

INTRODUCED: March 14, 2016

A RESOLUTION No. 2016-R017

To amend Res. No. 2003-R230-2004-R18, adopted Jan. 12, 2004, as previously amended by Res. No. 2010-R141-173, adopted Nov. 8, 2010, which established a procedure to be followed before the Council appoints a tenant representative to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, to modify the procedure.

Patrons – Mrs. Newbille, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Agelasto
and President Mosby

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAR 28 2016 AT 6 P.M.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

I. That Resolution No. 2003-R230-2004-R18, adopted January 12, 2004, as previously amended by Resolution No. 2010-R141-173, adopted November 8, 2010, be and is hereby amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development require that the membership of the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority include at least one (1) member living in public or assisted housing (a “Tenant Representative”); and

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: Mar 28 2016 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the Richmond Tenants' Organization, an organization representing residents of public housing, conduct the initial review of applicants for the Tenant Representative seat on the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond, and particularly of the residents of public and assisted housing in the City, that the Council establish a procedure to be followed before the Council appoints a Tenant Representative to serve on the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council shall make appointments to fill two tenant representative seats on the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (the "Authority") in accordance with the following procedure:

1. ***Recommendation to Committee.*** ~~[The]~~ Within 60 days after receiving notice of such a vacancy from the City Clerk, the Richmond Tenants' Organization (the "Organization") ~~[shall]~~ is requested to recommend up to six (6)~~;~~ candidates for each vacant tenant representative seat for consideration by the Land Use, ~~[and]~~ Housing and Transportation Standing Committee of the Council (the "Committee"). If the Organization has not recommended and submitted an application for at least one candidate within 60 days after the Organization receives notice from the City Clerk that a recommendation is sought to fill a vacancy, the Committee may recommend one or more candidates who meet the definition of an "eligible resident" in the regulations concerning resident board members promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2. ***Application.*** The Organization shall submit to the City Clerk [a] an application for each candidate whom it recommends. The City Clerk shall solicit an application from each candidate the Committee recommends. The application shall include the following:

A. A résumé for each candidate detailing work experience (if applicable), community activities and organizational involvement.

B. A letter of recommendation from the Organization.

C. A brief letter from the candidate stating why the candidate wishes to serve on the Board and the contributions that the candidate would bring to the Board.

D. A certification by the Authority, or, for assisted housing candidates, by a private landlord, that the candidate is in good standing as a tenant. “Good standing” includes but need not necessarily be limited to (i) no lease violations and (ii) a good rent paying history.

The City Clerk shall transmit each application to the Committee. The Committee may, but shall not be required to₂ consider candidates [~~from~~] for whom it does not receive a complete application.

3. ***Review by Committee.*** The Committee shall review the applications for completeness and for any other criteria that the Committee may choose to consider. The Committee may, at its option, interview the candidates.

4. ***Recommendations by Committee.*** Upon completing its review, the Committee shall forward its recommendations to the Organizational Development Standing Committee of the Council. These recommendations may include such candidates recommended by the Organization and such other candidates as it may choose to recommend, either or both.

5. ***Reappointment.*** Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (1) of this resolution, upon the expiration of a tenant representative’s term of office, the Council may

reappoint an incumbent tenant representative to serve as tenant representative for a new term, subject to the review process set forth in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this resolution. Any incumbent tenant representative desiring to be considered for such reappointment shall submit to the City Clerk a new application meeting the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B), (C) and (D) of paragraph (2) of this resolution. The City Clerk shall transmit each application to the Committee. The Committee may, but shall not be required to, consider for reappointment candidates from whom it does not receive a complete application.

II. This amendatory resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, City Attorney

THROUGH Lou Ali, Council Chief of Staff *V. Jones for Lou Brown Ali*

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TITLE Amending Process for Appointing the Tenant Representatives to RRHA's Board of Commissioners

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OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

E. Robertson & C. Newbille

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patrons requests that a resolution be drafted for City Council's consideration that amends the process for selecting tenant representatives to the board of commissioners for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA). Specifically, the patrons wish to amend the current process so that the Richmond Tenant's Organization (RTO) must provide 6 nominations to fill a vacancy in the tenant representative within 60 days of notice that a vacancy has occurred, to the City Council's Land Use, Housing & Transportation Committee (LUHT Committee). The amendments to the current process should also allow the LUHT Committee to choose or make its own nominations to the City Council if the RTO fails to nominate a replacement to fill the vacancy recommendation within 60 days of receiving notice from the City Clerk.

BACKGROUND

The tenants of public housing are entitled to a representative on housing authority boards

according to State and federal laws. See, Va Code Section 36-11 and US Code Title 42, Section 1437(b)(1)(A). RRHA has two tenant representatives to its nine member board. All Board members are appointed by City Council. The purpose of this proposal is to make certain that vacancies are filled quickly and that tenants are represented quickly in the event of vacancies.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Attachment/s Yes No