



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

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Land Use, Housing, & Transportation Standing Committee

May 25, 2023

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: April 20, 2023

Next Meeting: June 22, 2023

Committee Notes

Presentation(s)

- None

Discussion Item(s)

- None

Note:

- Special Meeting: The Committee met on May 19 and discussed approaches to affordable housing. Sharon Ebert and Preston Lloyd, Esq. made comments to the Committee. No papers were considered. The committee may continue its discussions next month.

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

1. Ordinance No. 2022-375

Patron Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- Repeals Ord. No. 97-105-173, which established a street light policy for the City of Richmond.
- The current text associated with the 1997 ordinance does not allow for updates to the city's "street light policy" without City Council action. In addition the repeal of the ordinance will allow the Administration to adopt rules and changes associated with the industry since 1997.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes, and is as follows:

2. Ordinance No. 2023-153

Patron Cmbrs. Robertson & Jones

Key Points:

- Designates a portion of East 15th Street between its intersection with Hull Street Road and its intersection with Maury Street, in honor of Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones.
- Dwight C. Jones served on the City's School Board, in the House of Delegates, and for two terms as Mayor of the City.
- Dwight C. Jones has long served as pastor of First Baptist Church on the City's South Side.



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Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes, and is as follows: However, cost of signage is typically covered by DPW's operating funds.

3. Ordinance No. 2023-154

Patron Cmbrs. Newbille & Jones

Key Points:

- Designates the 2800 block of P Street in honor of the late Reverend Dr. Robert L. Taylor
- Rev. Taylor served the City in several capacities, including as chairman of advisory board of Richmond Welfare Department, as a co-chairman of the Community Relations Commission, and as a RPD chaplain.
- Rev. Taylor served as pastor of Fourth Baptist Church for 35 years (1952-1986). The Fellowship Hall at Fourth Baptist Church is named in his honor.
- Rev. Taylor passed on February 4, 2012, at the age of 95.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes, and is as follows: However, cost of signage is typically covered by DPW's operating funds.

4. Resolution No. 2023-155

Patron Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of construction services and materials valued at approximately \$56,500 from the Friends of the James River Park, for the purpose of facilitating the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle trail at Reedy Creek in the City of Richmond.
- The Administration's O&R indicates that this project will increase user safety and beautify this popular trail.
- The non-profit, Friends of the James River Park, is contributing \$56,500 to the project. The City's costs will be \$14,295.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes, and is as follows: \$14,295.

5. Ordinance No. 2023-156

Patron Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Lease between the City of Richmond and Ritchie Richmond, LLC., for the purpose of leasing the property located at 1904 North Hamilton Street for the use of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services for certain operations and storage.
- Richmond Fire and Emergency Services desires to lease the building to centralize operations and logistics storage of nine different station locations to include fire apparatus, antiquities, and gear/equipment. It will also include the Fire Marshal's Office-Inspections, Permitting, and Investigations, and other operational needs. It also includes 55,576.8 sq. feet paved parking area.



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- The term will be for an initial length of 15 years with two five-year renewal options.
- Committee Members may wish to know which budget is used to the rental payments.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes, and is as follows: an annual rental rate of \$479,069.28 (a monthly rate of \$39,922.44).