



City of Richmond

Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
(Virtual Meeting)

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair (late arrival)
The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair
The Honorable Michael Jones – Committee member
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch – Council member
Lawrence Anderson, Council Chief of Staff
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Deputy Council Chief of Staff
Bill Echelberger, Council Budget Analyst
Allison Miessler, Boards and Commissions Administrator
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Vice Chair Kim Gray called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m., and Chair Ellen Robertson joined the meeting at 1:09 p.m., and presided.

Electronic Participation

Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means. Assistant City Clerk Nichols stated notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on June 10, 2020, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated members of the public were encouraged to provide comments in writing prior to the meeting and all comments received prior to 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, were provided to committee members. Mrs. Nichols indicated that members of the public who signed up to speak and provide comment would be called to speak at the appropriate time.

Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Pamela Nichols, assistant city clerk, provided citizen speaker guidelines.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comment speakers.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the meeting minutes of Tuesday, May 19, 2020, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

Board Vacancies

Allison Miessler, boards and commissions administrator, reviewed board applications for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA).

It was the consensus of the committee to conduct interviews of the RRHA applicants, and Chair Ellen Robertson requested the boards and commissions administrator to assist with the process.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding proposed legislation on the agenda prior to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting. There were no comments submitted to the Office of the City Clerk.

Member Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

RES. 2020-R038

To declare a public necessity to amend ch. 30 of the City Code and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to make such lawful changes as may be necessary to eliminate or appropriately reduce parking minimums and restrictions in areas zoned for commercial use and areas within the TOD-1 Transit Oriented Nodal District by requesting that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study to determine whether and, if so, how the City's zoning ordinance lawfully may be amended to permit changes as may be necessary to eliminate or appropriately reduce parking minimums and restrictions in areas zoned for commercial use and areas within the TOD-1 Transit Oriented Nodal District.

Patron: Mr. Addison

To be continued to the July 21, 2020 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2020-137

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Programmatic Project Administration Agreement Extension Addendum between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of the development and administration of previously authorized and future Revenue Sharing Program projects.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

M. Khara, deputy director/city engineer with the Department of Public Works, introduced ORD. 2020-137.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward ORD. 2020-137 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2020-136

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Agreement and Deed of Lease between Scripps Media, Inc., as lessor and the City of Richmond as lessee for the purpose of the construction, maintenance, repair, and operation of a communications facility to support the City's emergency communications system at 3300 Cutshaw Avenue.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Stephen Willoughby, director for the Department of Emergency Communications, introduced ORD. 2020-136.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2020-136 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2020-085

To designate the 3100 block of Decatur Street in honor of Johnny R. Battle.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell and Ms. Robertson

Chair Ellen Robertson introduced ORD. 2020-085.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward ORD. 2020-085 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2020-R029

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Planning and Development Review to conduct a redevelopment study of the properties along Commerce Road and a certain portion of the surrounding area concerning potential opportunities and implementation of plans for the redevelopment of certain properties along Commerce Road in the area bounded generally by Semmes Avenue to the north and Bellemeade Road to the south.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

Chair Ellen Robertson introduced RES. 2020-R029.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward RES. 2020-R029 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2020-R043

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be developed a process for renaming the Robert E. Lee Memorial Bridge.

Patron: Ms. Lynch

Councilor Stephanie Lynch introduced RES. 2020-R043 and noted the public would be given opportunities to submit proposals for renaming the bridge at future community input sessions.

Chair Ellen Robertson asked to be added as a co-patron.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward RES. 2020-R043 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, council policy analyst, and Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, provided the committee with the June staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.