



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

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City of Richmond Land Use, Housing and Transportation Operations Committee

April 27, 2023

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: March 23, 2023

Next Meeting: May 25, 2023

Presentations and Papers and Resolutions for Consideration

1. **Washington Housing Conservancy: Kimberly Driggins, Washington Housing Conservancy Executive Director**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Department of Public Utilities

1. **Ord.2023-115**

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Authorizing the CAO, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Quitclaim of Utility Easement between the City of Richmond and JG Laburnum, LLC and Robins Laburnum, LLC, for the purpose of vacating by quitclaim deed a certain easement on the property known as 5401 South Laburnum Avenue, for nominal consideration, to JG Laburnum, LLC and Robins Laburnum, LLC.

KEY Points:

- This easement was obtained for a project to install gas lines and associated appurtenances on the property. Those gas lines and appurtenances were installed in another location. Therefore the easement is no longer needed.
- Vacating the existing easement will release the property interest to the owner.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

- City O&R says that is no fiscal impact, implications, or budget amendment necessary.



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2. Ord. 2022-375

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Repealing Ord. 97-105-173, which created the 1997 Street Light Policy according to an O&R request.

Key Points:

- This was brought before the Committee initially in February. The presentation seeking repeal of this Ordinance appears to be the same presentation that was offered in February.
- The Chair explained at the time that no action could be taken because no standards had been offered to compare the present Ordinance to. The Presentation offers new guidelines would not be developed until the Ordinance is repealed. Has this changed?
- Members may wish to know why this policy must be rescinded while two CIP projects are planned about Street Lighting – General and Street Lighting – LED Conversion.
- Members wish to know whether or not DPW adheres to the current policy or not?

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

Department of Public Works

3. Ord. 2023-111

Patron: Ms. Lynch

Designating the 1800 block of South Meadow Street in honor of Ida Lee Cheatham. (5th District).

Key Points:

- Ida Lee Chatham is 103 years old.
- She established a catering business, was a founding member of the Maymont Garden Club, the Maymont Civic League, and is a longstanding member of Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.



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4. Ord. 2023-112

Patron: Ms. Lynch

Designating the 500 and 600 blocks of West 22nd Street in honor of Josie Samarah Cox. (5th District). South Meadow Street in honor of Ida Lee Cheatham. (5th District).

Key Points:

- Ms. Cox was in a senior in high school at Huguenot High School.
- Ms. Cox died in a car crash along Semmes Avenue at its intersection with West 22nd Street on November 26, 2022.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.

**5. Ord. 2023-116
Addison**

Patrons: Ms. Lambert and Mr.

Designating the 5300 block of Marian Street in honor of the late Bettie Elizabeth Boyers Cooper.

Key Points:

- Ms. Boyers-Cooper initiated a lawsuit leading the integration of schools in Richmond.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.

6. Ord. 2023-117

Patron: Mrs. Robertson

Designating the 3000 block of Meadowbridge Road, from its intersection with Newbury Avenue to its intersection with East Brookland Park Boulevard, in honor of Michael D. Simpson. (6th District).

Key Points:

- Mr. Simpson has owned and operated Simpson's Market for nearly 50 years, the only grocery store in the Highland Park community.
- Mr. Simpson has hosted a Fourth of July celebration with music and barbecue for more than 2,000 participants.
- Mr. Simpson, a devout Christian, has been a champion faith and entrepreneurship, and building the community.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.



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7. Ord. 2023-046

Patron: Mrs. Robertson

Installing one speed table in the 2100 Block of Wood Street. (6th District).

Key Points:

- Patron received petitions from the community requesting traffic calming measures in hopes of addressing speeding problems.
- DPW reports speed bumps cost \$14,000 each.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.

8. Ord. 2023-131

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Authorizing the CAO, for an on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership by the Maymont Foundation for the benefit of US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for the purpose of enabling Maymont Foundation to accept \$8,000,000.00 from the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for renovations to the Maymont House Museum and animal habitats.

Key Points:

- The Covenant says that the property cannot be sold, leased, conveyed, or mortgaged except after a period of 15 years, according to the Economic Development Administration or reimburse federal share of the project, which is \$8,000,000. The total cost is \$10,000,000. \$2,000,000 represents the match and comes from the Foundation.
- The Maymont Foundation has administered and maintained Maymont Park on behalf of the City of Richmond since 1975.
- The project includes Museum and habitat renovations.
- Museum renovations include fire protection, HVAC system repairs, roofing repairs, and other appurtenances.
- The Administration's O&R says that there are no fiscal implications for the City.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.

9. ORD. 2023-132

Patron: Ms. Trammell

Designating the 3100 block of Hull Street in honor of Preston Brown and Kirby Carmichael.

Key Points:

- Preston Brown was the owner of WCLM 1450-AM, the last known Black-owned AM radio station in the City of Richmond, which was located in the 3100 block of Hull Street.



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- Mr. Brown is a civic leader, well-known entrepreneur, newspaperman, broadcaster, and television personality.
- Mr. Brown's station carried a radio show featuring Mr. Carmichael's "the Tall Man of Soul" from this location. Mr. Carmichael came from New Jersey to Richmond in the late 1960s.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.



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