



City of Richmond

Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair
The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair
The Honorable Michael Jones – Committee member
The Honorable Parker Agelasto – Council member
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Bill Echelberger, Jr., Council Budget Analyst
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m., and presided.

Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

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.

Paper(s) for Consideration

Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2018-231

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 26-397, concerning definitions, 26-399, concerning the eligibility criteria for partial exemption of rehabilitated residential and multifamily structures or other improvements from real estate taxation, and 26-401, concerning the amount of exemption for rehabilitated residential and multifamily qualified structures, and to amend ch. 26, art. V, div. 3 by adding therein new §§ 26-398.1, concerning the evaluation of such program, and 26-401.1, concerning affordable housing certification, for the purpose of revising the City's partial tax exemption program for residential and multifamily structures by defining certain terms and modifying the qualification requirements for the receipt and duration of partial exemption from real estate taxation.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

To be continued to October 22, 2019 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

ORD. 2019-247

To amend ch. 8, art. II of the City Code by adding therein a new § 8-34, concerning unsolicited offers to give or dedicate interests in real estate to the City, for the purpose of imposing certain reporting requirements when the City receives an unsolicited offer to give or dedicate interests in real estate to the City.

Patron: Ms. Larson

To be continued to October 22, 2019 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

RES. 2019-R025

To declare a public necessity to amend City Code § 30-800.3 and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to require a minimum lot area of 750 square feet per dwelling unit when a nonconforming use is changed to a multifamily dwelling within certain residential zoning districts.

Patron: Ms. Gray

To be continued to October 22, 2019 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comment speakers.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the meeting minutes of Tuesday, July 16, 2019, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

Board Vacancies

There were no board applications for review.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2019-R043

To designate the property known as 3900 West Broad Street as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2.

Patron: Ms. Gray

Vice Chair Kim Gray introduced RES. 2019-R043.

Andrew Basham, Spy Rock principal, explained that the subject parcels would be developed to provide commercial uses and housing units for low and moderate income persons. Mr. Basham stated that the development would also be a tax benefit for the city.

Councilor Parker Agelasto arrived and was seated.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward RES. 2019-R043 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion Item(s)

2901 Bainbridge Street Request for Proposals (RFP)

Councilor Parker Agelasto reported that the draft RFP had been amended to reflect the committee's revisions with the exception of the point scoring for each evaluation factor. Councilor Agelasto noted that language describing the site as being located within an Enterprise Zone was incorrect, but he was comfortable with the Committee's approval of the draft language.

Paul McClellan, Programs Administrator - Real Estate Strategies, Department of Economic Development, agreed to correct the location description of the subject property. Mr. McClellan explained that point scoring for the evaluation factors would not be included with the RFP; however, the scoring criteria would be identified by the Evaluation Committee before the submission of any proposals.

Vice Chair Kim Gray expressed concern that scoring the evaluation factors after applications were received could give the appearance that preference was given to a specific applicant.

Leonard Sledge, Department of Economic Development director, was present to respond to questions.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to approve the draft RFP for 2901 Bainbridge Street, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-198

To amend City Code § 26-582, concerning the eligibility of residential real property for the partial tax exemption from real property taxation, for the purpose of changing the requirement that eligible properties must have been vacant for at least two years to a requirement that eligible properties must not have had a building situated on such properties for at least two years.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

Chair Ellen Robertson introduced ORD. 2019-198.

City Assessor Richie McKeithen explained that defining the term vacant would improve the effectiveness of the Partial Tax Exemption in Redevelopment and Conservation Areas and Rehabilitation Districts Program.

Mark Olinger, Planning and Development Review director, remarked that the two year vacancy requirement could pose challenges for the department; however, he was comfortable with the intent of the proposed legislation.

Douglas Dunlap, Housing and Community Development director, explained that if the number and amount of tax abatements increased, the department would need additional staff to administer annual certifications; however, it was difficult to determine needed resources.

