



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

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Land Use, Housing, & Transportation Standing Committee

March 18, 2025

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: January 21, 2025

Next Meeting: April 22, 2025

Committee Notes

Presentation(s):

- Kevin Vonck, Director Planning and Development Review - Rental Inspection Districts Presentation

Discussion Item(s):

- None

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Ordinance No. 2025-317

Patron Mayor Avula

Key Points:

- Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the purpose of funding green infrastructure improvements at Whitcomb Community Park.
- Grant funds will be used to fund green infrastructure improvements allowing for cleaner drainage into the Chesapeake's watershed.
- Improvements include plantings and permeable paving. That will take place in tandem with City improvements to the Whitcomb Community Park.
- Additional improvements are expected in the park for expanded recreational facilities and this park. The city has spent \$1.2 million in improvements at this park, according to Rec and Parks officials.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes. No fiscal impact anticipated. Grant funding totals \$500,000.



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RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

2. Resolution No. 2024-R041

Patrons Cmbrrs. Lynch & Jordan

Key Points:

- 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).
- The segments of roadway cited are deemed areas of particularly dangerous speeding.
- Administrators recommend continuing the paper and possibly transferring it to another committee because of broad interests. DPW staff explained that the past Session of the General Assembly acted on this subject, and they are waiting gubernatorial action on the legislation and potential impacts to this proposal.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes. The legislative request is not expected to have fiscal impact. Actual installation and operation, if done, will have costs.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. Resolution 2025-R012

Patron Mayor Avula

Key Points:

- Designates the property known as 809 Oliver Hill Way as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2, located in the 6th District.
- Supports the development of 80 units of housing for adults with 40%-60% of AMI, with parking below the apartments.
- Revitalization zones are used where it is believed that private investment in housing might not occur without public support from Virginia Housing.
- Governing body resolution is needed to support the funding request.



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- Related to this property, Paper No. 2025-043, assigned to the Finance & Economic Development committee, authorizes the CAO to enter a grant agreement with developers (Commonwealth Catholic Charities) and the EDA regarding real estate taxes of the development.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes. No fiscal impact is anticipated.