



City of Richmond

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Minutes

Governmental Operations Standing Committee

Thursday, November 29, 2018

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair
The Honorable Kimberly Gray – Vice Chair
The Honorable Parker Agelasto – Member
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst
Charles Jackson, Council Budget Analyst

Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Evacuation Announcement

Upon the chair's request, Interim Deputy City Clerk Lisa Braxton 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

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of Thursday, October 25, 2018, and the Committee approved the minutes as presented.

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-272

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 4-124, concerning permit requirements for chickens and 4-126,

concerning requirements for the area in which female chickens are maintained, for the purpose of increasing the number of female chickens permitted in the City from four to six.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Interim Deputy City Clerk Lisa Braxton recommended that Ord. 2018-272 be continued to the next committee meeting while awaiting withdrawal by the patron.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Agelasto moved to continue ORD. 2018-272 to the January 24, 2019 Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-293

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Communications Commission, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and the City of Richmond for the purpose of setting forth conditions pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act that the City must fulfill in order to construct an E911 self-support communications tower at 1201 North 38th Street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Stephen Willoughby, Emergency Communications director, provided an introduction of ORD. 2018-293.

Chris Armstrong, Emergency Communications radio system operations manager, was also available to answer questions regarding ORD. 2018-293.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2018-293 to the December 10, 2018 Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-294

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 4-92, concerning the keeping and running at large of hogs, pigs, and fowl, 4-124, concerning permit requirements for chickens, and 4-126, concerning requirements for the area in which female chickens are maintained, for the purpose of increasing the number of female chickens permitted in the City from four to six.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Opposition

David Sacks spoke in opposition of ORD. 2018-294 stating that urban chickens can be a public nuisance and informed the Committee of a matter involving improper upkeep of chickens and noncompliance of the current statute in his neighborhood. Mr. Sacks also expressed concern regarding enforcement.

Vice Chair Kim Gray addressed Mr. Sacks and asked that ORD. 2018-294 be continued until city administration was present to address his concerns.

Chair Andreas Addison requested an explanation for the proposed increase of female chickens being permitted in the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to continue ORD. 2018-294 to the January 24, 2019 Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-295

To amend and reordain City Code § 4-244, concerning the care and control of animals and penalties, for the purpose of imposing care and control requirements on certain animals other than dogs and cats.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Member Parker Agelasto introduced ORD. 2018-295.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Agelasto moved to forward ORD. 2018-295 to the December 10, 2018 Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-296

To amend ch. 24, art. II, div. 8 of the City Code by adding therein a new § 24-244.1 for the purpose of providing that no sidewalk café permit applied for by an operator who is not the property owner shall be denied, suspended, or revoked solely because such property owner is delinquent in the payment of any applicable real estate taxes.

Patron: Ms. Gray

Support

Jay Bayer, co-owner of Saison Market, spoke in support of ORD. 2018-296 and he also shared how the increased meals tax is affecting his business.

Vice Chair Kim Gray introduced ORD. 2018-296.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2018-296 to the December 10, 2018 Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2018-R100

To request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to introduce and support the enactment of legislation to amend sections 3.01.1 and 3.04 of the Charter of the City of Richmond to conform its provisions concerning deadlines for voter registration and absentee balloting for runoff elections to the provisions of Chapters 4 and 7 of Title 24.2 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Patron: President Hilbert

Member Parker Agelasto introduced RES. 2018-R100.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Agelasto moved to forward RES. 2018-R100 to the December 10, 2018 Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Board Vacancies

There were no board applications for review.

Staff Report

Council Policy Analyst Joyce Davis provided the Committee with the November staff report.

A copy of the report provided has been filed.

Discussion Item(s)

It was the consensus of the Committee to cancel the December Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Chair Andreas Addison recognized Virginia Commonwealth University students in attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.