



City of Richmond

Meeting Minutes

Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee

Thursday, April 18, 2019

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor – City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Michael Jones –Chair
The Honorable Kristen Larson – Vice Chair (*late arrival*)
The Honorable Parker Agelasto – Member
Lisa Braxton, Council Project Administrative Analyst
Bill Echelberger Jr., Council Budget Analyst
Richard Hill, Assistant City Attorney
Charles Jackson, Council Budget Analyst
Allison Miessler, Boards and Commissions Administrator
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m., and presided.

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.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the meeting minutes of Thursday, March 21, 2019, and the committee approved the minutes as presented: Ayes 2, Agelasto, Jones. Larson had not yet arrived.

Board Vacancies

Vice Chair Kristen Larson arrived and was seated at 1:11 p.m.

Allison Miessler, boards and commissions administrator, reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

Vice Chair Larson moved to forward the following board appointment applications to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>
Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority (7 directors)	Resident of the city* (1 vacancy)	Evan Feinman
Minority Business Enterprise and Emerging Small Business Advisory Board (9 members)	Representative of a lender or business other than a minority business enterprise * (1 vacancy)	Adrienne Whitaker

* Applicants must either reside or work in the city.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Chair Jones asked the boards and commissions administrator to create a process by which committees are informed when individuals have applied or been recommended for appointment for other vacancies.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

Member Agelasto moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2018-236

To amend ch. 26, art. V, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein new sections 26-370-26-374, concerning a real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling, for the purpose of establishing a new real estate tax deferral program for real estate owned and occupied as a sole dwelling.

Patron: Ms. Gray

To be continued to the June 20, 2019 Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting

ORD. 2018-254

To amend Ord. No. 2018-057, adopted May 14, 2018, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the Office of Community Wealth Building’s Workforce Development program and re-appropriating these transferred funds to a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency called the “Owens & Minor Medical, Inc. On the Job Training Grant through the EDA” line item for the purpose of making a grant to Owens & Minor Medical, Inc., to subsidize certain job training activities by Owens & Minor Medical, Inc.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to the June 20, 2019 Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-105

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Eleventh Amendment to Management Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the purpose of extending until June 30, 2019, the Management Agreement for Main Street Station.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Lynne Lancaster, interim deputy director – Department of Public Works, introduced ORD. 2019-105 and responded to questions regarding operation of Main Street Station.

Member Parker Agelasto inquired about the transfer of services to the Department of Public Works, the appropriation of funds for the management of Main Street Station, and contractual obligations for services and special events.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Larson moved to forward ORD. 2019-105 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved:** Ayes 2, Larson and Jones. Abstentions 1, Agelasto.

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-106

To amend Ord. No. 2018-057, adopted May 14, 2018, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by increasing anticipated revenues from personal property taxes and the amount appropriated to the Office of Animal Care and Control's Animal Control program by \$180,000.00 for the purpose of funding costs for mandated services for animal cruelty cases including forensic testing, veterinary surgeries, and other operational expenses.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Christie Peters, director – Richmond Animal Care and Control, introduced ORD. 2019-106 and responded to questions relative to an increase in operation; she also stated that community awareness was a key component in reducing illegal dog fighting in the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Agelasto moved to forward ORD. 2019-106 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES.2019-R015

To approve the Mayor's appointment of Aubrey Woolworth Fountain, III, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a term commencing on the adoption of this resolution and expiring four years thereafter, succeeding Dr. Rodney D. Waller.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Tameka Jefferson, constituent services manager – Mayor's Office, introduced RES. 2019-R015.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Larson moved to forward RES. 2019-R015 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Staff Report

Bill Echelberger and Charles Jackson, council budget analysts, provided the April staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.