



City of Richmond

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Minutes

Governmental Operations Standing Committee

Thursday, May 28, 2020

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor – Virtual Meeting

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair
The Honorable Michael Jones – Vice Chair
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille – Member
Lawrence Anderson, Council Chief of Staff
Samson Anderson, Council Budget Analyst
Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Deputy Council Chief of Staff
Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst
Jamie Isley, Assistant City Clerk
Allison Miessler, Boards and Commissions Administrator
Candice Reid, City Clerk
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m., and presided.

Electronic Meeting Announcement

Assistant City Clerk Jamie Isley, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means. Assistant City Clerk Isley stated notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on May 22, 2020, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated members of the public were encouraged to provide comments in writing prior to the meeting and all comments received prior to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020, were provided to committee members. Ms. Isley indicated that members of the public who signed up to speak and provide comment would be called to speak at the appropriate time.

Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the Chair's request, Assistant City Clerk Jamie Isley provided the citizen speaker guidelines.

Public Comment

There were no public comment speakers.

Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of Thursday, February 27, 2020, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

Board Vacancies

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

It was the consensus of the committee to forward Shannon Taylor's application for reappointment to the City Personnel Board to Council with a recommendation to approve.

Vice Chair Michael Jones indicated that William Yates' reappointment should be recommended for approval due the need to preserve institutional knowledge on the Richmond Public Library Board.

After further discussion, Chair Andreas Addison reiterated Member Newbille's request to continue consideration of the applications for appointment and reappointment to the Richmond Public Library Board and Sister Cities Commission, to the next committee meeting, pending feedback from the entities regarding candidate preferences and needed expertise.

Member Cynthia Newbille moved to forward the following application for reappointment to the City Personnel Board, to Council with the recommendation to approve, and to continue consideration of the following appointment and reappointment applications for the Richmond Public Library Board and Sister Cities Commission, to the June 25, 2020, Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
City Personnel Board (10 members)	Resident (1 vacancy)	Shannon Taylor (reappointment)
Richmond Public Library Board (7 members)	Qualified Voter (6 vacancies)	William Yates (reappointment)
		Michael Dickinson
		Brent Graves
		Mark Larson
		Marilyn Necci
		Elizabeth Parker
Sister Cities Commission (13 members)	Applicants must reside and/or work in the city (5 vacancies)	Gail Zwirner
		Thomas Lisk (reappointment)
		Ronald Timmons (reappointment)
		My Lan Tran (reappointment)
		Julianne Condrey
		Michael Dickinson
Zachary Reid		

Chair Andreas Addison stated that Council previously intended for a city of Richmond retiree to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Richmond Retirement System (RRS), and that due to continued difficulties filling the position, the RRS board put forth Chung Ma's appointment application. He also requested further clarification on the topic.

Leo Griffin, Richmond Retirement System executive director, introduced Lieutenant David Naoroz, Board of Trustees of the RRS chairman, who spoke in favor of the committee's approval recommendation of Chung Ma's application due to difficulty filling the vacancy and experience needed.

City Clerk Candice Reid provided clarification regarding the Board of Trustees of the RRS city retiree seat requirement. She informed the committee of RES. 2017-R092, which states the will of the council to establish a policy of the council that the council will appoint a city retiree to the Board of Trustees of the Richmond Retirement System to fill one of the three appointments not required to be a member of the classified service.

Member Cynthia Newbille expressed a desire to follow the will of Council as stated in RES. 2017-R092.

Lt. David Naoroz reiterated difficulties experienced by the Board of Trustees of the RRS in garnering applications from city of Richmond retirees and expressed the board's desire for Chung Ma to fill the current vacancy despite that he is not a city retiree.

Mr. Griffin provided clarification regarding the requirements for current members of the Board of Trustees of the RRS, and stated that within the past 6-7 months, no city of Richmond retiree applications have been received to fill the present vacancy.

