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Minutes

Education and Human Services Standing Committee

Thursday, July 12, 2018

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Michael Jones – Chair
The Honorable Kim Gray – Member
The Honorable Andreas Addison – Alternate Member
The Honorable Ellen Robertson, Councilor
Debra Bowles, Assistant City Clerk
Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst
M. Janet Palmer, Assistant City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk

Absent

The Honorable Kristen Larson – Vice Chair

Call to Order

Chair Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Debra Bowles, assistant city clerk, 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 comments.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Kim Gray moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 14, 2018, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Gray, Jones. Noes, none. Abstentions 1, Addison.

Presentation(s)

Richmond Education Foundation Report

Executive Director for Richmond Education Foundation Ty Toepke provided background information on the foundation and stated that the past year has been a rebuilding process in the areas of staffing, infrastructure, operating structure and the rebuilding of relationships with businesses. Mr. Toepke explained that the three major functions of the foundation include a pass through for financial donations, fiscal sponsorship and support programs within the schools, and provided the committee with a copy of the foundation's 2018/2019 budget. Mr. Toepke stated that the RVA Future program is in each high school reaching approximately 1600 students during the past school year.

Member Kim Gray suggested that a breakdown of personnel functions with salaries would enhance the budget presentation, as the information that was provided is misleading.

Alternate Member Andreas Addison requested an explanation of the foundation's board composition and asked how Council could be represented or offer support to the foundation.

Mr. Toepke stated that the foundation's board allows for 7-15 members, with three ex-officio positions for the superintendent of schools or designee, and the chair and vice chair of the school board; however, these members do not have voting rights. Mr. Toepke further stated that the remaining positions include a mix of community and corporate members, and retired teachers or administrators to provide the voice of the schools. Mr. Toepke also stated that he welcomes the interest of Council, and given the composition of the RVA Education Compact, it would be beneficial to have all sides of the compact represented.

Councilor Ellen Robertson asked what role the foundation plays regarding the pass through function and does the foundation assess the outcomes of such role.

Mr. Toepke stated that the foundation is required to produce results and measurements, and report the information to its funders. Mr. Toepke stated that the foundation provides the parameters as they relate to pass through programs and ensures that the funding is spent as designated. Mr. Toepke also stated that the foundation will be entering an exercise to review the mission, vision and values of the foundation over the next several months in coordination with Richmond Public Schools' strategic plan.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2018-R045

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer annually cause to be conducted a review of dedicated funding strategies for Richmond Public Schools and provide the Council, the Mayor, and the School Board of the City of Richmond with recommendations concerning (i) the total budget appropriation for Richmond Public Schools for each ensuing fiscal year, (ii) funding sources for Richmond Public Schools, and (iii) any proposed changes to state legislation necessary to increase state funding to Richmond Public Schools.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

*Councilor Ellen Robertson introduced **RES. 2018-R045** stating that Council committed to making a concerted effort to determine the funding level for Richmond Public Schools (RPS) during the FY19 budget process. Ms. Robertson also stated that the proposed resolution is an attempt to accomplish this objective by working with administration, and there has been a request to amend the resolution. Ms. Robertson informed the committee that the proposed legislation would not state a dedicated funding source but a designated amount of funding determined, by formula, which will be provided to Council by October 15th.*

Director of Budget and Strategic Planning Jay Brown informed the committee that administration has no concerns related to the proposed amendments to **RES. 2018-R045**, and administration expects to have the requested information to Council by the deadline of October 15th.

Alternate Member Andreas Addison moved to forward RES. 2018-R045 to the July 23, 2018, Council meeting with the recommendation to approve with amendment which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Chair Michael Jones and member Addison requested to be added as co-patrons of the resolution.

A copy of the proposed amendment was provided to the committee.

Board Vacancies

Member Kim Gray moved to forward the following reappointment and appointment to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved by consensus:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks	Enrichmond Foundation nominee * (1 vacancy)	John Sydnor (reappointment)
	Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities staff representative (1 vacancy)	Christopher E. Frelke

* Applicants must either reside or work in the city

Member Gray requested that Vice President Cynthia Newbille, 7th District representative, be informed that the 7th District representative for the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks has resigned.

Chair Michael Jones asked if staff would speak on the status of the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Board.

Council Policy Analyst Joyce Davis responded by stating that potential changes to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Board are forthcoming.

Alternate Member Andreas Addison moved to forward the following reappointment and appointment to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board	Attorney or paralegal (i) whose firm or office routinely represents or handles cases for senior citizens or persons with disabilities, (ii) who has experience addressing issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act and (iii) who shall not be required to be a resident of or have a principal place of business in the city. (1 vacancy)	Melanie Lee (reappointment)
Community Policy and Management Team	A representative of a private organization located within the City that (i) serves children and families in the City, (ii) has a provider contract with the City's Comprehensive Services Act office, (iii) is in compliance with its provider contract and (iv) is properly licensed by the Commonwealth as a provider of services to children and families * (1 vacancy)	Erica Mann

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Discussion Item(s)

August Committee Meeting

Chair Michael Jones stated that a decision related to holding an August committee meeting will be determined after the July 23rd Council meeting pending introduction of new legislation.

Staff Report

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

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Member Kim Gray stated that the Richmond School Board voted to utilize capital funds to pay an architectural and engineering firm for maintenance projects and requested that an explanation be provided to Council by the September 13th committee meeting, as this is not how the funds were appropriated by the designated legislation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.