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

Thursday, February 23, 2023

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair
The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair

Absent

The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert – Committee Member

Others in Attendance

Andrew Gore, Assistant City Attorney
Pamela Nichols, Council Management 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 2:04 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 January 26, 2023, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2023.056](#) January 26, 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 February staff report.

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

[CD.2023.070](#) Land Use, Housing and Transportation Staff Report

Paper(s) for Consideration

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

The following ordinance was considered:

1. [ORD. 2022-375](#) To repeal Ord. No. 97-105-173, adopted May 27, 1997, which established a street light policy for the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Continued to the April 27, 2023 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

Torrence Robinson, Department of Public Works Deputy Director of Operations, introduced the ordinance. Mr. Robinson presented the committee information regarding the current streetlight policy and stated that the department had plans to modernize the current standards and policies pertaining to streetlights in the city.

Chair Andreas Addison shared his concern that there was no clear streetlight policy replacement available to enact if the current policy was repealed.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson inquired about when a replacement streetlight policy could be introduced.

M Khara, Department of Public Works Deputy Director and City Engineer, shared information on when the replacement streetlight policy could be completed.

Mr. Robinson shared information on the reasoning behind replacing the original streetlight policy and the need to repeal the ordinance.

Bobby Vincent, Director of the Department of Public Works, explained the original ordinance would need to be repealed in order to begin the implementation of a modernized streetlight policy. Mr. Vincent stated a replacement plan could be presented by the upcoming April committee meeting.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to continue ORD. 2022-375 to the April 27, 2023 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee, which was seconded, and approved: Ayes 2, Addison, Robertson. Noes None.

The following ordinance was considered:

2. [ORD. 2023-054](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Agreement between City of Richmond and Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation for Adjustment of Water and Sanitary Sewer Facilities, for the purpose of setting forth the water and sanitary sewer facilities adjustments associated with improvements to the intersection located at U.S. Route 1 and Hopkins Road.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Robertson

Forwarded to the February 27, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

Jonathan Cosby, Department of Public Utilities Principal Engineer, introduced the ordinance. Mr. Cosby shared information on the improvements to the sewer facilities that would be performed by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson asked for more information about the costs and funding sources of the project.

Mr. Cosby explained how the project would be funded.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-054 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded, and approved: Ayes 2, Addison, Robertson. Noes None.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The following resolution was considered:

3. [RES. 2023-R012](#) To name the alley located in the block bounded by South Lombardy Street, West Main Street, South Plum Street, and West Cary Street as "Blueberry Alley."

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

Forwarded to the February 27, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

M Khara, Department of Public Works Deputy Director and City Engineer, introduced the resolution. Mr. Khara shared information on the history and purpose behind the resolution.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward RES. 2023-R012 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded, and approved: Ayes 2, Addison, Robertson. Noes None.

Discussion Items

Department of Transportation and Safer Streets

Chair Andreas Addison inquired as to how the city could create safer streets for pedestrians, and shared his concern for the growing number of car accidents in the city.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson suggested that Council could invest in more analysis to help determine which actions the city could take to influence changing the behavior of drivers.

Bobby Vincent, Director of the Department of Public Works, shared information on how the Richmond Police Department and Department of Public Works were collaborating in hopes to design a speed management program to address safety in the city.

Fall Line Trail and Bridge Projects

Chair Andreas Addison requested updates or timelines on the projects in order to share the information with the public and prepare Council for budget decision making.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson inquired on whether the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee should be included in tracking and management of the construction projects.

Chair Addison suggested discussing the information further at a future date.

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Committee future retreats

Chair Andreas Addison shared his desire to develop an informal setting in which Land Use, Housing and Transportation Committee members, city administration, and others could spend time discussing policy goals.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson shared her support for the possibility of attending an informal meeting and proposed developing a quarterly plan to meet.

Chair Addison shared his support for the quarterly meeting plan.

Board Vacancies

There were no board vacancies.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.