034 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Robertson, Addison. Noes 1, Jones.

The following ordinance was considered:

6. [ORD. 2022-181](#) 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 the City's ten-foot sewer and surface flow easement on the property known as 2021 Roane Street, for nominal consideration, to Roane Street, LLC. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-181](#)

Chair Andreas Addison inquired about the intent of ORD. 2022-181.

Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst, stated that the proposed request was supported by city administration.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2022-181 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinances were considered:

7. [ORD. 2022-182](#) To designate the 1100 block of Randolph Street in honor of Charles Jones, Jr., and Charles Jones, III.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Mr. Jones, Mr. Addison, Vice President Robertson, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Trammell, Ms. Lambert and President Newbille

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-182](#)

8. [ORD. 2022-183](#) To designate the 1700 block of Blair Street in honor of Cora Jean Dickerson.

Patrons: City Council

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-183](#)

Member Michael Jones, Chair Andreas Addison and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson asked to be added as co-patrons to ORD. 2022-182.

Chair Andreas Addison and Member Michael Jones asked to be added as co-patrons to ORD. 2022-183.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2022-182 and ORD. 2022-183 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was considered:

9. [RES. 2022-R041](#) To express the City Council's support for the City's participation in the United States Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Grant Program to provide funding for the implementation of Vision Zero traffic safety program activities to achieve the goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on the streets of the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Vice President Robertson, Mr. Addison, Mr. Jones, Ms. Jordan and Ms. Lambert

Attachments: [Res. No. 2022-R041](#)

M. Khara, Department of Public Works Deputy Director/City Engineer, introduced RES. 2022-R041, and explained the grant program requires a 20% matching fund for FY 2024 and FY 2025. Mr. Khara stated that the city plans to hire a consultant to prepare and assist in the application submission prior to the September 15, 2022, application deadline.

Public Hearing

Daniel Wagner spoke in support of RES. 2022-R041, and urged the city's collaboration with the Safe and Healthy Streets Commission on the implementation of the city's Vision Zero projects.

Chair Andreas Addison inquired about options for the city to apply for additional federal funds to address traffic hazards in areas of the city where deaths and serious injuries are disproportionately higher.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson and Chair Andreas Addison asked to be added as co-patrons.

Mr. Khara stated that the city plans to submit an application for the use of federal funds for Vision Zero projects on an annual basis.

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

There were no comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward RES. 2022-R041 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was considered:

10. [RES. 2022-R042](#) To name the east-west alley located in the block bounded by Grove Avenue, Westmoreland Street, Hanover Avenue, and Commonwealth Avenue as "Colonial Place Alley." (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Mr. Addison

Attachments: [Res. No. 2022-R042](#)

M. Khara, Department of Public Works Deputy Director/City Engineer, introduced RES. 2022-R042. Mr. Khara stated that the proposed naming was necessary to provide utility and emergency service to dwellings of the newly proposed subdivision.

Chair Andreas Addison asked to be added as a co-patron.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no comments or discussions and Chair Andreas Addison moved to forward RES. 2022-R042 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Board Vacancies

There were no board vacancies for review.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.