



## City of Richmond

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### Minutes

#### Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

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Tuesday, February 16, 2016

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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#### Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair  
The Honorable Jonathan Baliles – Vice Chair  
The Honorable Kathy Graziano – Committee member (*late arrival*)  
The Honorable Parker Agelasto – Council member (*late arrival*)  
Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff  
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney  
Jean V. Capel, City Clerk  
William Echelberger Jr., Council Budget Analyst  
Vincent Jones, Deputy Council Chief of Staff  
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk  
Alexander Rawles, Boards and Commissions Administrator  
Candice Reid, Deputy City Clerk  
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

#### Call to Order

Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

#### Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the chair's request, 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 and conduct during the meeting.

#### Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 3:00 p.m., were approved ~ Motioned by Vice Chair Jonathan Baliles and seconded ~ Vote 2/0.

#### Board Vacancies

Alexander Rawles, Boards and Commissions Administrator, reviewed the board applications for consideration by the committee.

**It was the consensus of the committee to approve recommendation of the following board applicants:**

### **Board of Building Code Appeals, General Division**

- William Laffoon – Reappointment

*T. K. Somanath, Chief Executive Officer – Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA), expressed support for applicants Elliott Harrigan and Neil S. Kessler for the Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority.*

### **Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority**

- Elliott Harrigan – Reappointment
- Neil S. Kessler – Initial appointment

*It was the consensus of the committee to continue consideration of the City Planning Commission appointment recommendation, to conduct interviews of the City Planning Commission applicants and forward its recommendation to the March 7<sup>th</sup> Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.*

*It was the consensus of the committee to continue consideration of the Commission of Architectural Review appointment recommendation, to the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting and to review the applications to determine whether or not the committee will conduct interviews for the vacancy.*

*It was the consensus of the committee to continue consideration of the Urban Design Committee appointment recommendation, to the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting.*

### **Presentation(s)**

#### **Preventing Lead Contamination of Water**

*Committee member Kathy Graziano arrived and was seated.*

Robert Steidel, Director – Department of Public Utilities (DPU), provided an overview of the history and background of lead, its sources and DPU's efforts to maintain water quality. Mr. Steidel stated that, every three years, the city's drinking water is tested for lead and copper concentrations. He further stated that the department also conducts free on-demand monitoring when requested by a city's resident. Mr. Steidel reported that the city's drinking water is safe and that, in 2014, the city was in one hundred percent compliance with all federal and state Drinking Water Act maximum contaminant levels. He stated that it is anticipated that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will release more regulations for drinking water in 2017.

### **Paper(s) for Consideration**

**Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following papers to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 3/0:**

- ORD. 2016-018 - To authorize the acquisition by condemnation, in the manner prescribed by City Charter § 18.03, of certain interests in a portion of the property known as 5519 Jahnke Road for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Jahnke Road between its intersection with Blakemore Road and its intersection with Forest Hill Avenue.  
**Patron:** Mayor Jones
- ORD. 2016-019 - To authorize the acquisition by condemnation, in the manner prescribed by City Charter § 18.03, of certain interests in a portion of the property known as 5513 Jahnke Road for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Jahnke Road between its intersection with Blakemore Road and its intersection with Forest Hill Avenue.  
**Patron:** Mayor Jones
- ORD. 2016-020 - To authorize the acquisition by condemnation, in the manner prescribed by City Charter § 18.03, of certain interests in a portion of the property known as 5731 Jahnke Road for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Jahnke Road between its intersection with Blakemore Road and its intersection with Forest Hill Avenue.  
**Patron:** Mayor Jones
- ORD. 2016-021 - To authorize the acquisition by condemnation, in the manner prescribed by City Charter § 18.03, of certain interests in a portion of the property known as 6118 Jahnke Road for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Jahnke Road between its intersection with Blakemore Road and its intersection with Forest Hill Avenue.  
**Patron:** Mayor Jones
- ORD. 2016-022 - To authorize the acquisition by condemnation, in the manner prescribed by City Charter § 18.03, of certain interests in a portion of the property known as 5700 Spruance Road for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Jahnke Road between its intersection with Blakemore Road and its intersection with Forest Hill Avenue.  
**Patron:** Mayor Jones
- ORD. 2016-023 - To authorize the acquisition by condemnation, in the manner prescribed by City Charter § 18.03, of certain interests in a portion of the property known as 1200 Spruance Road for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Jahnke Road between its intersection with Blakemore Road and its intersection with Forest Hill Avenue.  
**Patron:** Mayor Jones

ORD. 2016-024 - To authorize the acquisition by condemnation, in the manner prescribed by City Charter § 18.03, of certain interests in a portion of the property known as 1026 Faye Street for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Jahnke Road between its intersection with Blakemore Road and its intersection with Forest Hill Avenue.

