



City of Richmond

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Meeting Minutes Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Thursday, May 25, 2023

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair
The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert – Committee Member
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch – Councilmember (late arrival)

Others in Attendance

Andrew Gore, Assistant City Attorney
LaTanja Davenport, Council Budget Analyst
Rebecca Sullivan, Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Assistant City Clerk Rebecca Sullivan 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 amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of April 27, 2023, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2023.169](#) April 27, 2023 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Minutes

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Staff Report

A copy of the material provided has been filed and can be accessed below.

[CD.2023.170](#) May 2023 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Staff Report

Paper(s) for Consideration

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

The following ordinance was considered:

1. [ORD. 2022-375](#) To repeal Ord. No. 97-105-173, adopted May 27, 1997, which established a street light policy for the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Forwarded to the June 12, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

Torrance Robinson, Deputy Director of Operations and Maintenance with the Department of Public Works, introduced the proposed legislation by presenting the policy that would replace the current streetlight policy.

A copy of the material provided has been filed and can be accessed below.

[CD.2023.216](#) DPW Electric Utility Electric Distribution & Streetlighting Presentation

Chair Andreas Addison expressed his concern regarding street light management and coverage across the city and stated that Council staff would continue the conversation regarding the street light policy in the future.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2022-375 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The following ordinance was considered:

2. [ORD. 2023-153](#) To designate that 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.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson, President Jones, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Addison

Forwarded to the June 12, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson introduced the proposed legislation and elaborated on the history of Dr. Dwight Clinton Jones.

Chair Andreas Addison and Member Ann-Frances Lambert requested to be added as co-patrons of ORD. 2023-153.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-153 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

3. [ORD. 2023-154](#) To designate the 2800 block of P Street in honor of the late Reverend Dr. Robert L. Taylor. (7th District)

Patrons: Ms. Newbille, President Jones, Ms. Robertson, Mr. Addison and Ms. Lambert

Forwarded to the June 12, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson introduced the proposed legislation and elaborated on the history of Reverend Dr. Robert L. Taylor.

Vice Chair Robertson, Member Ann-Frances Lambert, and Chair Andreas Addison requested to be added as co-patrons of ORD. 2023-154.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-154 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinances were considered:

4. [ORD. 2023-166](#) 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 Route 33 and Martin Luther King Bridge rehabilitation improvements.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Forwarded to the June 12, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

5. [ORD. 2023-167](#) 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 replacement of a culvert over Goodes Creek at Columbia Street and replacement of a bridge over Stony Run and Gillies Creek at East Richmond Road.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Forwarded to the June 12, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

6. [ORD. 2023-168](#) 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 replacement of a bridge over the Manchester Canal at Hull Street and replacement of a bridge over Gillies Creek at East Richmond Road.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Forwarded to the June 12, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

7. [ORD. 2023-169](#) 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 Hey Road improvements, by widening the road and constructing sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Forwarded to the June 12, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

Michael Sawyer, Department of Public Works City Transportation Engineer, introduced the proposed legislation, and explained the need for the construction projects that would be completed.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson asked for clarification about the impact of the Mayo Bridge renovations on the Canal Bridge outlined in ORD. 2023-168, and she asked for more specific information pertaining to the development of the renovations.

Mr. Sawyer clarified the process that was currently underway to determine the impact of the Mayo bridge renovations on general traffic, and offered to provide Vice Chair Robertson with more detailed information.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-166, ORD. 2023-167, ORD. 2023-168, and ORD. 2023-169 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The following ordinance was considered:

8. [ORD. 2023-155](#) To authorize 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 \$56,500.00 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. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Vice President Nye

Forwarded to the June 12, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

Chris Frelke, Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, introduced the proposed legislation, and provided details regarding the construction the donation would finance.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-155 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

The following ordinance was considered:

9. [ORD. 2023-156](#) To authorize 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. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Forwarded to the June 12, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

Fire Chief Melvin Carter introduced the proposed legislation and provided reasoning on the fire department's need for additional storage space.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert asked for clarification on the difference between the use of Hickory Hill Community Center and the storage space outlined in the proposed legislation. Member Lambert also asked for information concerning the cost and rate of the leased property.

Chief Carter elaborated on the need for additional storage space and explained the lease's financial details.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Chair Andreas Addison asked for clarification regarding the details of the lease.

Chris Nizamis, Department of Economic Development Real Estate Strategies Manager, clarified the length of the lease and other specific details concerning lease renewal.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-156 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Stephanie Lynch arrived at 2:37 p.m. and was seated.

The following ordinance was considered:

10. [ORD. 2023-163](#) To amend Ord. No. 2020-145, adopted Jul. 27, 2020, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds; accepted funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$8,224,401.00; and appropriated \$8,224,401.00 for various projects, to re-appropriate \$93,000.00 in HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds to the Affordable Housing Pilot Program.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Forwarded to the June 12, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

Chair Andreas Addison asked for an update and for clarification on the current status of housing development programs managed by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Michelle Peters, Department of Housing and Community Development Deputy Director, introduced the proposed legislation and provided details concerning the reappropriation of funds previously received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch asked for clarification on how the reappropriation would appear in the current Housing Action plan, and whether or not it would require a public hearing before approval.

Deputy Director Peters clarified the planning and approval process that determines the appropriation of federal housing funds, and offered Councilor Lynch an opportunity to review the information in more detail.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-163 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Chair Andreas Addison stated he planned to meet with the Department of Housing and Community Development in order to learn more regarding the projects currently underway.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson suggested speaking with Council staff in order to collaboratively work alongside city departments in order to best schedule and design informative reports for the committee.

Chair Addison stated that the committee would plan future special meetings to continue the discussion on affordable housing development and investment in the city. Chair Addison outlined possible topics to be discussed at upcoming special meetings. Chair Addison also noted the change in the committee's meeting schedule.

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Board Vacancies

There were no board vacancies.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.