



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff Governmental Operations Standing Committee

June 28, 2023

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: May 25, 2023

Next Meeting: July 27, 2023

Committee Notes

Presentation Item(s):

- RVAH20 Combined Sewer System Program Update – April Bingham, Department of Utilities Director

Discussion Item(s):

- Update on the Honorary Street Sign Process

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

1. ORD. No. 2023-188

Patrons: Mr. Addison and Ms. Jordan

Key Points:

- To amend ch 2, art V of the City Code by adding therein a new div 21, consisting of §§ 2 1202 6 2 1202 8, for the purpose of establishing a Public Utilities and Service Commission.
 - The Public Utilities & Services Commission will provide advice and guidance to City Council and the Mayor on policy matters as it relates to the operation/maintenance and expansion of the public utilities, water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater. Issues may include but are not limited to rate structures, infrastructure improvements, residential and commercial solid waste services, recycling stormwater, water conservation, water quality, and hazardous waste disposal.
 - The purpose of the Commission is to serve as an advisory body to City Council and the Mayor relative to policy and planning for the management and operations of the utilities owned by the City.
 - There will be 11 members. Council shall appoint six members and the Mayor shall appoint three members.
 - The Commission shall provide to Council and Mayor a report by no later than January 31, 2024 the status of the Commission. A report is desired by January 31st each year thereafter.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

The cost of signage is paid from DPW's operating budget.



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2. ORD. No. 2023-192

Patron: President Jones

Key Points:

- To designate the 5200 block of Warwick Road in honor of Dr. Roscoe D. Cooper, Jr.
 - Dr. Cooper is Pastor of Metropolitan African Baptist. He is a graduate of Cheyney State University. Dr. Cooper was licensed to preach in 1966 and ordained in 1969. He earned his M. Div. from Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts. He has served as lead Pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church here in Richmond, Virginia from 1974-1993 and Metropolitan African American Baptist Church in Richmond since 1994.
 - Dr. Cooper has also served the people of Richmond and the Christian community as president of The Baptist General Convention of Virginia and the National Baptist Convention, USA.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

The cost of signage is paid from DPW's operating budget.

3. ORD. No. 2023-193

Patron: Ms. Lynch

Key Points:

- To designate the 2200 block of Bainbridge Street in honor of the late Mrs. Mozelle Willis Minor.
 - Mrs. Minor is a beloved and longtime member of the Richmond community. Mrs. Minor served her community as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and inspired audiences as a member of both the Cook Memorial Choir and Deacon Frank Epps' Gospel choir. She was an active member of the Swansboro Civic Association alongside her husband. She was guided throughout her life by her deep and abiding faith. Mrs. Minor was a member of Second Baptist Church in Richmond for 70 years.
 - Mrs. Minor was a cherished member of the Richmond community whose unwavering kindness and generosity touched countless lives. The block naming is requested to honor her memory.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

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4. ORD. No. 2023-194

Patron: Ms. Lynch

Key Points:

- To designate the 1700 block of Porter Street in honor of the late Dr. Ruth Moore.
 - Dr. Ruth Moore was co-founder of tower Deliverance Ministries and Pastor/Administrator of Faith, Hope & Victory Church in Ashland. Dr. Moore also hosted Ministry of Faith, Hope & Victory with Evangelist Ruth Moore radio program.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

The cost of signage is paid from DPW's operating budget.

Staff Report Follow up Items.

- **The VCAP program is underway. The pilot program has been initiated under the leadership of the James River Soil and Water Conservation District (JRSWCD).** Site visits have been conducted for one project and another is planned to facilitate participation of residents in the soil and water initiative. In the June Governmental Operations committee meeting, we will receive a status report.
- **Update on Charter Commission**
 - The Charter Commission will hold Commission work session meetings in the month of July on July 5th, July 13th, July 20th and July 27th. The upcoming meetings will be held in the Planning Development Review, 5th floor Conference Room, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The meeting will be available through TEAMS.
 - The Commission has held 3 public hearings in the month of June at the Richmond Police Academy, the East End District Center and the 2nd Precinct Police Department Community Room. The survey closed on June 21, 2023. The Commission members will meet to analyze the results of the survey to incorporate as a part of their recommendations to Council and the Mayor.
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