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Minutes

Organizational Development Standing Committee

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille – Chair
The Honorable Chris Hilbert – Vice Chair (late arrival)
The Honorable Andreas Addison – Member
The Honorable Parker Agelasto – Member
The Honorable Kim Gray – Member
The Honorable Michael Jones – Member
The Honorable Kristen Larson – Member (late arrival)
The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Member
The Honorable Reva Trammell – Member
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan

Upon the Chair's request, Deputy City Clerk RJ Warren provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

Approval of the Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes of the Monday, August 5, 2019, Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting at 12:00 p.m., and the minutes were approved as presented.

Reports from City Administration, Council Staff and Other Parties

Vice Chair Chris Hilbert arrived and was seated at 5:08 p.m.

Navy Hill Development (NHD) Overview

Leonard Sledge, Department of Economic Development director, addressed the committee and introduced David P. Rose, Davenport & Company senior vice president and co-head of public finance, James Sanderson, Jr., Davenport & Company senior vice president, and Rob Hunden, Hunden

Strategic Partners president and chief executive officer.

Member Kristen Larson arrived and was seated at 5:11 p.m.

David P. Rose provided the committee with a presentation detailing a fiscal and economic impact analysis of the proposed NHD.

Ron Hunden provided the committee with a presentation regarding Hunden Strategic Partners' business background, and discussed with the committee an overview of the potential NHD.

Chair Cynthia Newbille confirmed from Mr. Rose and Mr. Hunden that individual meetings would be scheduled with members to provide more precise details regarding the proposed project.

Member Kristen Larson asked what the impact would be if the tax increment financing (TIF) area was downsized.

Mr. Rose stated he could provide more details on the possible impact at an individual meeting.

Member Parker Agelasto requested members be provided the bond prospectus regarding the proposed NHD, because it would provide additional information on what bond holders expect from the project.

Mr. Rose informed the committee the bond prospectus was yet to be created.

Member Kim Gray asked why preliminary bond agreements were absent from the initial proposal.

Mr. Rose stated the agreements would be added at a future time.

Member Gray inquired who would be responsible for operation costs if the potential coliseum doesn't reach projected revenues.

Mr. Rose stated the risk will be placed on the operator and not the city.

Member Michael Jones requested the city attorney schedule a meeting between Council and bond counsel to allow for a discussion on the concerns raised by members regarding bonds.

Chair Newbille requested the presenters and city administration provide the information requested by members prior to any individual meetings.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Discussion Items

Navy Hill Development Advisory Commission (NHDAC) Membership

Chair Cynthia Newbille discussed with the committee the process to consider the seven nominations for commission membership submitted by NHDAC Chair Pierce Homer and Vice Chair John Gerner.

Mr. Homer and Mr. Gerner addressed the committee and discussed how the seven nominations were selected. Mr. Homer stated he envisioned the commission holding biweekly work sessions open to the public, which would provide the public an opportunity to comment. He added Mr. Gerner was selected as the commission's Freedom of Information Act officer, and that a commission website would be created for public review.

Interim Council Chief of Staff Meghan Brown provided the committee with an update regarding Council's request to obtain an outside consultant for review of the proposed NHD. She stated no

qualifying quotes were received after a request for quotes was issued.

Chair Newbille requested Ms. Brown review possible options for Council and provide a recommendation at the Monday, September 9, 2019, Informal Council meeting.

General Assembly Legislative Proposals

Ron Jordan and Laura Bateman, Advantus Strategies, discussed with members a review of Council's legislative proposals for the 2020 Virginia General Assembly.

Member Kristen Larson asked if any proposed changes to the City Charter requested by Council were shared with city administration.

Chair Cynthia Newbille informed the committee the first step was to provide Council with proposed changes, and the next step would be to share the information with city administration.

Vice Chair Chris Hilbert requested a list of legislative proposals compiled by the Virginia Municipal League (VML) and Virginia First Cites (VFC).

Ms. Bateman informed the committee that legislative proposals by VML and VFC would not be finalized until October 2019.

Member Parker Agelasto inquired about obtaining the complete Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) legislative list before deciding to support it.

Mr. Jordon stated he would obtain and provide the complete list to Council.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Performance Management/Evaluations

Chair Cynthia Newbille informed the committee the draft Council agency organizational chart would be modified to include a memorandum regarding collaborative work of Council entities. She also stated after receiving no objections, she would proceed with the proposed schedule for performance evaluations of Council appointees, taking into account the modified Council agency organizational chart.

Council Chief of Staff Recruitment

Chair Cynthia Newbille stated after receiving no objections, she would proceed with the proposed schedule for Council Chief of Staff recruitment.

Additional Items

Chair Cynthia Newbille requested members be ready to discuss a recommendation for interim city attorney, and informed the committee the Monday, September 9, 2019, Informal Council meeting start time was moved to 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.