Member Cynthia Newbille requested that outreach to city of Richmond retirees be increased in an attempt to fill the vacancy and comply with RES. 2017-R092.

Member Cynthia Newbille moved to continue consideration of applications for appointment to the Board of Trustees of the RRS, to the June 25, 2020, Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Board of Trustees of the Richmond Retirement System (7 members)	Applicants must reside and/or work in the city (1 vacancy)	Chung Ma

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Papers for Consideration

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2020-R024

To recognize the effects of global warming caused by human activity and to establish a climate action goal to achieve a 45 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 from the 2008 baseline.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Alicia Zatcoff, Department of Public Utilities sustainability manager, introduced RES. 2020-R024 and presented additional information regarding Green City Commission (GCC) 2020 priorities, climate change statistics and vulnerabilities, and action plans to realize GCC priorities.

Members of the committee thanked Ms. Zatcoff for her presentation.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Support

Katherine Jordan, Green City Commission secretary, spoke in support of RES. 2020-R024.

Chair Andreas Addison mentioned current climate disparities in the city and the need for further action beyond Richmond 300 in the future. He spoke favorably of the goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and of RES. 2020-R024.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Cynthia Newbille moved to forward RES. 2020-R024 to the June 8, 2020, Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2020-116

To amend City Code §§ 21-67 and 21-68, concerning public procurement, for the purpose of conforming the sections to the requirements of Va. Code §§ 2.2-4302.2 and 2.2-4303.1.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Betty Burrell, Department of Procurement director, introduced ORD. 2020-116.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2020-116 to the June 8, 2020, Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2020-117

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Records Management System User Agreement between the City of Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University for the purpose of contracting for the use of equipment and materials as allowed by Va. Code § 15.2-1736 by allowing the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department to become an operational user of the Department of Police's records management system for the input, retrieval, and storage of records and facilitating interoperability between the Department of Police and the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Chair Andreas Addison stated that the committee will need additional information and clarification regarding ORD. 2020-117.

Vice Chair Michael Jones expressed his dissent for the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department's expanded jurisdictional authority and suggested that ORD. 2020-117 be continued to the June 25, 2020, Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, pending additional information.

Member Cynthia Newbille agreed with Vice Chair Jones' suggestion and requested additional information regarding city of Richmond safeguards within the agreement, from city administration.

Deputy Council Chief of Staff Meghan Brown informed the committee of her attempts to contact a Richmond Police Department representative for the virtual meeting.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Michael Jones moved to continue ORD. 2020-117 to the June 25, 2020, Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2020-125

To amend and reordain City Code § 9-58, which assigns polling places in the city, to relocate and establish a new polling place for Precinct 206.

Patrons: Ms. Gray

General Registrar J. Kirk Showalter introduced ORD. 2020-125 and stated that the polling place is currently located within a retirement community. She stated that due to COVID-19 health concerns for the residents of the polling place, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) has allowed use of an academic center for the June 23, 2020, primary which the Commonwealth of Virginia has already approved. Ms. Showalter also mentioned a similar situation with the Fairmont House which is a polling place for Precinct 702.

Member Cynthia Newbille requested ORD. 2020-125 be amended to include changes to the polling place for Precinct 702 from the Fairmont House at 1501 North 21st Street, to the East End Public Library at 1200 N. 25th Street.

Interim City Attorney Haskell Brown stated that the committee has the authority to forward ORD. 2020-125 to the Special Council meeting on June 1, 2020, for introduction of the amendment and could be voted on at the June 8, 2020 Formal Council meeting, to provide sufficient time for public input and the June 23, 2020 primary preparations.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Cynthia Newbille moved to forward ORD. 2020-125 to the June 1, 2020, Special Council meeting with the recommendation to approve with amendment, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion Item(s)

There were no items for discussion.

Staff Report

Joyce Davis, Council policy analyst, provided the committee with the May staff report.

A copy of the report provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.