



City of Richmond

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Minutes - Final

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair
The Honorable Kathy Graziano – Member
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
Lou B. Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Jean V. Capel, City Clerk
William Echelberger Jr., Council Budget Analyst
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
Alexander Rawles, Boards and Commissions Administrator
Candice Reid, Deputy City Clerk
Matthew Welch, Assistant City Attorney

Absent

The Honorable Jonathan Baliles – Vice Chair

Call to Order

Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the Chair's request, 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 and conduct during the meeting.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Tuesday, July 21, 2015, meeting were approved ~ Motioned by Committee member Kathy Graziano and seconded ~ Vote 2/0.

Board Vacancies

Alexander Rawles, Boards and Commissions Administrator, reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the recommendations of the following board applicants, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 2/0:

Clean City Commission

6th District Representative

- Erin Jenkins – Appointment

9th District Representative

- Nathan J. Tersteeg – Appointment

Presentation(s)

It was the consensus of the committee to reschedule the presentation regarding code enforcement to the October 20th, Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting.

Paper(s) for Consideration

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following paper to Council with the recommendation to continue to the November 17th Land Use, Housing & Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 2/0:

ORD. 2014-208 - To amend and reordain ch. 2, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 7.2 (§§ 2-1035-2-1037) for the purpose of establishing a Richmond Archaeological Commission.

Patron: Vice President Robertson

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following paper to Council with the recommendation to continue to the December 22nd Land Use, Housing & Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 2/0:

ORD. 2015-033 - To rename the building located at 900 East Broad Street and known as “City Hall” as “L. Douglas Wilder City Hall.”

Patron: Ms. Trammell

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following papers to Council with the recommendation to continue to the October 20th Land Use, Housing & Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 2/0:

ORD. 2015-191 - To amend City Code §§ 38-154, concerning weeds and other vegetation, 38-155, concerning violations and notice, and 38-156, concerning abatement by the City, and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by adding therein a new fee for City Code § 38-156(b) for the purpose of imposing one notice per growing season, designating the amount of administrative charges for abatement by the City, imposing civil penalties for violation or such sections, and requiring the Director of Planning and Development Review to prepare and deliver to the City Council and the

Chief Administrative Officer a report concerning the costs incurred, charged to property owners and paid to the City associated with the City's efforts to abate violations of such sections.

Patron: Mr. Agelasto

ORD. 2015-208 - To amend City Code § 38-152, concerning unlawful accumulation, for the purpose of making it unlawful to permit the accumulation of certain furniture manufactured primarily for indoor use on any property or on any alley, sidewalk, public right-of-way, grass strips, or street abutting such property.

Patron: Mr. Agelasto

ORD. 2015-199 - To amend City Code §§ 38-156, concerning the abatement of certain refuse, litter and weed control violations, and 86-44, concerning the times and places of collection for bulk items, brush and loose leaves, for the purposes of requiring the Chief Administrative Officer to waive certain fees for the abatement of certain violations, requiring the Director of Public Works to provide written notification of the date on which bulk items are scheduled for collection, and prohibiting the placement of bulk items for collection on or near a public right-of-way more than 48 hours before the date scheduled for collection.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

ORD. 2015-185 - To designate and establish the City-owned property located within the area bounded by Dock Street to the north, Great Shiplock Park to the east, the Kanawha Canal to the south, and 21st Street to the west as an official City park named "Low Line Park." **(withdrawn)**

Patron: Mr. Agelasto

Councilor Parker Agelasto advised the committee of his decision to withdraw Ord. 2015-185.

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following paper to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 2/0:

RES. 2015-R057 - To declare surplus, and to authorize and request the Chief Administrative Officer to dispose of the property located at 2308 Idlewood Avenue at public auction.

Patron: Mr. Agelasto

Councilor Parker Agelasto introduced Res. 2015-R057 and stated that he was made aware of three inquiries and solicitations to purchase the property; however, the information was not forwarded to City Council.

Lee Downey, Interim Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, advised the committee that he will check on the notification process regarding inquiries and solicitations to purchase city-owned property.

