



City of Richmond

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Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair
The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair (*late arrival*)
The Honorable Michael Jones – Committee member
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Bill Echelberger Jr., Council Budget Analyst
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

Call to Order

Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Pamela Nichols, assistant city clerk, 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.

Vice Chair Kim Gray arrived and was seated.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendment to the meeting minutes of Tuesday, February 19, 2019, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

Board Vacancies

There were no board applications for review.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

Member Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2018-289

To amend ch. 24, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new § 24-4 for the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Works to conduct a study of the conditions of all streets, roads, and bridges in the city and to provide a report to City Council by no later than Feb. 1, 2019, and by no later than Feb. 1 each year thereafter.

Patron: Ms. Larson

To be continued to May 21, 2019 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

ORD. 2018-231

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 26-397, concerning definitions, 26-399, concerning the eligibility criteria for partial exemption of rehabilitated residential and multifamily structures or other improvements from real estate taxation, and 26-401, concerning the amount of exemption for rehabilitated residential and multifamily qualified structures, and to amend ch. 26, art. V, div. 3 by adding therein new §§ 26-398.1, concerning the evaluation of such program, and 26-401.1, concerning affordable housing certification, for the purpose of revising the City's partial tax exemption program for residential and multifamily structures by defining certain terms and modifying the qualification requirements for the receipt and duration of partial exemption from real estate taxation.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

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The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-076

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition from Virginia Commonwealth University of a perpetual, non-exclusive easement located in the block bounded by East Leigh Street, North 11th Street, East Clay Street, and North 10th Street for the public purpose of laying, erecting, constructing, operating, maintaining, and repairing a 12-inch sewer line and all equipment, accessories, and appurtenances necessary in connection therewith, and to vacate two sewer easements located in such block.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Bob Steidel, deputy chief administrative officer – Operations, introduced ORD. 2019-076.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Jones moved to forward ORD. 2019-076 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-077

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Fourth Amendment to Lease between the City of Richmond, as lessee, and Saul Subsidiary I Limited

Partnership, as lessor, for the purpose of enabling the City to continue using 52,411± square feet of the property located at 4100 Hull Street Road for the Department of Social Services and other City functions.
Patron: Mayor Stoney

Paul McClellan, Economic Development programs administrator, provided an overview of ORD. 2019-077 and responded to questions regarding lease options.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Jones moved to forward ORD. 2019-077 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-078

To designate Birdwood Road in honor of retired Fire Chief Ronald C. Lewis.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell, Ms. Robertson, President Newbille, Mr. Jones, Ms. Larson, Vice President Hilbert, Mr. Agelasto and Ms. Gray

Chair Ellen Robertson introduced ORD. 2019-078 and highlighted some of the late Fire Chief's achievements.

Member Michael Jones expressed desire to have a special acknowledgement for late Fire Chief Ronald C. Lewis at the Monday, March 25, 2019, Formal Council Meeting.

Fire Chief Melvin Carter expressed willingness to work with interested parties to celebrate the designee.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Jones moved to forward ORD. 2019-078 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion Item(s)

Future Committee Presentations and Discussions

Chair Ellen Robertson asked the committee to prepare a list of possible agenda discussion items to consider for the remainder of the year at its next meeting.

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, council policy analyst, and Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, provided the committee with the March staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.