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Minutes

Governmental Operations Standing Committee

Thursday, October 25, 2018

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair
The Honorable Kimberly Gray – Vice Chair
The Honorable Parker Agelasto – Member
The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Council Member
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst
Charles Jackson, Council Budget Analyst

Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Evacuation Announcement

Upon the chair's request, Interim Deputy City Clerk Lisa Braxton 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

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of Thursday, September 27, 2018, and the Committee approved the minutes as presented.

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-241

To amend ch. 16, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new § 16-2, concerning a requirement for a homeless strategic plan, to require a homeless strategic plan to be presented to the City Council and the Mayor commencing no later than Oct. 1, 2019, and updated homeless strategic plans by Oct. 1 every two years thereafter.

Patron: Ms. Robertson, Mr. Agelasto and Mr. Addison

Councilor Ellen Robertson reviewed an proposed amendment to ORD. 2018-241.

A copy of the information presented has been filed.

Kelly King Horne, Homeward executive director, addressed the Committee regarding ORD. 2018-241 and the suggested amendment; she stated that the proposal is a great opportunity to align the city's efforts with federal, state, regional and local homeless strategic initiatives.

Lorae Ponder, Home Again Richmond executive director, also addressed the Committee regarding the homeless strategic plan and stated that she supports ORD. 2018-241 and applauds Councilor Robertson's efforts.

Vice Chair Kim Gray reported a concern involving the possible influx of transients from other states to the Richmond area and the overwhelming impact it could have on provided services.

Member Parker Agelasto stressed the need for continued collaboration with the Richmond Police Department and the Greater Richmond Transit Company to aid with providing transportation service to the temporary cold weather shelter due to its new location.

Vice Chair Gray asked to be added as a co-patron of the proposed legislation.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Agelasto moved to forward ORD. 2018-241 to the November 13, 2018 Council meeting with recommendation to approve with amendment, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-272

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 4-124, concerning permit requirements for chickens and 4-126, concerning requirements for the area in which female chickens are maintained, for the purpose of increasing the number of female chickens permitted in the City from four to six.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Chair Andreas Addison stated that he was informed by city administration that ORD. 2018-272 required an amendment prior to consideration and asked that the proposed legislation be continued.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Agelasto moved to continue ORD. 2018-272 to the November Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2018-273

To amend and reordain City Code § 4-248, concerning the disposition of deceased companion animals, for

the purpose of removing the requirement that no charges be imposed for the pickup and disposal of deceased companion animals euthanized by the Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2018-274

To amend and reordain City Code § 4-372, concerning reporting of bites, for the purpose of expanding the categories of persons responsible for reporting animal bites in the City of Richmond.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2018-275

To amend and reordain City Code § 4-96, concerning cruelty to animals, for the purpose of imposing additional restrictions on the tethering of dogs and removing the time limits within which violations are punished as more serious misdemeanors.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Christie Peters, Animal Care and Control director, provided an introduction of ORDS. 2018-273, 2018-274 and 2018-275 and stated the pieces of legislation are efforts to update the City Code.

Member Parker Agelasto requested an analysis of the number of dog bites that occur within the city.

Ms. Peters informed the Committee that the Richmond Police Department should be contacted for dog bite incidents.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORDS. 2018-273, 2018-274 and 2018-275 to the November 13, 2018 Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2018-R094

To establish a policy of the Council that the Council will pursue legal action on behalf of the City against drug manufacturers and distributors.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

Councilor Ellen Robertson provided an introduction of RES. 2018-R094.

Deputy City Attorney Haskell Brown reported that a detailed briefing regarding RES. 2018-R094 will be provided at the November Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

In anticipation of the pending discussion regarding RES. 2018-R094, Member Addison suggested that the proposed resolution be forwarded with no recommendation.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Chair Addison moved to forward RES. 2018-R094 to the November 13th Council meeting with no recommendation, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Board Vacancies

There were no board applications for review.

Discussion Item(s)

Monitoring and Communication for General Assembly (GA) Legislative Proposals and Outcomes

Joyce Davis, Council policy analyst, provided the Committee with recommendations from Advantus

Strategies regarding methods to achieve desired outcomes for improved monitoring and communication of the city's GA legislative proposal submission. Ms. Davis stated that a dedicated Advantus Strategies team member is to be assigned strictly to navigate for the city and provide updates to Council and city administration.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

The Committee asked that the following items also be included as part of its recommendation for monitoring and communication of GA legislative agenda and outcomes to Council at the November Organizational Development meeting:

- Council to receive email action alerts regarding proposed GA legislation
- Council to be informed of GA committee assignments and dates of proposed legislation
- GA delegation to be provided introductory letters from Council regarding proposed GA legislation
- Council to coordinate their communication efforts to GA delegation
- Councilors to attend GA sessions to provide added support of proposed GA legislation

Revisiting previous discussion regarding animal care and control, Vice Chair Kim Gray requested clarification regarding the possible expulsion of dogs not spayed or neutered from city parks.

Rescheduling of November Committee Meeting

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, it was consensus of the Committee to reschedule the November Committee meeting to Thursday, November 29, 2018.

Staff Report

Council Policy Analyst Joyce Davis provided the committee with the October staff report.

A copy of the report provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.