



City of Richmond

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Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair
The Honorable Michael Jones – Committee member
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Interim Council Chief of Staff
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

Absent

The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair

Call to Order

Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 1:11 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, May 21, 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

Member Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2018-289

To amend ch. 24, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new § 24-4 for the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Works to conduct a study of the conditions of all streets, roads, and bridges in the city and to provide a report to City Council by no later than Feb. 1, 2019, and by no later than Feb. 1 each year thereafter.

Patron: Ms. Larson

To be continued to July 16, 2019 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

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 September 17, 2019 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2019-148

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 upgrading of the City's traffic signal system by integrating it with regional automated vehicle location systems to control the timing of traffic signals for transit, emergency, and other City-operated vehicles equipped with automated vehicle location systems for the purpose of maintaining transit schedules, improving emergency vehicle response, enhancing multimodal operations, and lowering vehicle emissions, to modify the terms of the Standard Project Administration Agreement; and to repeal Ord. No. 2018-330, adopted Jan. 28, 2019.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-149

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 pedestrian access and safety improvements including crosswalks and traffic speed controls, and street enhancements including decorative paving,

public art, landscaping, signage, and lighting on that portion of U.S. 360 known as Hull Street, between its intersection with West 9th Street and the southern terminus of the Mayo Bridge, to modify the terms of the Standard Project Administration Agreement; and to repeal Ord. No. 2018-331, adopted Jan. 28, 2019.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-150

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 pedestrian access and safety improvements including crosswalks, refuge areas, continuous routes, and traffic channelization on the streets surrounding the park at Kanawha Plaza, to modify the terms of the Standard Project Administration Agreement; and to repeal Ord. No. 2018-332, adopted Jan. 28, 2019.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-151

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 the fully accessible pedestrian infrastructure necessary to improve access to Greater Richmond Transit Company transit stops, to modify the terms of the Standard Project Administration Agreement; and to repeal Ord. No. 2018-333, adopted Jan. 28, 2019.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, explained that revisions to the city/state agreement prompted a need for the proposed ordinances.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORDS. 2019-148, 2019-149, 2019-150 and 2019-151 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2019-144

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 I 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

ORD. 2019-145

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 2A 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

Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, provided an overview of the proposed ordinances.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORDS. 2019-144 and 2019-145 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion Item(s)

Future Committee Presentations and Discussions

Chair Ellen Robertson asked Council staff to provide the committee with the report on legislation reviewed by the committee over the past twelve months, and to provide recommendations on possible topics of discussion at the next committee meeting.

Staff Report

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

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.