



City of Richmond

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Meeting Minutes Education and Human Services Standing Committee

Thursday, September 8, 2022

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Katherine Jordan – Committee Member

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille – Council President

Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff

M. Janet Palmer, Deputy City Attorney

Candice Reid, City Clerk

RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Absent

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch – Chair

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair

Call to Order

Member Katherine Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon Member Katherine Jordan's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren 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.

Member Katherine Jordan requested a moment of silence in memory of Assistant City Clerk Debra Bowles.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinances were considered:

1. [ORD. 2022-235](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Children's Museum of Richmond Grant

Contract between the City of Richmond and the Children’s Museum of Richmond, for the purpose of expanding access for low-income families to the programs of the Children’s Museum of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lynch and Ms. Lambert

2. [ORD. 2022-236](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the trustees of the Woodville Church of the Nazarene, for the purpose of stabilizing the childcare operations of the church’s day nursery.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

3. [ORD. 2022-237](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Thrive Birth to 5 Grant Contract between the City of Richmond, The Community Foundation, Inc., and Thrive Birth to 5, LLC, for the purpose of stabilizing and expanding access to high-quality, full-day, full-year child care and preschool programs in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney and Ms. Lynch

Eva Colen, Senior Policy Advisory and Office of Children and Families Manager, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed ordinances.

There were no further comments or discussions and President Cynthia Newbille moved to forward ORD. 2022-235, ORD. 2022-236, and ORD. 2022-237 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Presentation

1. Richmond School Board Update, Academic Outcomes and Budget Forecasting

Richmond Public Schools Superintendent Jason Kamras provided the committee with a presentation that addressed 2021-2022 Standards of Learning (SOL) results in Richmond Public Schools. Superintendent Kamras also provided information regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning, and he further provided a statistical comparison between Richmond Public Schools and other school districts in Virginia.

A copy of the material provided as been filed.

[CD.2022.306](#) 2021-2022 SOL Results RPS Presentation

Member Katherine Jordan stated her appreciation for the presentation and requested that Superintendent Kamras share the presentation with other members of City Council.

President Cynthia Newbille stated her appreciation for the information provided and requested that Superintendent Kamras inform Council of any support it can provide to Richmond Public Schools.

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Board Vacancies

There were no board vacancies.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the meeting minutes of Thursday, July 14, 2022, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2022.295](#) July 14, 2022 Education and Human Services Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Staff Report

There was no staff report.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.