Vice Chair Kim Gray expressed concern about the potential impact the proposed request will have on city resources.

Chair Robertson explained that clarifying the term vacant to mean the absence of a dwelling unit, would help reduce a number of challenges experienced by the Office of the City Assessor with partial tax exemption requests in certain areas of the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward ORD. 2019-198 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2019-223

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 118 Lipscomb Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$31,900.00 to Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity, Inc. for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-224

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2626 Belt Boulevard and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$78,100.00 to Abelardo Perez for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-225

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 1220 North 35th Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$55,000.00 to Umer Khalil for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-226

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 1316 Nelwood Drive and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$44,550.00 to Tower 3, LLC for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-227

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 1505 Perry Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$66,000.00 to Christopher F. Blank and Robert W. Miller, Jr. for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-228

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 1510 Spotsylvania Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$9,900.00 to Haggais House, LLC for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-229

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 23 South Morris Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$319,000.00 to Carver Homes, LLC for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-230

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2601 Edgewood Avenue and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$132,000.00 to Spence Nunnemaker, LLC for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-231

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2206 Ford Avenue and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$46,200.00 to Casey Investments, LLC for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-232

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 3712 Glenwood Avenue and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$36,300.00 to ECO Marble & Granite, Inc., for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-233

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 3125 Irvington Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$104,500.00 to Arbor, LLC for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-234

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 4024 McKay Avenue and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$19,800.00 to Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity, Inc. for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-235

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 817 Norton Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$71,500.00 to Carver Homes, LLC for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-236

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2811 Burfoot Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$19,800.00 to B&D Arbor, LLC for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-237

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 28 East 32nd Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$28,600.00 to Antoine Peterson and Ianthe Peterson for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-238

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 504 North 26th Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$154,000.00 to ECO Marble & Granite, Inc. for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-239

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 912 North 21st Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$51,700.00 to Chris Taylor Properties, LLC for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-240

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 620 North 21st Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$90,750.00 to Nelson Benavides and Paulo Benavides for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-241

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 1723 North 21st Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$27,500.00 to Chris Taylor Properties, LLC for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-242

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 3000 ½ Q Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$56,100.00 to Nelson Benavides and Paulo Benavides for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-243

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 3108 Q Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$50,600.00 to Hafiz Ibrahim for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-244

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2101 Redd Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$13,200.00 to Hafiz Ibrahim for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Mark Olinger, Planning and Development Review director, introduced ORD. 2019-223 through ORD. 2019-244, and explained that the properties would be transferred with a development agreement to ensure the completion of a permitted structure within two years from date of sale.

Chair Ellen Robertson asked Mr. Olinger to monitor compliance of the projects with the development agreements.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward ORDS. 2019-223, 2019-224, 2019-225, 2019-226, 2019-227, 2019-228, 2019-229, 2019-230, 2019-231, 2019-232, 2019-233, 2019-234, 2019-235, 2019-236, 2019-237, 2019-238, 2019-239, 2019-240, 2019-241, 2019-242, 2019-243, 2019-244, to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolutions were considered:

RES. 2019-R030

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Street Bike Infrastructure - Phase II project to fund bicycle infrastructure improvements along 1st Street, 2nd Street, and 3rd Street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

RES. 2019-R031

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the Brown's Island Multiuse Trail Connection to T. Potterfield Bridge project to fund bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements to enhance access from Tredegar Street to Brown's Island and from Brown's Island to the T. Potterfield Memorial Bridge.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

RES. 2019-R032

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the Carnation Street Sidewalk - Phase II project to fund new sidewalks on Carnation Street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

RES. 2019-R033

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the Commerce Road Pedestrian Curb Extensions project to fund bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements on South 9th Street and Commerce Road.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

RES. 2019-R034

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the Greene Elementary School - Safe Route to School - Phase II project to fund pedestrian infrastructure improvements on Catalina Drive.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

