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City of Richmond Governmental Operations Committee

May 22, 2024

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: April 24, 2024

Next Meeting: June 26, 2024

Presentations, Discussions and Papers for Consideration

Presentations

1. Cannabis in the Commonwealth – Jeremy Preiss, Acting Head and Chief Officer of Regulatory, Policy and External Affairs of the Cannabis Control Authority.
2. Small Business Inclusion and Justice Disparities – Chelsea Higgs-Wise, Co-founder and Executive Director of Marijuana Justice Virginia

Discussion Items

1. None

Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Ord. No. 2024-094

Patrons: Ms. Jordan and Ms. Lynch

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



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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.
- 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:

2. Ord. No. 2024-126

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

Key Points:

- To amend and reordain City Code § 9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, to relocate the polling place for Precinct 603.
 - This ordinance requests that City Code § 9-58 be amended to relocate the polling place for Precinct 603 to Overby Sheppard Elementary, 2300 First Avenue.
 - The current polling place for precinct 603 is the Fire Engine House located at 2614 First Avenue. The Fire Engine House is too small of a location to accommodate the increased voters due to population growth in the area. Overby Sheppard Elementary School is a larger building providing greater accessibility and ease of access for voters.
 - Section 24.2-306 of the Code of Virginia prohibits changes to polling places within 60 days of a general election. As such, this ordinance must be adopted by July 22, 2024.
 - Notice of this proposed change must be published prior to enactment once a week for two successive weeks before adoption.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes, and with comments as follows:

The Office of the General Registrar will provide notice of the changes to all voters by mail. This change is not expected to have any fiscal impact.

3. Ord. No. 2024-127

Patrons: Ms. Jones

Key Points:

- To amend and reordain City Code §9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, to relocate the polling places for Precinct 909 and Precinct 910.



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- This O&R requests that City Code § 9-58 be amended to relocate the polling place for Precincts 909 and 910. The current polling place for precinct 909 is Elizabeth Redd Elementary School located at 5601 Jahnke Road. Initially, the requested change was for a new location at Liberation Church, located at 5200 Midlothian Turnpike for a newer and modernized larger building.
- Since introduction of this legislation, Liberation Church has rescinded its consideration as a polling location for the City of Richmond. The current request is to remove all references to change Precinct 909 and to reinstate the stricken language concerning Elizabeth D. Redd School located at 5601 Janke Road. This recommended change by the patron is to strike the newly added language "referencing "Liberation Church" located at 5200 Midlothian Turnpike.
- This legislation is also requesting to relocate the current polling place for precinct 910, GH Reid Elementary School located at 1301 Whitehead Road to the proposed new location at River City Middle School Henry Marsh, located at 6300 Hull Street.
- G.H. Reid Elementary is an older building that lacks the modern amenities that can be found at River City Middle School. River City Middle School is newer, more modernized, and is a larger building providing greater accessibility and ease of access for voters.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes, and with comments as follows:

The Office of the General Registrar will provide notice of the changes to all voters by mail. This change is not expected to have any fiscal impact.

4. Ord. No. 2024-136

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To amend City Code §§ 2-1336, concerning definitions related to webpages for development and capital improvements projects, 2-1337, concerning general requirements, and 2-1339, concerning exclusions, and to repeal § 2-1338, concerning project webpage requirements.
- The amendment allows the usage of the current capital projects reporting module to be used and deactivate the current webpages used to receive capital project updates.
- Departments with active capital projects will continue to update the public through the City's website, community meetings and other modes of communication to project status.



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Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes

5. Ord. No. 2024-137

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Procurement Services for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Goods and Services Contract between the City and Manchester Marketing, Inc. T/A Siebert's Towing for towing related services and tow lot operation.

- The city received one (1) bid proposal which was from Seibert's Towing. The RFP selection committee reviewed the proposal and unanimously agreed on Seibert's Towing.
- In accordance with VA. Code §46.2-1217, the Towing Advisory Board and City Council must review and approve any contract resulting from the RFP selection prior to the award of the contract.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes, and with comments as follows:

There is a fiscal impact. As stated in the O&R, "the City will receive additional revenue of approximately \$15,000 annually due to the increase of the City's profit share amount by \$2 per tow from \$25 to \$27 on citizen-related tows for events such as street cleaning, parades, and parking violations. The projected cost to the City is approximately \$250,000 annually based on court appeals, hold for investigation vehicles, miscellaneous/erroneous tows and Fleet Management needs".