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Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair
The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair
The Honorable Kristen Larson – Committee member
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Bill Echelberger Jr., Council Budget Analyst
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

Call to Order

Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Pamela Nichols, 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 Minutes

Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Larson, Gray. Abstentions 1, Robertson.

Board Vacancies

There were no board vacancies.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-149

To name the basketball courts at the Pine Camp Cultural Arts and Community Center located at 4901 Old Brook Road as “The Tom Folliard Basketball Courts at Pine Camp.”

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, responded to a question by Vice Chair Gray relative to the naming of the basketball courts.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2018-149 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-150

To amend and reordain ch. 14, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new § 14-338, concerning notice of termination, for the purpose of terminating construction general permits from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality upon completion of construction projects, requiring notice to developers for insufficient notice of completion of construction projects, and conforming the section to the requirements of Va. Code § 62.1-44.15:26.1.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Jonet Prevost-White, operations manager – Department of Public Utilities, introduced ORD. 2018-150.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Larson moved to forward ORD. 2018-150 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-151

To amend City Code § 29-189, concerning bus fares, for the purpose of authorizing a one-week period of free fares following the commencement of operations of the new Richmond Transit Network Plan and “Pulse” Bus Rapid Transit system.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Carrie Rose Pace, public relations manager – Greater Richmond Transit Company, introduced ORD. 2018-151. Ms. Rose Pace stated that the week of free fares will coincide with the June 24, 2018 launch of the new Pulse system and end June 30, 2018.

Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney, explained that specified periods of time should not be included in City Code amendments.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2018-151 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2017-R086

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer establish and implement a policy and methodology to require that any residential development agreement to which the City is a party or involving City financial incentives mandate that a minimum percentage of the new residential development's total units be designated as affordable housing.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

Chair Robertson stated that she would like to continue RES. 2017-R086 to allow time for additional discussions regarding the proposed request.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Chair Robertson moved to continue RES. 2017-R086 to the July 17, 2018 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2018-R024

To declare a public necessity to amend the zoning ordinance and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to make such changes as may be necessary to reduce or eliminate requirements concerning the minimum number of off-street parking spaces for business zoning districts within the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mr. Addison

Member Larson stated that she would support continuing RES. 2018-R024 so that the patron can work with city administration to align parking changes with the development of the city's Master Plan.

Vice Chair Gray stated that she strongly opposes the proposed request because of the impact the changes will have on economic growth in certain areas of the city. Vice Chair Gray further stated that she supports continuing RES. 2018-R024 for no less than ninety days.

Douglas Dunlap, deputy director – Planning and Development Review, advised the committee that public meetings for the parking study areas have been scheduled for the month of June; and agreed to provide the committee with copies of the meeting schedules.

Chair Robertson stated that many neighborhoods are impacted by parking challenges and agreed that a comprehensive parking study will be beneficial to residents.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Larson moved to continue RES. 2018-R024 to the July 17, 2018 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion Item(s)

Chair Robertson asked Council staff to prepare a listing and schedule of land use and transportation related presentations for the committee.

Member Larson requested an update from city administration on the city's code enforcement efforts.

Staff Report

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

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.