



City of Richmond

Draft Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Standing Committee

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Tuesday, February 27, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor – City Hall

Committee Members and other Councilmembers in Attendance

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Chair
The Honorable Nicole Jones – Vice Chair
The Honorable Kristen Nye – Member
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch – Council Member (late arrival)

Others in Attendance

LaTanja Davenport, Council Budget Analyst
Greg Lukanuski, Deputy City Attorney
Kimberly Morris, Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Reva Trammell called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

City Clerk Candice Reid 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 amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of January 23, 2024 and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2024.038](#) January 23, 2024 Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [20240123 Public Safety Minutes - DRAFT](#)

Presentation(s)

1. Richmond Ambulance Authority (RAA) 2023 Annual Report

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2024.059](#) RAA Presentation

Attachments: [Annual Report 2023 FINAL](#)

[FY25 Subsidy Request Presentation to Public Safety Comm Feb 27, 2024](#)

Chip Decker, RAA Chief Executive Officer, presented to the committee RAA's 2023 Annual Report. Mr. Decker also presented information regarding RAA's budget subsidy request. Mr. Decker addressed the impact of customers that cannot pay for RAA services. Mr. Decker stated RAA will provide its services regardless of whether a person pays or not. Mr. Decker also stated that the subsidy request is made every year.

Member Kristen Nye asked for more information regarding leases, and she also inquired if RAA is still leasing ambulances. Member Nye also asked if leasing is the best use of taxpayer dollars. Member Nye requested council staff to review the cost of purchasing equipment rather than leasing.

Mr. Decker responded that the city used general obligation bonds to purchase ambulances in the past and that the city would lease the ambulances to RAA. Mr. Decker stated that ambulances are not on RAA records as assets.

Chairwoman Reva Trammell asked for the total amount of money RAA is requesting. Chairwoman Trammell also stated that she doesn't understand why RAA has difficulty receiving it's subsidy request each year.

Mr. Decker responded that the request is for \$7.8 million, and that request is for \$1.5 million more than the year prior in operational costs.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

1. [ORD. 2023-339](#) To amend City Code § 11-102, concerning unlawful dumping, for the purpose of including a prohibition against dumping yard waste on public and private property.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2023-339](#)

[Public Comments](#)

Forwarded to the March 11, 2024 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

Amy Robins, 5th District Council Liaison, spoke on behalf of patron Councilor Stephanie Lynch. Ms Robins stated residents spend hours removing invasive species from the city's park system and that the ordinance would help address the issue.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch joined the meeting at 1:33 pm.

Councilor Lynch stated that she sponsored the ordinance on behalf of volunteers who keep green spaces clean, and the ordinance would help in their efforts.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Nicole Jones moved to forward ORD. 2023-339 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Board Vacancies

There were no board vacancies.

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Staff Report

[CD.2024.066](#) February Staff Report

Attachments: [Public.Safety.Standing.Committee.Staff.Report.February](#)

Council staff provided the committee with the February staff report.

Adjournment

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