RES. 2019-R035

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the State Route 147 - Cary Street Pedestrian Curb Extensions - Phase II project to fund pedestrian infrastructure improvements on State Route 147.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

RES. 2019-R036

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the State Route 147 - Main Street Pedestrian Curb Extensions - Phase I project to fund pedestrian infrastructure improvements on State Route 147.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

RES. 2019-R037

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the Maymont Neighborhood Sidewalks - Phase II project to fund new sidewalks in the city's Maymont neighborhood.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

RES. 2019-R038

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the State Route 161 - Park Drive and Blanton Avenue Bike Infrastructure project to fund new bicycle infrastructure improvements along Park Drive and Blanton Avenue.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

RES. 2019-R039

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the State Route 161 - Westover Hills Boulevard Bike Infrastructure - Phase I project to fund new bicycle infrastructure improvements along Westover Hills Boulevard.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

RES. 2019-R040

To request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish the Tredegar Street Sidewalk project to fund new pedestrian infrastructure improvements on Tredegar Street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, provided a brief description of the proposed projects.

Lamont Benjamin, capital improvement projects (CIP) administrator with the Department of Public Works, introduced RES. 2019-R030 through RES. 2019-R040 and explained that each project would require twenty percent matching funds from the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward RES. 2019-R030, 2019-R031, 2019-R032, 2019-R033, 2019-R034, 2019-R035, 2019-R036, 2019-R037, 2019-R038, 2019-R039, 2019-R040, to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-186

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Certificate of Completion for the benefit of Church Hill North Phase 2B LLC and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority at such time as the Chief Administrative Officer has determined that a certain deed condition requiring the construction and development of certain parcels of land as an affordable housing development has been fulfilled and completed.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Douglas Dunlap, Housing and Economic Development director, provided a brief overview of ORD. 2019-186 and reported that questions raised at the July committee meeting had been addressed.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward ORD. 2019-186 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-246

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Agreement between City of Richmond and Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority Regarding the Kanawha Canal Stones for the purpose of allowing the City to use certain canal stones in connection with improvements to The Low Line park in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Mark Olinger, Planning and Development Review director, introduced ORD. 2019-246.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward ORD. 2019-246 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2019-R042

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Public Utilities to develop a comprehensive plan to address flooding and drainage issues on the south side of the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mr. Jones

Member Michael Jones introduced RES. 2019-R042.

Howard Bland, Stormwater Utility interim deputy director, reported that the Department of Public Utilities currently maintains a comprehensive drainage plan for the city, and had begun various projects particularly in the city's Southside to address drainage and flooding issues. Mr. Bland stated that the proposed legislation would only duplicate efforts of the city.

Member Jones remarked that he had met with city administration numerous times since the introduction of RES. 2019-R042, but was never advised of the city's drainage plan. Member Jones stated that he would like to continue RES. 2019-R042 to allow time for him to meet with city administration.

Chair Ellen Robertson urged city administration to meet with patrons to discuss any concerns they might have before a request is considered by Council or its standing committees.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to continue RES. 2019-R042 to the October 22, 2019 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-197

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 design and construction of multi-modal infrastructure to improve the safety and operation of all users within the Virginia Biotechnology Research Park.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Lamont Benjamin, CIP administrator with the Department of Public Works, introduced ORD. 2019-197.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward ORD. 2019-197 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2019-R029

To support the application for an allocation of \$9,825,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program to provide maintenance and construction assistance to certain transportation projects.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Lamont Benjamin, CIP administrator with the Department of Public Works, introduced RES. 2019-R029.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward RES. 2019-R029 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2019-R041

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a citywide traffic engineering investigation to determine the impact of establishing a citywide maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

Patron: Mr. Jones

Travis Bridewell, operations manager with the Department of Public Works, reported that anticipated costs associated with conducting engineering studies and sign changes would be approximately \$60,000. Mr. Bridewell further reported that current speed limits were set in accordance with national engineering practices and that city administration had no objection to the proposed legislation.