Matthew Welch, Assistant City Attorney, explained the various options for selling city owned property.

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following papers to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 2/0:

ORD. 2015-163 - To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain permanent easements on the parcel of real property located at 5011 Riverside Drive for the purpose of ensuring public access to Buttermilk Trail in James River Park.

Patron: Mayor Jones

ORD. 2015-164 - To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of certain permanent easements on the parcel of real property located at 5009 Riverside Drive for the purpose of ensuring public access to Buttermilk Trail in James River Park.

Patron: Mayor Jones

Committee member Kathy Graziano commented on the property owners' generosity and expressed appreciation to all who were involved in the easement agreements.

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following paper to Council with no recommendation, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 2/0:

RES. 2014-R258 - To reverse the decision of the Commission of Architectural Review that denied a certificate of appropriateness for the proposed painting of the exterior brick portions of a condominium located at 407 North Allen Avenue.

Patron: Mr. Samuels

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following paper to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 2/0:

ORD. 2015-198 - To amend City Code §§ 110-32, 110-33, 110-34, 110-37, 110-44, 110-45, 110-46, 110-51, 110-52, 110-57, 110-58, 110-62, and 110-66, concerning the regulation of taxicabs in the city, and to repeal City Code § 110-56, which required holders of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to have a telephone listing, for the purpose of implementing recommendations by the Capital Region Taxicab Advisory Board.

Patron: Ms. Trammell

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following papers to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 2/0:

ORD. 2015-181 - To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the Bank Street/Franklin Bike Lane and Sidewalk project.

Patron: Mayor Jones

- ORD. 2015-182 - To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the Bellemeade Park Pedestrian Trail and Bridge project.
Patron: Mayor Jones
- ORD. 2015-183 - To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the Carnation Street Sidewalks project.
Patron: Mayor Jones
- ORD. 2015-184 - To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Urban Project Construction Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the Route 5 (East Main Street) Bridge Replacement over Norfolk Southern Railroad project.
Patron: Mayor Jones
- ORD. 2015-193 - To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the Hull Street Primary Extension Paving Program project.
Patron: Mayor Jones
- RES. 2015-R050 - To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the Belvidere Street Gateway - Phase IV project to improve pedestrian access and safety along Belvidere Street at the intersection of Idlewood Avenue, Spring Street, and Rowe Street.
Patron: Mayor Jones
- RES. 2015-R051 - To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the Maymont Neighborhood Sidewalks project to fund new sidewalks in the city's Maymont neighborhood.
Patron: Mayor Jones
- RES. 2015-R054 - To support the application for an allocation of \$10,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program to provide maintenance and construction assistance to certain transportation projects.
Patron: Mayor Jones
- RES. 2015-R055 - To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to fund the Church Hill / 29th Street Bike-Walk Boulevard project to improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility on 29th Street.
Patron: Mayor Jones

RES. 2015-R056 - To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to fund the 1st Street and 2nd Street Buffered Bike Lanes project to improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility on 1st Street and 2nd Street.

Patron: Mayor Jones

M. Khara, Deputy Director and City Engineer – Department of Public Works introduced Ords. 2015-181, 2015-182, 2015-183, 2015-184, 2015-193 and Res. 2015-R050, 2015-R051, 2015-R054, 2015-R055 and 2015-R056.

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following paper to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 2/0:

ORD. 2015-203 - To amend City Code §§ 106-92, 106-336, and 106-631, concerning the duties of owners and tenants with regard to water and sewer connections, for the purpose of allowing the use of water not provided by the City to flush toilets and to carry wastewater and sewage into the sewer system pursuant to rules and regulations made by the Director of Public Utilities.

Patron: Mayor Jones

Scott Yates, Operations Manager – Department of Public Utilities, introduced Ord. 2015-203.

Staff Report

Bill Echelberger, Council Budget Analyst, provided the committee with the September staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m., Council Chamber, 2nd Floor City Hall

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