**Patron:** Mayor Jones

ORD. 2016-025 - To authorize the acquisition by condemnation, in the manner prescribed by City Charter § 18.03, of certain interests in a portion of the property known as 1056 Boroughbridge Road for the public purpose of constructing multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Jahnke Road between its intersection with Blakemore Road and its intersection with Forest Hill Avenue.

**Patron:** Mayor Jones

*Lamont Benjamin, Capital Improvement Project Administrator – Department of Public Works, introduced ORD. 2016-018, ORD. 2016-019, ORD. 2016-020, ORD. 2016-021, ORD. 2016-022, ORD. 2016-023, ORD. 2016-024 and ORD. 2016-025. Mr. Benjamin explained that the city has made several attempts to negotiate with the property owners; however, the property owners hired private counsel. He further stated that the acquisitions are necessary to prepare for the construction of the project.*

**Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following papers to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 3/0:**

RES. 2016-R004 - To approve a conservation plan for the Church Hill Central Conservation Area.

**Patron:** Mayor Jones (By Request)

RES. 2016-R005 - To approve a conservation plan for the Woodville/Creighton Conservation Area.

**Patron:** Mayor Jones (By Request)

*Denise Lawus, Deputy Director II – Economic and Community Development, introduced RES. 2016-R004 and RES. 2016-R005.*

**Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following paper to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 3/0:**

ORD. 2016-026 - To amend and reordain ch. 24, art. II of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 9, consisting of new sections 24-251 through 24-258, and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by adding therein new fees for sections 24-252(d) and 24-254(b), for the purpose of permitting pedestrian enhancements within the right-of-way and excluding pedestrian enhancements from the general encroachment provisions set forth in the City Code.

**Patron:** Mayor Jones (By Request)

*Mark Olinger, Director – Planning and Development Review, introduced ORD. 2016-026 and explained that, over the last couple of years, interest regarding bicycle parking corrals and parklets has increased. Mr. Olinger explained that the parklets will be temporary, the permit expires after three years and the Director of Public Works will have the authority to revoke the use of a parklet at any time, if it is determined that the parklet is in noncompliance.*

*Councilor Parker Agelasto arrived and was seated.*

### **Support**

**Alice Tousignant**, Robinson Street Association president, spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the parklets will enhance the city and provide seating for pedestrians and cyclists.

**Roger Bouchard**, Scott's Addition Boulevard Association president, spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the Scott's Addition area was deficient in green space and the parklets will be a vehicle to create common areas and to incorporate green space. Mr. Bouchard stated that several businesses in the area have agreed to provide funding for a parklet prototype.

**Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward the following paper to Council with the recommendation to continue to the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Land Use, Housing & Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 3/0:**

ORD. 2015-199 - To amend City Code §§ 38-156, concerning the abatement of certain refuse, litter and weed control violations, and 86-44, concerning the times and places of collection for bulk items, brush and loose leaves, for the purposes of requiring the Chief Administrative Officer to waive certain fees for the abatement of certain violations, requiring the Director of Public Works to provide written notification of the date on which bulk items are scheduled for collection, and prohibiting the placement of bulk items for collection on or near a public right-of-way more than 48 hours before the date scheduled for collection.

**Patrons:** Ms. Robertson and Mr. Agelasto

*Chair Ellen Robertson advised the committee that city administration requested a continuation of the proposed legislation to the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, to allow additional time to discuss alternatives to bulk trash collection. Chair Robertson stated that city administration has indicated that the Department of Public Works does not have the resources to execute the proposed legislation.*

*John Buturla, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Operations, reported that city administration was also concerned about bulk trash collection and was discussing alternatives to address the issue.*

*Councilor Parker Agelasto expressed concerns regarding illegal dumping and enforcement regulations for violators.*

*Committee member Kathy Graziano stated that alternatives to the proposal should include restrictions on the size of the items for bulk collection and fines for violators.*

*Chair Robertson stated that she, along with Councilor Parker Agelasto, would like to meet with city administration, prior to the next committee meeting, to review recommendations for bulk trash collection.*

### **Staff Report**

Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst, and 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 4:27 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** March 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., Council Chamber, 2nd Floor City Hall

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