Member Michael Jones explained RES. 2019-R041 and reported that a reduction in speed limits throughout the city would improve road safety. Member Jones stated that he was not aware of any areas of the city where the speed limit should exceed 35 mph.

Councilor Parker Agelasto expressed support of the proposed legislation and stated that if approved, the Richmond Police Department needed to take a more aggressive approach in enforcing the speed limit.

Vice Chair Kim Gray stated that she did not support a citywide maximum speed limit without an adequate engineering study of the entire city.

M. Khara, deputy director/city engineer with the Department of Public Works, stated that city administration would prefer conducting the necessary engineering studies before reducing the citywide maximum speed limit.

Support

Nicholas Smith expressed support of RES. 2019-R041, stating that the city's speed limit should be in alignment with the statewide default speed limit of 35 mph for cities. Mr. Smith further stated that he would prefer a citywide speed limit lower 35 mph.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward RES. 2019-R041 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Councilor Parker Agelasto exited the meeting.

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2019-R050

To express the Council's support for implementing the Walmsley Boulevard extension project as recommended in the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization's Commerce Corridor Study Implementation Plan.

Patron: Mr. Addison

Chair Ellen Robertson introduced RES. 2019-R050 on behalf of the patron.

Travis Bridewell, Department of Public Works (DPW) operations manager, stated that city administration supported the extension project; however, due to the limited number of smart scale applications allowed per locality, city administration would prefer the application for the project be submitted by the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO).

Chair Ellen Robertson explained that the patron was aware that the extension project was not included in a list of priorities for the city, and that the resolution would serve as an announcement that the city would like the project to be incorporated in future planning for this area.

M. Khara, Department of Public Works deputy director/city engineer, stated that the Commonwealth Transportation Board had recently completed its review of projects throughout the region and the next year's review would be for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027. Mr. Khara stated that DPW was willing to work with RRTPO to discuss potential funding sources.

Vice Chair Kim Gray stated the approval of the proposed legislation would indicate that the city was elevating the level of importance for the project over others. Vice Chair Gray further stated that she was not comfortable forwarding RES. 2019-R050 without information on the how the project would affect other previously approved projects.

Member Michael Jones moved to forward RES. 2019-R050 to Council with no recommendation.

Bob Steidel, DCAO of Operations, was present to respond to questions.

Vice Chair Gray asked Member Jones to consider continuing RES. 2019-R050 to allow time for additional information to be gathered.

Member Jones stated he would withdraw his motion; however, it was not his preference that the committee continue legislation which may not be supported by Council.

M. Khara, stated that city administration would be willing to review short term and long term projects identified in the Commerce Corridor Study and to update the committee at its next meeting.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to continue RES. 2019-R050 to the October 22, 2019 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded approved:** Ayes 2, Gray, Robertson. Abstentions 1, Jones.

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-245

To change the use of the City-owned real estate known as the Annie Giles Community Resource Center and located at 1400 Oliver Hill Way so that such City-owned real estate will be used as a cold weather shelter for homeless persons in the city of Richmond when the outdoor or wind chill temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Brinette Jones, Deputy Director II, Social Services, introduced ORD. 2019-245 and provided background information regarding community meetings and operation of the cold weather overflow shelter.

Bonnie Ashley, deputy city attorney, stated that the proposed legislation did not specify the operational period for the cold weather overflow shelter; however, the intent was implied.

Chair Ellen Robertson noted that the use of the center for the cold weather overflow shelter would expire in April 2020.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward ORD. 2019-245 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Vice Chair Gray moved to reconsider the motion to forward RES. 2019-R043 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Gray asked that RES. 2019-R043 be amended to include additional addresses and tax parcels to the designation.

Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward RES. 2019-R043 to Council with the recommendation to approve with amendment, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, council policy analyst, and 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 3:03 p.m.