



City of Richmond

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

Tuesday, April 19, 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 (early departure)

Others in Attendance

Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Jamie Isley, Boards and Commissions Administrator
Pamela Nichols, Senior Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 1:34 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.

Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of Tuesday, March 22, 2022, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2022.135](#) March 22, 2022 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [20220322 LUHT Minutes - Draft](#)

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

1. [ORD. 2022-103](#) To abolish the Slave Trail Commission; repeal the relevant portions of Res. No. 98-R102-107, adopted Jul. 13, 1998, as amended by Res. No. 2000-R111-109, adopted Jul. 24, 2000, Res. 2003-R132-123, adopted Jul. 14, 2003, Res. No. 2003-R155-141, adopted Sept. 8, 2003, and Res. No. 2004-R125-131, adopted Jun. 28, 2004, concerning the creation, composition, terms of office, duties, and functions of the Commission; and to terminate the terms of the Commission's members.

Patrons: President Newbille

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-103](#)

Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst, introduced ORD. 2022-103.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2022-103 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

2. [ORD. 2022-104](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to issue grants, loans, or a combination thereof from the City's 1st Tranche of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds to certain entities in designated amounts and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to execute all necessary documents to effect such issuance for the purpose of financing the construction and preservation of single-family and multifamily dwellings.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-104](#)

Sherrill Hampton, Housing and Community Development Director, introduced ORD. 2022-104, and acknowledged that Merrick Malone, Esq., President of District of Columbia Housing Enterprises, was present to respond to questions.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson expressed appreciation to the Housing and Community Development Department for its work.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2022-104 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was considered:

3. [RES. 2022-R023](#) To designate the property known as 7000 West Carnation Street as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

Attachments: [Res. No. 2022-R023](#)

Sherrill Hampton, Housing and Community Development Director, introduced RES. 2022-R023, and acknowledged that Greta Harris, President and CEO of the Better Housing Coalition, was present to respond to questions.

Member Michael Jones expressed his support of the proposed legislation.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Michael Jones moved to forward RES. 2022-R023 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

4. [ORD. 2022-105](#) To install [an appropriate number of] a speed [tables to be determined by the Department of Public Works] table in the middle of the 3600 block of Moss Side Avenue and in the middle of the 3700 block of Moss Side Avenue between West Laburnum Avenue and Walton Avenue. (As Amended)

Patrons: Ms. Lambert

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-105 - Amended 20220509](#)
[20220509 Amendment of Ord. No. 2022-105](#)

Public Hearing

Sara Reichert, resident of Moss Side Avenue, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-105, and stated that the city had installed traffic mitigating strategies; however, the efforts have not deterred drivers from exceeding the posted speed limits.

Molly Brannan, resident of Moss Side Avenue, expressed concern regarding the safety of neighborhood residents, and recalled a number of traffic incidents she had witnessed over the years. Ms. Brannan informed the committee that a majority of the area's residents supported ORD. 2022-105.

Sharon Peterson, resident of Moss Side Avenue, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-105, and she described times she had witnessed drivers exceeding the posted speed limits and failing to stop at a stop sign.

Max Hepp-Buchanan, resident of Moss Side Avenue, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-105, and suggested that the proposed legislation be amended to specify the number of speed tables.

Ryan Klein, resident of Moss Side Avenue with wife Becca Klein, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-105, and stated that current traffic calming measures have had little impact on traffic and pedestrian safety. Mr. Klein commented that the fiscal impact to install the speed tables could never compare to saving a life.

Alex Warren, resident of Moss Side Avenue, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-105, and an amendment to specify the number of speed tables to be installed.

Emmett Corboy, resident of Moss Side Avenue, expressed concern regarding the safety of pedestrians and residents. Mr. Corboy urged the committee to support ORD. 2022-105.

Jessica Rexroat, resident of Moss Side Avenue, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-105, and recalled a number of drivers she witnessed exceeding the posted speed limits and failing to stop at a stop sign.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding pending legislation prior to the committee meeting. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the committee and can be accessed below.

[CD.2022.198](#) 20220419 LUHT - ORD. 2022-105 - Written Public Comments

Attachments: [20220419 LUHT- Written Comments](#)

M. Khara, Department of Public Works Deputy Director/City Engineer, reported that the proposed request did not meet the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices guidelines, and asked the committee to continue ORD. 2022-105 to its June 21 meeting, to allow city administration time to conduct a speed study and review crash data of the area, which will take approximately 45 days.

Member Michael Jones stated he supported the installation of speed tables to address concerns expressed by the area's residents, and he recalled similar traffic violations in the 9th Council District. Mr. Jones also stated that the city needed to develop a comprehensive plan to reduce traffic hazards citywide.

Mr. Khara stated that public education, implementation of policies and police enforcement were the best tools to reduce traffic violations. Mr. Khara explained that, if approved, DPW will conduct a traffic study to determine the number of speed tables to be installed.

Bobby Vincent, Department of Public Works Director, reported if supported by the city's traffic study, the speed tables will be installed in conjunction with the Moss Side Avenue FY 2023 pavement project, and that city administration will continue to work with the patron on viable options.

Chair Andreas Addison urged residents on Moss Side Avenue to solicit support from the Virginia General Assembly for a speed camera program in the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2022-105 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was considered:

5. [RES. 2021-R086](#) To request that the Mayor propose, as part of his annual budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the necessary amendments to the City Code and appropriations to establish a Department of Mobility and Multimodal Transportation.

