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Land Use, Housing, & Transportation Standing Committee

May 21, 2024

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: April 16, 2024

Next Meeting: June 18, 2024

Committee Notes

Presentation(s):

- Bobby Vincent, Director of Department of Public Works - Traffic Calming. Director Vincent will be updating the Committee on traffic calming information shared with Council earlier in the year and available for questions.
- Merrick Malone, Director of Department of Housing and Community Development - Affordable Home Ownership Opportunities. The Director's presentation will include comments on performance grants, Equitable Affordable Housing Programs, Southside Housing, CDBG, and work with HOME.
- Laura Thomas, Director of Department of Sustainability - Tree Canopy and Neighborhood Cooling with Sustainability. The Director's presentation will include comments on efforts to assess neighborhood vulnerability to heat and flooding, requirements for tree planting in new developments, development of the Cool Book, and planting efforts.

Discussion Item(s):

- None

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

1. Ordinance No. 2025-104

Patron Mayor Avula

Key Points:

- Repeals City Code §§ 14-57, concerning the establishment of floodplain districts, 14-58, concerning district boundaries and the official floodplain map, and 14-121, concerning modification to requirements of the building code and to amend §§ 14-19, 14-21-14-23, 14-25, 14-55, 14-56, 14-59-14-62, 14-83-14-88, 14-120, 14-122, and 14-123, concerning floodplain



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management, for the purpose of aligning the City Code with the Letter of Final Determination from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated Jan. 8, 2025, regarding the City's revised flood insurance rate map.

- DPU Staff advises that that Council approval is needed in a timely fashion so that there can be compliance with federal and state authorities and regulation flood plains by July 8th.
- DPU staff advise that more people will be in the flood plain in the adjusted maps.
- DPU Staff also advise that failure to comply with the requirements will that the might not qualify for federal disaster relief funds in the event of flooding.
- Community meetings took place beginning two years ago to inform impacted residents

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. Administration's O&R memoranda project no fiscal impact.

2. Ordinance No. 2025-105

Patron Cmbr. Newbille

Key Points:

- To designate the 300 block of North 32nd Street in honor of Reverend Dr. Edward Daniel McCreary, Jr.
- The late Reverend Dr. Edward Daniel McCreary, Jr. was pastor emeritus of Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. Typically, signage costs are paid from DPW operating funds.

3. Ordinance No. 2025-106

Patron Cmbr. Trammell

Key Points:

- To designate the 2100 block of Edwards Avenue in honor of Harold Thomas.
- The late Mr. Thomas was a restaurateur who founder Harold's Kitchen.



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Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes. Typically, signage costs are paid from DPW operating funds.

4. Resolution No. 2024-R041

Patrons Cmbrs. Lynch & Jordan

Key Points:

- Expresses support for the study and installation of photo speed monitoring devices in high-risk intersection segments, including the 600 and 700 blocks of South Belvidere Street and certain other locations, pursuant to Va. Code § 46.2-882.1 and through the City of Richmond's Department of Police "Safety Camera Program" and to request that the Chief Administrative Officer consider identifying additional locations for the installation of photo speed monitoring devices and increasing the number of photo speed monitoring devices deployed by the City. (5th District).
- The segments of roadway cited are deemed areas of particularly dangerous speeding.
- Administrators recommend continuing the paper and possibly transferring it to another committee because of broad interests. DPW staff explained that the past Session of the General Assembly acted on this subject, and they are waiting gubernatorial action on the legislation and potential impacts to this proposal.
- The Administration is submitted the attached data in response for the Committee's requests for information on locations of high-risk intersections.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes. The Administration notes that cameras cost \$3629 per camera, per month inclusive of all services and revenue collected from goes to the VA Highway Safety Improvement Program

5. Resolution No. 2024-

Patron Mayor Avula

Key Points:

- Supports the application for an allocation of \$10M through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Revenue Sharing Program to provide maintenance and construction assistance to certain transportation projects.
- City to receive \$10M in VDOT funds.
- Projects include improvements in Shockoe Valley, Hey Road, Jefferson Ave, and Brookland Park Boulevard.



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Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. The City will receive \$10M. The Administration advises that the City's costs are 50% in matching funds that are budgeted in the CIP for FY27 and FY28.