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Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair
The Honorable Michael Jones – Committee member
The Honorable Andreas Addison – Council member (*early departure*)
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Bill Echelberger, Council Budget Analyst
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Absent

The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair

Call to Order

Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m., and presided.

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 comment speakers.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the meeting minutes of Tuesday, January 21, 2020, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

Board Vacancies

Allison Miessler, boards and commissions administrator, reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

It was the consensus of the committee to conduct interviews of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority applicants, and Chair Robertson requested the boards and commissions administrator to assist with the process.

Member Michael Jones moved to forward the following board appointment application to Council with the recommendation to approve and to continue consideration of the board applications for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to the next Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

| Board Name | Criteria for Appointment | Applicant Name |
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| Green City Commission (9 members) | Representative from the green building practices field* (1 vacancy) | William Riggs (6 th District Resident) |

*Applicants must either reside or work in the city

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

Member Michael Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

RES. 2019-R068

To express the Council's support for certain goals in alignment with the Vision Zero traffic safety program that promote sustainability and equity in access to safe transportation.

Patron: Mr. Addison

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

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2020-039

To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of certain easements upon, over, under, and across certain property located at 3301 Maplewood Avenue for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, inspection, repair, replacement, and removal of telecommunications lines and associated appurtenances in accordance with a certain Right of Way Agreement.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, provided an overview of the proposed ordinance.

Paul McClellan, Economic Development programs administrator, was present to respond to questions.

There were no comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2020-039 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2019-R050

To express the Council's support for implementing the Walmsley Boulevard extension project as recommended in the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization's Commerce Corridor Study Implementation Plan.

Patron: Mr. Addison

Councilor Andreas Addison provided an overview of RES. 2019-R050.

Travis Bridewell, Department of Public Works operations manager, expressed support of RES. 2019-R050, and reported that city administration and the patron had discussed an amendment to the proposed legislation, to include other city projects outlined in the implementation plan.

Councilor Addison supported an amendment to RES. 2019-R050 to include city administration's recommendation.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward RES. 2019-R050 to Council with the recommendation to approve with amendment, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2020-R011

To express the City Council's support for and request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funding for the City's SMART SCALE candidate projects for 2020.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Travis Bridewell, Department of Public Works operations manager, introduced RES. 2020-R011.

There were no comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward RES. 2020-R011 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Councilor Andreas Addison exited the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2020-027

To grant to the County of Chesterfield, Virginia a temporary construction easement upon, over, under, and across a certain portion of the City-owned real estate known as 8850 West Huguenot Road.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Rosemary Green, Department of Public Utilities Water Treatment deputy director, introduced ORD. 2020-027.

There were no comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2020-027 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2020-028

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Agreement between Enrichmond Foundation, as Lessee, and the City of Richmond, as Lessor, to allow Enrichmond Foundation to lease office and warehouse space at 1500 East Franklin Street.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, provided an overview of ORD. 2020-028.

Paul McClellan, Economic Development programs administrator, introduced ORD. 2020-028 and explained the lease would be for term of five years and that the city would retain its right to terminate the lease in accordance with the proposed lease.

Member Michael Jones inquired about the fair market rental rate for the subject property.

Mr. McClellan explained the proposed lease was submitted and approved by the Federal Transit Administration as a part of Main Street Station, and the market rental rate was based on the current condition of the warehouse.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2020-028 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion Item(s)

It was the consensus of the committee to have a presentation regarding the city's economic development plan at an upcoming Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting. Member Michael Jones asked Deputy Council Chief of Staff Meghan Brown to coordinate the presentation.

Chair Ellen Robertson asked Council staff to also coordinate a presentation on the city's housing strategy for an upcoming Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting.

Staff Report

Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, provided the committee with the February staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.