



City of Richmond

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Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair
The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair
The Honorable Michael Jones – Committee member (*early departure*)
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Bill Echelberger Jr., Council Budget Analyst
Allison Miessler, Boards and Commissions Administrator
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 1:08 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.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comment speakers.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the meeting minutes of Tuesday March 19, 2019, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

Board Vacancies

Allison Miessler, boards and commissions administrator, reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

Vice Chair Gray moved forward the following board appointment applications to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>
Board of Directors of the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (3 directors and 3 alternates appointed by the city)	Alternate* (3 vacancies)	Serena Li
Commission of Architectural Review (9 members)	Citizen-At-Large Representative (1 vacancy)	Mitchell Danese
Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (2 members and 2 alternates appointed by the city)	Reside or work in city* (1 vacancy)	Michael Dickinson
Urban Forestry Commission (9 voting members)	Certified arborist* (1 vacancy)	Aaron McFarland

* Applicants must either reside or work in the city.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Chair Ellen Robertson asked about a process to recruit qualified individuals to fill vacancies for boards and commissions.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2019-090

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 certain traffic signal upgrades and pedestrian safety enhancements at the intersection of U. S. Route 360 and Virginia State Route 161.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-091

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 enhanced pedestrian safety improvements along U. S. Routes 1, 60, 250, and 360, and Virginia State Routes 10, 33, 147, 150, and 161, including the installation of ramps, push button controllers, and countdown indicators at signalized intersections.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-092

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 pedestal pole traffic signals with overhead mast arm traffic signals at certain intersections to improve traffic signal visibility.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-093

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 pedestrian safety enhancements in the area of

Mary Munford Elementary School, including installation of school flasher assemblies along Grove Avenue and Cary Street Road and a stamped asphalt crosswalk on Grove Avenue at its intersection with Commonwealth Avenue.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-094

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 traffic calming and pedestrian safety enhancements in area of Oak Grove Elementary School, including installation of a traffic circle, speed tables, wider sidewalks, and ramp and conversion of a two-way street to a one-way street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-095

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 pedestrian safety enhancements at major arterial intersections including the installation of high intensity activated crosswalk beacons, crosswalks, markings, and ramps along certain federal and state routes.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-096

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 certain roadway conversions to incorporate bicycle lanes and other safety enhancements for the purpose of improving bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-097

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 systemic pedestrian safety analysis at stop controlled intersections and for the installation of ramps, crosswalks, markings, and signs as countermeasures to identified pedestrian risk factors.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-098

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 evaluation of 475 signalized intersections and systemic sight distance improvements at traffic signals to improve highway safety.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-099

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 installation of new traffic control signals as replacements for stop signs at the intersections of Cary Street Road and Libbie Avenue, Cumberland Street and South Laurel Street, Grove Avenue and Maple Avenue, and Warwick Road and Clarkson Road.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

M. Khara, deputy director and city engineer – Department of Public Works, introduced ORDS. 2019-091, 2019-092, 2019-093, 2019-094, 2019-095, 2019-096, 2019-097, 2019-098 and 2019-099.

Operations Manager Travis Bridewell and Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trails Coordinator Jakob Helmboldt, with the Department of Public Works, were present to respond to questions.

Vice Chair Kim Gray reiterated her concerns regarding potential traffic impacts resulting from the construction of a new residential development on Brook Road.

Support

Brantley Tyndall, director of Outreach for Bike Walk RVA, expressed support of the proposed ordinances and emphasized that Ord. 2019-096 will improve biking and walking safety on the city's high-speed roads.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORDS. 2019-091, 2019-092, 2019-093, 2019-094, 2019-095, 2019-096, 2019-097, 2019-098 and 2019-099 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-100

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 1B 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, director – Housing and Community Development, introduced ORD. 2019-100 and explained that removal of the deed restriction will allow the developer to obtain permanent financing for the project.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2019-100 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2019-101

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Low Line Green Right-of-Entry Agreement between the City of Richmond and Capital Trees for the purpose of allowing Capital Trees access to certain City-owned real estate along Dock Street to make and maintain landscaping improvements thereto.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-103

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of services and materials in the form of landscaping improvements and future maintenance thereof on City-owned real estate identified as The Low Line park along Dock Street valued at approximately \$740,000.00 from Capital Trees.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-102

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment Agreement to an existing Land License Agreement between the City of Richmond and CSX Transportation, Inc. for the purpose of including an additional parcel and revising certain terms and conditions.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Mark Olinger, director – Planning and Development Review, introduced ORD. 2019-101, 2019-102 and 2019-103.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Jones moved to forward ORDS. 2019-101, 2019-102 and 2019-103 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion Item(s)

Member Michael Jones exited the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Future Committee Presentations and Discussions

Vice Chair Kim Gray remarked that she would like to include the development of a comprehensive strategic plan for affordable housing as a future discussion item.

It was the consensus of the committee to continue this discussion item to its May committee meeting.

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, council policy analyst, and Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, provided the committee with the April staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.