



City of Richmond

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Meeting Minutes Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Other Council Members in Attendance

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert – Committee Member
The Honorable Katherine Jordan – Councilmember

Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair

Staff in Attendance

Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Nahdiah Muhammad, Assistant City Clerk
Pamela Nichols, Council Management Analyst
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m., and presided

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Upon the Chair's request, Assistant City Clerk Nahdiah Muhammad provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with public 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 November 19, 2024 and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2024.378](#) November 19, 2024 - Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [20241119 LUHT Minutes - DRAFT](#)

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to amend the agenda as follows:

1. [ORD. 2024-317](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 27-132, concerning the use of photo speed monitoring devices in highway work zones and school crossing zones and penalties, for the purpose of adding high-risk intersection segments authorized by Va. Code § 46.2-882.1.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Breton and Ms. Gibson

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2024-317](#)

Continued to the January 21, 2025 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

3. [RES. 2024-R041](#) To express support for the study and installation of photo speed monitoring devices in high-risk intersection segments, including the 600 and 700 blocks of South Belvidere Street and certain other locations, pursuant to Va. Code § 46.2-882.1 and through the City of Richmond's Department of Police "Safety Camera Program" and to request that the Chief Administrative Officer consider identifying additional locations for the installation of photo speed monitoring devices and increasing the number of photo speed monitoring devices deployed by the City. (5th District)

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Jordan and Ms. Robertson

Attachments: [Res. No. 2024-R041](#)

Continued to the January 21, 2025 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

The motion to amend the agenda was seconded and approved, Ayes, 2, Lambert, Addison. Noes None.

The following ordinance was considered:

2. [ORD. 2024-318](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of administering the Commerce Road - (UPC 125367), Broad Rock Boulevard - (UPC 125368), Bells Road - (UPC 125369) and Commerce Road SGR - (UPC 125370) paving projects.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2024-318](#)

M Khara, Department of Public Works Deputy Director and City Engineer, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed ordinance.

Chair Andreas Addison asked about funding requirements from the city.

M Khara stated that the funding is reimbursable and no funding match is required from the city.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2024-318 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Lambert, Addison. Noes None.

The following resolution was considered:

4. [RES. 2024-R043](#) To request the Virginia Department of Transportation to amend the street mileage inventory for the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Res. No. 2024-R043](#)

M Khara, Department of Public Works Deputy Director and City Engineer, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed resolution.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert asked about the total amount of miles that will be added to the city's street inventory.

M Khara stated that the existing city inventory is 1,830.57 moving lane miles. M Khara also stated that the additional inventory will increase the existing inventory by 7.63 moving lane miles, totaling 1,838.20.

Member Lambert asked about the total cost per year to maintain the city's street mileage. Ms. Lambert also inquired about a budget appropriation for the proposed resolution.

M Khara stated that total cost per year is \$137,000 in new funds. M Khara also stated that when the proposed resolution is effective on July 1, 2025, the General Assembly and transportation board will provide the funding based on the state budget. M Khara further stated that there is currently no budget appropriation for the proposed resolution due to the proposed legislation not being in effect.

Chair Andreas Addison stated that turning lanes, parking lanes and other parts of the street are not included in the street inventory mileage and that it would be beneficial if curb to curb mileage was included.

M Khara further discussed the proposed resolution with the committee.

There were no further comments and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward RES. 2024-R043 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Lambert, Addison. Noes None.

The following ordinance was considered:

5. [ORD. 2024-319](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Richmond and American Towers LLC for the purpose of allowing American Towers LLC to continue to maintain and operate a telecommunications tower and telecommunications facilities at 8800 West Huguenot Road. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2024-319](#)

Jonathan Fetterman, Senior Manager for the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed ordinance.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert asked about the lease cost stated in the proposed ordinance.

Jonathan Fetterman stated that lease cost will be \$35,000 annually and will increase at a rate of 3% each year, during the five-year leasing period.

There were no further comments and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2024-319 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Lambert, Addison. Noes None.

The following ordinance was considered:

6. [ORD. 2024-320](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a GRTC Downtown Transfer Hub Site Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Richmond and the Greater Richmond Transit Co. for the purpose of constructing a permanent transfer hub and mixed-use development at 500 North 10th Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2024-320](#)
[20241217 Downtown Richmond Transit Hub ORD. 2024-320](#)

Dironna Moore Clarke, Department of Public Works (DPW) Deputy Director of the Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility, provided an introduction, additional background information and a presentation regarding the proposed ordinance.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert asked about the Clay Street design rendering and the location that was presented to the committee.

Ms. Clarke stated that the GRTC transit hub would be located at the old Public Safety building on 9th Street, with 8th and Clay Streets set as an alternative location.

Chair Andreas Addison stated that the proposed location for the transit hub is a great location with easy on street access for buses and pedestrians.

Ms. Clarke further discussed the proposed ordinance with the committee.

Public Hearing

Courtney Farrar, Transit Ambassador for RVA Rapid Transit, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. Ms. Farrar stated her experiences with the current and previous GRTC transit hubs. Ms. Farrar also stated that the proposed ordinance will give city residents more access to the city.

There were no further comments and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward ORD. 2024-320 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Lambert, Addison. Noes None.

The following resolution was considered:

7. [RES. 2024-R040](#) To accept and approve the biennial real estate strategies plan entitled "Revised 2024 Biennial Real Estate Strategies Plan for City Owned Surplus Properties." (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Res. No. 2024-R040 - Amended 20250210](#)
[20250210 Amendment of Res. No. 2024-R040](#)

Sharon Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Planning and Economic Development, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed resolution.

Chair Andreas Addison asked how many properties in the city will be considered surplus upon adoption of the proposed resolution.

DCAO Ebert stated that 28 city owned properties will be deemed as surplus properties upon adoption of the proposed resolution.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward RES. 2024-R040 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Lambert, Addison. Noes None.

The following resolution was considered:

8. [RES. 2024-R042](#) To express support for the conveyance of the property located at 2911 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard from Virginia Commonwealth University to

the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond, for the purpose of facilitating the continued construction and operation of the Diamond District Redevelopment Project. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Res. No. 2024-R042](#)

Sharon Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Planning and Economic Development, provided an introduction and additional background information regarding the proposed resolution.

Chair Andreas Addison asked if the proposed resolution was merely procedural.

DCAO Ebert stated the proposed resolution is procedural for the development of the approved Diamond District development plan.

Public Hearing

Brantley Tyndall, Sports Backers Director of Bike Walk RVA, spoke in support of the proposed resolution. Mr. Tyndall stated that Sports Backers is in support for the approved Diamond District development. Mr. Tyndall provided the committee with additional information regarding the current development of the Fall Line Trail.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert stated her appreciation and support regarding the Diamond District and the Fall Line Trail.

Mr. Tyndall further discussed the proposed resolution and the Fall Line Trail with the committee.

There were no further comments and Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward RES. 2024-R042 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Lambert, Addison. Noes None.

Board Vacancies

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

[CD.2024.377](#) December 17, 2024 - LUHT Board Vacancy Report

Attachments: [20241217 - Land Use, Housing and Transportation Board Vacancy Report](#)

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Member Ann-Frances Lambert moved to forward the following board reappointment application to Council with a recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes, 2, Lambert, Addison. Noes None.

Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority:
Harold Parker, Jr. (reappointment)

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Staff Report

Council staff provided the committee with the December Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee staff report.

[CD.2024.384](#) December 17, 2024 - Land Use, Housing and Transportation Staff Report

Attachments: [20241217 Land Use Staff Report](#)

Adjournment

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