



City of Richmond

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Meeting Minutes Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

1:30 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair
The Honorable Michael Jones – Committee Member

Absent

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair

Others in Attendance

Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Pamela Nichols, Senior Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Senior Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols 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 amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of Tuesday, April 19, 2022, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2022.206](#) April 19, 2022 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [20220419 LUHT Minutes - Draft](#)

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst, provided the committee with the May staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed and can be accessed below.

[CD.2022.208](#) Land Use, Housing and Transportation Staff Report

Attachments: [20220517 Land Use - Staff Report](#)

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

1. [ORD. 2022-128](#) To amend (i) City Code §§ 8-394, concerning the purpose of the division, (ii) 8-395, concerning definitions, (iii) 8-396, concerning appointment of a Community Garden Coordinator; designation of parcels; and Community Garden Coordinator duties, and (iv) 8-399, concerning the issuance and denial of permits, for the purpose of expanding allowed uses, updating the process for designation of parcels and liability coverage requirements, providing due notice to garden permit holders, and allowing for multiyear permits.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Jones and Vice President Robertson

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-128](#)

Deborah Morton, Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Deputy Director, introduced ORD. 2022-128.

Member Michael Jones asked to be added as a co-patron.

Public Hearing

Hannah Quigley, Richmond City Health Department Food Access Specialist, spoke in support of ORD. 2022-128. Ms. Quigley noted that the proposed amendments to City Code in the proposed legislation were a result of collaboration with the community and community gardens' partners.

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

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding pending legislation prior to the committee meeting. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the committee and can be accessed below.

[CD.2022.214](#) 20220517 LUHT - ORD. 2022-128 - Written Public Comment

Attachments: [20220517 LUHT- Written Comment](#)

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Michael Jones moved to forward ORD. 2022-128 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was considered:

2. [RES. 2022-R027](#) To adopt a strategic multimodal transportation plan for the City entitled “Path to Equity: A Policy Guide for Richmond Connects.”

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Mr. Jones, Ms. Lynch and Vice President Robertson

Attachments: [Res. No. 2022-R027](#)

Dironna Moore Clarke, Department of Public Works Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility Administrator, introduced RES. 2022-R027.

Member Michael Jones asked to be added as a co-patron. Member Jones expressed interest in tracking future equitable transportation policies which include improvements to the transportation landscape for the city's Southside.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson asked for clarification regarding an adoption of the proposed transportation plan.

Ms. Moore Clarke explained the plan was a policy outlining the development of equitable multimodal transportation to meet the needs of residents in the city.

Kelli Rowan, Department of Public Works Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility Transit, Planning and Mobility Program Management Consultant, reported that the adoption of the plan was the first step in modernizing the city's strategic multimodal transportation plan. Ms. Rowan invited Council to join the Richmond Connects Advisory Committee for a public meeting at Main Street Station on June 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Michael Jones moved to forward RES. 2022-R027 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was considered:

3. [RES. 2022-R028](#) To support an economically mixed project to be located on the property known as 711 Dawn Street pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

Attachments: [Res. No. 2022-R028](#)

Sherrill Hampton, Housing and Community Development Director, introduced RES. 2022-R028. Ms. Hampton reported that twenty-two percent of the units will be designated for persons or families earning no more than eighty percent of average median income (AMI).

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There were no comments or discussions and Member Michael Jones moved to forward RES. 2022-R028 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Board Vacancies

Senior Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols reviewed board vacancies and applications for consideration by the committee.

The committee discussed possible changes to the membership composition of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) Board of Commissioners, to incorporate individuals with specific professional expertise such as financial service, and tenant management.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson asked RRHA leadership to provide the committee with membership composition for other housing authority boards, prior to the committee's consideration of future appointments to RRHA .

Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney, responded to the committee's question regarding changes to the membership criteria for the RRHA Board of Commissioners.

Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst, advised the committee of past challenges in filling positions on certain boards and commissions with defined membership criteria.

Member Michael Jones moved to forward the following board appointment applications to Council with the recommendation to approve, and to continue consideration of one of two vacancies on the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority, and the two remaining vacancies of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Central Virginia Waste Management Authority:
Michael Walker

City Planning Commission:
Rebecca Rowe

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority:
Eddie Jackson, Jr.
Harold Parker, Jr.

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[CD.2022.207](#) Board Vacancy Report - Land Use, Housing and Transportation
Standing Committee

Attachments: [20220517 LUHT Vacancy Report](#)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.