



## City of Richmond

### Meeting Minutes

#### Public Safety Standing Committee

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Tuesday, September 24, 2019

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor – City Hall

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#### Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Chair  
The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair (*late arrival*)  
Richard Hill, Assistant City Attorney  
Jamie Isley, Assistant City Clerk  
Candice Reid, City Clerk  
Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst  
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

#### Absent

The Honorable Chris Hilbert – Committee Member

#### Call to Order

Chairwoman Reva Trammell called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m., and presided.

#### Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Assistant City Clerk Jamie Isley 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

***Assadique Abdul-Rahman, Richmond Transparency and Accountability Project (RTAP) member***, thanked the committee for allowing RTAP to present at the July Public Safety Standing Committee meeting and requested that the Richmond Police Department (RPD) hold public hearings regarding the implementation process of the department's new records management system.

*Police Chief William Smith explained the schedule for future public hearings regarding RPD's new records management system.*

*Chairwoman Reva Trammell recessed the meeting at 12:11 p.m., to await a quorum.*

*Vice Chair Kim Gray arrived at 12:13 p.m.*

*Chairwoman Trammell reconvened the meeting at 12:14 p.m.*

#### Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of Tuesday, July 23, 2019, and

the committee approved the minutes as presented.

### **Board Vacancies**

There were no board vacancies for consideration.

### **Presentation(s)**

There were no presentations.

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

**The following ordinance was considered:**

#### ORD. 2019-255

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and the County of New Kent, Virginia, for the purpose of establishing cooperation between the City's Department of Police and the County's Sheriff in the furnishing of certain law enforcement services.

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney

Police Chief William Smith introduced ORD. 2019-255.

There were no comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward ORD. 2019-255 to the October 14, 2019, City Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

#### ORD. 2019-256

To amend City Code §§ 29-114, 29-116 and 29-117, concerning the denial and revocation of permits issued to drivers of taxicabs in the city, for the purpose of reflecting the enactment of Va. Code § 46.2-2011.33.

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney

Police Chief William Smith introduced ORD. 2019-256.

*Vice Chair Kim Gray inquired as to whether ORD. 2019-256 involves barrier crimes and ride share companies such as Lyft, Inc. or Uber Technologies, Inc.*

*Police Chief Smith advised that ORD. 2019-256 involves barrier crimes and does not cover ride share companies. He also stated that registered sex offenders and those who have committed crimes against minors cannot operate a taxi, and that ORD. 2019-256 will update City Code to reflect the recently amended Code of Virginia.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward ORD. 2019-256 to the October 14, 2019, City Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

#### ORD. 2019-263

To abolish the Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration; to repeal ch. 2, art. V, div. 4 (§§2-844-2-846) of the City Code, concerning the creation, composition, terms of office, duties, and functions of the Commission; and to terminate the terms of the commission's members.

**Patron:** Ms. Robertson

Steve Taylor, Council policy analyst, introduced ORD. 2019-263.

*Chairwoman Reva Trammell requested a report outlining the work completed by the commission as well as the reasoning behind its proposed termination. She also requested that the Richmond City Sheriff's office be present at the October 22, 2019, committee meeting to contribute to the discussion.*

*Vice Chair Kim Gray requested that ORD. 2019-263 be continued for 30 days pending a request of the patron to provide a report regarding the recommendations and findings of the commission regarding alternatives to incarceration and potential policy changes.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to continue ORD. 2019-263 to the October 22, 2019, Public Safety Standing Committee meeting, which was unanimously approved.**

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

There were no items for discussion.

### **Staff Report**

Steve Taylor, Council policy analyst, provided the committee with the September staff report.

*Vice Chair Kim Gray requested that the Chief of Police provide a report regarding recent acts of violence within the city at the October 22, 2019, committee meeting.*

*Chairwoman Reva Trammell requested that a representative from the Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney's office be present at the October 22, 2019, committee meeting to provide information regarding recent acts of violence. She also requested that the Department of Emergency Communications provide a report regarding 911 call response times for communication officers at the November 26, 2019, committee meeting.*

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

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.