



City of Richmond

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Meeting Minutes Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Thursday, April 27, 2023

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair
The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert – Committee Member

Others in Attendance

Andrew Gore, Assistant City Attorney
Paul Van Lenten, Jr., Council Budget Analyst
Pamela Nichols, Council Management Analyst
Rebecca Sullivan, Assistant City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Assistant City Clerk Rebecca Sullivan 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 March 23, 2023, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2023.134](#) March 23, 2023 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Minutes

Staff Report

Paul Van Lenten, Jr., Council Budget Analyst, provided the committee with the April staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.135](#) April 2023 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Staff Report

Paper(s) for Consideration

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

The following ordinance was considered:

1. [ORD. 2023-115](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Quitclaim of Utility Easement between the City of Richmond and JG Laburnum, LLC and Robins Laburnum, LLC, for the purpose of vacating by quitclaim deed a certain easement on the property known as 5401 South Laburnum Avenue, for nominal consideration, to JG Laburnum, LLC and Robins Laburnum, LLC.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Bob Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Operations, introduced the proposed ordinance and elaborated on the reasoning behind the deed of quitclaim.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-115 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

2. [ORD. 2022-375](#) To repeal Ord. No. 97-105-173, adopted May 27, 1997, which established a street light policy for the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Bob Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Operations, introduced the proposed ordinance and stated that the updated street light policy was not yet ready for the committee's review.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to continue ORD. 2022-375 to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee May 25, 2023 meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The following ordinance was considered:

3. [ORD. 2023-046](#) To install one speed table in the 2100 block of Wood Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson introduced and requested support for the proposed ordinance.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

M Khara, Department of Public Works Deputy Director and City Engineer, stated that the research conducted by the Department of Public Works found the installment of the particular speed table was unnecessary.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-046 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

4. [ORD. 2023-112](#) To designate the 500 and 600 blocks of West 22nd Street in honor of Josie Samarah Cox. (5th District)

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Addison, Ms. Robertson and Ms. Newbille

Forwarded to the May 8, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

Amy Robins, 5th District Liaison to Council Member Stephanie Lynch, introduced ORD. 2023-111 and ORD. 2023-112 and provided information on the individuals honored by the street name designations.

Gloria Jones, relative of Josie Cox, shared her support for ORD. 2023-112.

Magda Damez, relative of Josie Cox, shared her support for ORD. 2023-112.

Claudine Jackson, mother of Josie Cox, shared her support for ORD. 2023-112.

Debby Jackson, grandmother of Josie Cox, shared her support for ORD. 2023-112.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert and Chair Andreas Addison requested to be added as co-patrons of ORD. 2023-112.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-112 to Council with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinances were considered:

5. [ORD. 2023-111](#) To designate the 1800 block of South Meadow Street in honor of Ida Lee Cheatham. (5th District)

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Newbille

6. [ORD. 2023-116](#) To designate the 5300 block of Marian Street in honor of the late Bettie Elizabeth Boyers Cooper. (1st District)

Patrons: Ms. Lambert, Mr. Addison and Ms. Newbille

7. [ORD. 2023-117](#) To designate the 3000 block of Meadowbridge Road, from its intersection with Newbury Avenue to its intersection with East Brookland Park Boulevard, in honor of Michael D. Simpson. (6th District)

Patrons: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Newbille

Forwarded to the May 8, 2023 Council meeting with recommendation to approve

8. [ORD. 2023-132](#) To designate the 3100 block of Hull Street in honor of Preston Brown and Kirby Carmichael. (8th District)

Patrons: Ms. Trammell, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Newbille

Public Hearing

Monica Esparza, expressed her support proposed ORD. 2023-132.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert requested to be added as a co-patron of ORD. 2023-111, ORD. 2023-116, ORD. 2023-117, and ORD. 2023-132.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2023-111, ORD. 2023-116, ORD. 2023-117, and ORD. 2023-132 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The following ordinance was considered:

9. [ORD. 2023-131](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership by the Maymont Foundation for the benefit of the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for the purpose of enabling Maymont Foundation to accept \$8,000,000.00 from the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for renovations to the Maymont House Museum and animal habitats. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

C. Parke Richeson, President and CEO of the Maymont Foundation, introduced the proposed ordinance by explaining the acquisition of the funds and how they would be used in the Maymont Park.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2023-131 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Board Vacancies

Pamela Nichols, Council Management Analyst, reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson questioned how to ensure inclusive representation of board member applications.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward the following board appointment and reappointment applications to Council with a recommendation to approve, and to forward the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority tenant representative applicant to the Organizational Development Standing Committee with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

City Planning Commission:
Dakia Knight

Green City Commission:
Luis Huertas

Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority:
Dyanne Broidy

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.155](#) April 27, 2023 Board Vacancy Report

Discussion Item(s)

Affordable Housing Incentive, Programs, & Strategy

Chair Andreas Addison provided the committee with an overview of programs and strategies that could be discussed at a possible upcoming special meeting regarding affordable housing in the city.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson asked for clarification on which groups and individuals would be involved in the special meeting, and she requested city administration and the Office of Community of Wealth Building be included. Vice Chair Robertson expressed her support for the meeting.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert requested that the committee discuss landlord accountability and rental pricing regulation.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.167](#) After Item Land Use, Housing and Transportation - 20230427
Affordable Housing Incentives, Programs, & Strategy

Presentation(s)

Washington Housing Conservancy Presentation

Kimberly Driggins, Washington Housing Conservancy Executive Director, provided the committee with a presentation regarding the Washington Housing Conservancy's mission and how the Housing Conservancy has accomplished creating opportunities for affordable housing in the DC Metro area.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2023.139](#) Washington Housing Conservancy Presentation

Committee members engaged in additional conversations regarding the work of the Washington Housing Conservancy program.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.