



City of Richmond

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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Standing Committee

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor – City Hall

Committee Members

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Chair
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert – Vice Chair
The Honorable Kristen Nye – Member

Councilmembers in Attendance

The Honorable Michael Jones – Council President (late arrival)

Others in Attendance

Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Reva Trammell called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

City Clerk Candice Reid 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

Regina Dixon addressed the committee and stated her concerns about traffic flow on her street block. Ms. Dixon informed members that large trucks making deliveries to a 7-Eleven convenience store for deliveries are too large to access the store through Southall Avenue. Ms. Dixon also stated she believed the trucks should instead use Broad Rock Boulevard for store access.

Chair Reva Trammell addressed Ms. Dixon and thanked her for advocating for her neighborhood.

Council President Michael Jones arrived at 1:17 p.m., and was seated.

Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of September 26, 2023 and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2023.319](#) September 26, 2023 Public Safety Meeting Minutes

Board Vacancies

Pamela Nichols, Council Management Analyst, reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

A copy of the material provided has been filed:

[CD.2023.320](#) October 24, 2023 - Public Safety Board Vacancy Report

Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward the following board reappointment applications to Council with a recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

Community Criminal Justice Board:
Crystal Foster-Fitzgerald (reappointment)

Richmond Ambulance Authority:
DeWitt Baldwin (reappointment)
Carlos Hopkins (reappointment)
Andrew Walker (reappointment)

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

1. [ORD. 2023-314](#) To authorize the City Attorney to file an appropriate petition pursuant to Va. Code § 23.1-815(B)(iv) for concurrent jurisdiction by the City's Department of Police and the campus police force of Virginia Commonwealth University in certain designated areas.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Trammell and Vice President Nye

Amy Robins, 5th District Council Liaison, provided an introduction for the proposed ordinance.

Police Chief Rick Edwards informed the committee that the ordinance would allow Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Police the jurisdiction to address the initial response to VCU public safety issues, such as noise complaints, in the Randolph and Oregon Hill Neighborhoods.

Chair Reva Trammell, Vice Chair Ann-Frances Lambert, and Member Kristen Nye requested to be added as co-patrons of ORD. 2023-314.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-314 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Staff Report

Council staff provided the committee with the October staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.331](#) Public Safety Standing Committee Staff Report

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.