



## City of Richmond

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### Minutes

## Governmental Operations Standing Committee

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Thursday, February 28, 2019

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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### Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair  
The Honorable Michael Jones – Vice Chair  
The Honorable Parker Agelasto – Member  
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk  
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney  
Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst  
Charles Jackson, Council Budget Analyst  
Jamie Isley, Assistant City Clerk

### Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

### Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the Chair's request, 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

There were no public comments.

### Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of Thursday, January 24, 2019, and the Committee approved the minutes as presented.

### Presentation(s)

#### Finance Online Payment Collections Update

John Wack, Finance director, introduced Cliff Goldsborough, Finance operations manager, who presented the Committee with an overview of the past, present, and future of online tax payment within the city. Mr. Goldsborough reported that the department currently has two vendors with the goal of moving to one vendor for all tax types in 2019. Mr. Goldsborough also discussed the current fee structure, plans for decreasing the fees and improving the delinquent billing module.

*A copy of the presentation has been filed.*

*Vice Chair Jones expressed concern about the transaction fees and requested to know when a decrease would occur and allocation of the subsequent savings.*

*Member Agelasto voiced concern regarding delinquent account information being readily available online as well as the accuracy and efficiency of billing procedures for personal property taxes handled by the city and Department of Motor Vehicles. He requested information regarding online transaction percentages.*

*Chair Addison asked Council staff to follow-up on requested committee inquiries.*

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

### **The following ordinance was considered:**

#### ORD. 2019-034

To amend and reordain City Code § 2-1177, concerning the duties of the History and Culture Commission, for the purpose of requiring the History and Culture Commission to comply with the provisions of City Code §§ 8-7 through 8-10 when making any recommendations to name or rename any City facility.

**Patron:** Mr. Addison

*Chair Addison provided an introduction of ORD. 2019-034 and explained that the legislation would provide maximum opportunities for public discussion and input.*

*Member Agelasto and Vice Chair Jones expressed support for the proposed ordinance and requested to be added as co-patrons.*

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Agelasto moved to forward ORD 2019-034 to the March 11, 2019 Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

## **Board Vacancies**

There were no board applications for review.

## **Staff Report**

Council Policy Analyst Joyce Davis provided the Committee with the February staff report.

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

## **Discussion Item(s)**

### **Draft Priorities for Calendar Year 2019**

Chair Addison presented a draft of priorities for the Governmental Operations Committee to focus on for the year.

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

*Vice Chair Jones requested workflow and distribution of tasks to be added to the second category of draft priorities for the committee.*

*The committee discussed recycling and trash services, and agreed that there should be collaboration with Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and Richmond Public Schools to expand recycling services.*

*Chair Addison requested that the committee discuss transparency and accountability as well as workflow and current processes for resolutions and ordinances at the March 28, 2019 committee meeting.*

*Vice Chair Jones expressed interest in expanding public engagement by including social media updates regarding council meetings.*

*Member Agelasto requested information on the closure process for the Richmond Coliseum.*

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:44 PM.