



City of Richmond

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Meeting Minutes Organizational Development Standing Committee

Monday, March 6, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Members Present

The Honorable Michael Jones – Chair
The Honorable Kristen Nye – Vice Chair
The Honorable Andreas Addison – Member (early departure)
The Honorable Katherine Jordan – Member
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert – Member
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille – Member
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch – Member
The Honorable Reva Trammell – Member

Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Member

Others in Attendance

Haskell Brown, City Attorney
LaTasha Holmes, Council Chief of Staff
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m., and presided.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert exited the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement

Upon the Chair's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes of the Monday, February 6, 2023 Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting, at 5:00 p.m., and the minutes were approved as presented.

[CD.2023.062](#) February 6, 2023 Organizational Development Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Reports from City Administration, Council Staff and Other Parties

Richmond Ambulance Authority (RAA) Update

Heather Ness, The Robert Bobb Group, LLC Principal, provided the committee with a presentation that outlined the priorities and goals of the RAA for the coming year.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.071](#) RAA Final Recommendation Report

Member Stephanie Lynch requested that the RAA develop a timeline for updating their billing practices.

Ms. Ness stated that the RAA would provide more details to Council at a future date.

Member Cynthia Newbille requested an update on the RAA equipment purchases funded by the city.

Member Andreas Addison departed the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Chip Decker, CEO of the RAA, stated that half of the ambulances to be purchased by the city had been acquired, and the other half were currently being processed for acquisition.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert reentered the meeting and was seated at 4:43 p.m.

Member Katherine Jordan requested that other members contact her in order to further discuss initiatives for the RAA, as she serves as a representative for City Council on the RAA Board of Directors.

Vice Chair Kristen Nye suggested that RAA provide information concerning their budget earlier in the fiscal year.

Reports of Standing Committees

Education and Human Services

Member Stephanie Lynch updated the committee members on the status of the Education and Human Services Standing Committee. Specifically, Member Lynch highlighted the committee's efforts to create a fiscal map of the resources available to the city's children and families. Member Lynch also asked the members if they would like to be a part of the future conversations with Richmond City's School Board.

Finance and Economic Development

Member Cynthia Newbille shared information on the most recent Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting, including the papers reviewed and recommendations referred to Council.

Governmental Operations

Member Katherine Jordan shared information about the discussions that occurred at the most recent Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting. Member Jordan requested that Council members provide their feedback concerning Boards and Commissions reassignments by March 22, 2023.

Public Safety

Member Reva Trammell shared information on the discussions and presentations that occurred at the most recent Public Safety Standing Committee meeting, highlighting the topics of graffiti and speeding problems in the city.

Vice Chair Kristen Nye expressed her hopes that Council members would use resources from the Department of Emergency Communications to help educate constituents about Marcus Alerts and other public safety programs in the city.

Member Cynthia Newbille inquired whether the issue of train safety should be discussed by the Public Safety Standing Committee.

Chair Michael Jones requested Chief Administrative Officer Lincoln Saunders reach out to the railroad industry in order to discuss safety precautions for the city. Chair Jones also shared information about the upcoming Council Budget Work Session schedule and expectations. Finally, Chair Jones requested that Council members share their input concerning the renovations of the Council offices.

Consideration of Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Similar Entities

There were no appointments.

Paper(s) for Consideration

There were no papers for consideration.

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.