Patrons: Mr. Addison

Attachments: [Res. No. 2021-R086](#)

Chair Andreas Addison advised the committee of his request to amend RES. 2021-R086 to reflect incorporation in the FY 2024 annual budget. Chair Addison stated the intent of the proposed legislation is to explore resources around pedestrian safety. Chair Addison encouraged city administration to become a member of the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO).

M. Khara, Department of Public Works (DPW) Deputy Director/City Engineer, commented that goals included in RES. 2021-R086 are currently being executed under the umbrella of DPW.

Robert Steidel, Deputy Chief Administration Officer (DCAO) for Operations, expressed support of the proposed amendment which will allow city administration time to explore concepts to promote safer streets.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Member Michael Jones expressed his desire to have RES. 2021-R086 as a part of Council's Regular Agenda at the next Formal Council Meeting.

There were no further comments or discussions and Chair Andreas Addison moved to forward RES. 2021-R086 to Council with the recommendation to approve with amendment, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

6. [ORD. 2022-113](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Sublicense Agreement between Cellco Partnership, doing business as Verizon Wireless, and the City of

Richmond to allow Cellco Partnership, doing business as Verizon Wireless, to construct, maintain, and operate telecommunications equipment on an existing tower in Broad Rock Park located at 4827 Old Warwick Road. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Mr. Jones

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-113](#)

Jonathan Fetterman, Department of Emergency Communications Acting Program and Operations Manager, introduced ORD. 2022-113.

Member Michael Jones asked to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2022-113.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2022-113 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinances were considered:

7. [ORD. 2022-114](#) 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 8800 West Huguenot Road 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 to provide electrical service for the construction of new water capacity facilities and a pump station by the County of Chesterfield on a portion of Lewis G. Larus Park located at 8850 West Huguenot Road in the city of Richmond with a certain Right of Way Agreement. (As Amended) (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-114 - Amended 20220509](#)
[20220509 Amendment of Ord. No. 2022-114](#)

8. [ORD. 2022-115](#) 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 8850 West Huguenot Road 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 to provide electrical service for the construction of new water capacity facilities and a pump

station by the County of Chesterfield on a portion of Lewis G. Larus Park located at 8850 West Huguenot Road in the city of Richmond with a certain Right of Way Agreement. (As Amended) (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-115 - Amended 20220509](#)
[20220509 Amendment of Ord. No. 2022-115](#)

April Bingham, Department of Public Utilities Director, introduced ORD. 2022-114 and ORD. 2022-115. Ms. Bingham acknowledged that Rosemary Green, Department of Public Utilities Senior Deputy Director, was present to respond to questions.

Jonathan Cosby, Department of Utilities Principal Engineer, provided details regarding the construction of a new water pump station on city property.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2022-114 and ORD. 2022-115 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Presentation(s)

RVAgreen 2050

Member Michael Jones exited the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Alicia Zatcoff, Department of Public Utilities Office of Sustainability Manager, provided an overview of the RVAgreen 2050 Climate Equity Action Plan 2030, and reported the development of the plan was a coordinated planning process. Ms. Zatcoff emphasized the vision of the plan is to ensure all Richmonders, regardless of their identity or neighborhood, thrive in a climate-resilient and climate-neutral community. Ms. Zatcoff stated city administration anticipates completion of the plan by the Fall of 2022.

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

[CD.2022.171](#) 20220419 LUHT - RVAgreen 2050

Attachments: [20220419 LUHT- RVAgreen 2050](#)

Board Vacancies

Jamie Isley, Boards and Commissions Administrator, reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

The committee expressed interest in working with city administration to discuss contractual obligations for the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA), prior to its consideration of new appointments.

Chair Andreas Addison reported that the City Planning Commission's chair had requested that appointment applications be continued to the committee's May 17, 2022 meeting.

Chair Addison asked that appointment applications for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority be continued to the committee's May 17, 2022 meeting.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward the following board appointment and reappointment applications to Council with the recommendation to approve and to continue consideration of the appointment applications for the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority, the City Planning Commission, and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, to the May 17, 2022, Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Board of Building Code Appeals:

Thomas K. Davis

Robert Easter

Jeremy Davis

Justin White

Clean City Commission:

David Sale

Community Transportation Advisory Committee - MPO:

Shelley Almond

Clinton D. Smith

Commission of Architectural Review:

Mitchell Danese (reappointment)

Green City Commission:

David Evans

Safe and Healthy Streets Commission:

Taylor Jenkins

Urban Design Committee:

Charles Woodson (reappointment)

Mitchell Danese (reappointment)

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

[CD.2022.160](#) Board Vacancy Report - Land Use, Housing and Transportation
Standing Committee

Attachments: [20220419 - LUHT - Quarterly Vacancy Report](#)

Discussion Item(s)

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) Modernization Goals and Initiatives to Support Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth

It was the consensus of the committee to move this discussion item to its May 17, 2022 meeting.

Community Benefits: Goals & Incentives

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson discussed the list of questions she had submitted to city administration relative to the appropriation of funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the implementation of the city's strategy plan to end homelessness.

Chair Andreas Addison expressed a need for the city and community partners to collaborate to identify the tools and resources to maximize community benefits opportunities.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comment speakers.

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst, provided the committee with the April staff report.

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

[CD.2022.173](#) Land Use, Housing and Transportation Staff Report

Attachments: [20220419 Land Use - Staff Report](#)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.