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Land Use, Housing, & Transportation Standing Committee

November 19, 2024

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: October 22, 2024

Next Meeting: December 17, 2024

Committee Notes

Presentation(s):

- Diamond District Project Update ~ Sharon Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Planning and Economic Development

Discussion Item(s):

- None

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. Ordinance No. 2024-257

Patron Cmr. Jordan

Key Points:

- To designate the 100 block of West Leigh Street in honor of the late William Issac Johnson, Sr. (2nd District)
- Mr. Johnson was well known in his community for his civic contributions. Born in the 1800's, he was best known for founding and operating a funeral home in Jackson Ward that primarily served the City's black community until the early 1970's.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes. Costs of signage are usually covered from DPW operating funds.

2. Ordinance No. 2024-288

Patron Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- 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



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Transportation for the purpose of providing funding for the installation of 252 high visibility signal backplates at approximately 32 signal controlled intersections and 54 left turn flashing yellow arrow signal heads at approximately 24 signal controlled intersections.

- The systemic safety countermeasures for the City of Richmond projects include the following:
 - Systemic Improvements - Signal Controlled Intersections (UPC 125536)
 - Systemic Improvements - Stop Controlled Intersections (UPC 125535)
 - Systemic Improvements - Raised Crossings / Left Turn Hardening (UPC 125534)
- Project funds are 100% reimbursable

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.

Estimated Total Project Cost = \$1,034,514

3. Ordinance No. 2024-289

Patron Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- 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 for the purpose of providing funding for the installation of left turn hardening measures at approximately 30 stop controlled intersections and 36 raised crossings at unsignalized intersections with stationed school crossing guards.
- The systemic safety countermeasures for the City of Richmond projects include the following:
 - Systemic Improvements - Signal Controlled Intersections (UPC 125536)
 - Systemic Improvements - Stop Controlled Intersections (UPC 125535)
 - Systemic Improvements - Raised Crossings / Left Turn Hardening (UPC 125534)
- Project funds are 100% reimbursable

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.

Estimated Total Project Cost = \$3,602,604



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4. Ordinance No. 2024-290

Patron Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- 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 for the purpose of providing funding for the installation of various regulatory and warning signs and pavement markings at stop controlled intersections.
- The systemic safety countermeasures for the City of Richmond projects include the following:
 - Systemic Improvements - Signal Controlled Intersections (UPC 125536)
 - Systemic Improvements - Stop Controlled Intersections (UPC 125535)
 - Systemic Improvements - Raised Crossings / Left Turn Hardening (UPC 125534)
- Project funds are 100% reimbursable

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.

Estimated Total Project Cost = \$3,602,604

5. Ordinance No. 2024-291

Patron Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Franchise Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Greater Richmond Transit Co. for the purpose of displaying advertisements on Greater Richmond Transit Co. bus stops and bus rapid transit system stations.
- GRTC estimates an annual revenue of up to \$2 million from advertisements, through this franchise agreement. These revenues will be used to support the Zero Fare transit program for the City of Richmond.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES



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6. Ordinance No. 2024-293

Patron Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To authorize the CAO to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Richmond, as landlord, and RRHA, as tenant, for the purpose of leasing office space and a computer laboratory located at 436 Calhoun Street, commonly known as the “Calhoun Family Investment Center.”
- The city owns the facility and will lease a portion of it to RRHA for no rent so long as it is used for the purposes stated in the lease.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes. No fiscal impact anticipated.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

7. Ordinance No. 2024-292

Patron Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To amend Ord. No. 2022-172, adopted Jun. 27, 2022, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a PY 2022 / FY 2023 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 \$8,826,296.00; and appropriated \$8,826,296.00 for various projects, for the purpose of changing the subrecipient of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds from the Better Housing Coalition to Cameo Street LLC.
- Corrects budgeting to the proper grant recipient entity.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes. No fiscal impact is anticipated.

8. Ordinance No. 2024-294

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Key Points:

- To authorize the CAO to execute a Lease Agreement between the City as lessor, and Cancer Retreat Centers, Inc., as lessee, for the purpose of allowing Cancer Retreat Centers, Inc. to lease the first floor of Blanton House located at 700 Blanton Avenue.
- Parks and Recreation Department have partnered with the lessee so that residents can receive therapy and treatments at the City owned facility.
- The City will not charge rent.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes. No fiscal impact anticipated.

9. Ordinance No. 2024-R036

Patron Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To designate the property known as 250 East German School Road as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2 for a 236 multifamily development serving low-income individuals and families.
- The local designation of the revitalization area is necessary to secure VHDA financing of the project. The designation declares that housing redevelopment is need for the economic revitalization of the area.
- This \$80M in construction will construct the development and is outlined in a Plan of Development.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.

10. Ordinance No. 2024-R037

Patron Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To name the alley located in the block bounded by Russell Street, Carrington Street, North 25th Street, and Venable Street as "Union Grace Alley."
- Official public roadway naming/designation is needed to program services such as mail, fire and police protection, and mapping of housing that are being constructed in the alleyway.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes.