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Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair
The Honorable Jonathan Baliles – Vice Chair
The Honorable Kathy Graziano – Committee member
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Jean V. Capel, City Clerk
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 3:08 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 the Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 3:00 p.m., meeting and the Monday, March 7, 2016, 4:30 p.m., special meeting were approved ~ Motioned by Vice Chair Jonathan Baliles and seconded ~ Vote 3/0.

Board Vacancies

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

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to approve recommendation of the following board applicants, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 3/0:

Commission of Architectural Review

- David Cooley – Initial appointment

Urban Design Committee

- Dawn Hicks – Initial appointment

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Discussion Item(s)

Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC) System's CARE and CARE Plus Service

GRTC CEO David Green advised the committee that he was present to answer questions from the committee regarding the CARE and CARE Plus Services offered by GRTC.

Chair Ellen Robertson reported that several complaints had been received regarding the timing as it relates to picking up riders and the wait time riders are experiencing. She stated that an extensive report was received indicating that there was a significant shortage of operators that affected the delivery of services to riders. Chair Robertson asked Mr. Green to elaborate on actions proposed to address the deficiency and quality of the services.

Mr. Green reported that a support, from the contractor's general office, was provided in the form of a recruiter who worked to hire more drivers and an overall evaluation of the operation was currently underway. Mr. Green also reported that a report would be provided the end of March regarding findings.

Chief of Transit Operations Tim Barham advised the committee that new operator training classes were underway and will continue on a monthly bases until staffing levels are met to accommodate services offered.

Paper(s) for Consideration

Committee member Kathy Graziano moved to forward the following papers to Council with the recommendation to continue to the April 19th Land Use, Housing & Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 3/0:

ORD. 2015-033 - To rename the building located at 900 East Broad Street and known as "City Hall" as "L. Douglas Wilder City Hall."
Patron: Ms. Trammell

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 moved to forward the following paper to Council with no recommendation, which was seconded and approved ~ Vote 3/0:

RES. 2016-R016 - To establish a policy of the Council that the Council will appoint no person to the Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to more than two consecutive full terms.
Patron: Mr. Agelasto

Chair Ellen Robertson stated that she would like the opportunity to discuss the proposed legislation with the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and recommended that the committee move the paper forward with no recommendation.

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:

RES. 2016-R017 - To amend Res. No. 2003-R230-2004-R18, adopted Jan. 12, 2004, as previously amended by Res. No. 2010-R141-173, adopted Nov. 8, 2010, which established a procedure to be followed before the Council appoints a tenant representative to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, to modify the procedure.
Patrons: Ms. Newbille, Ms. Robertson and Mr. Agelasto

Chair Ellen Robertson introduced RES. 2016-R017.

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. 2016-080 - To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept a gift, valued at up to \$75,000, from the Friends of Allen Avenue Common of materials, construction, and other services needed to complete improvements to the southeast Allen Avenue median.
Patron: Mayor Jones

ORD. 2016-081 - To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept a gift, valued at approximately \$61,591, from the Friends of Jefferson Park of fitness trail equipment for the purpose of replacing existing fitness trail equipment of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities located on the grounds of Jefferson Park at 1921 Princess Anne Avenue.
Patron: Mayor Jones

Norman Merrifield, Director – Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, introduced ORD. 2016-080 and ORD. 2016-081.

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:

RES. 2016-R019 - To request the Virginia Department of Transportation to amend the street mileage inventory for the City of Richmond.
Patron: Mayor Jones

M. Khara, Deputy Director/City Engineer – Department of Public Works, introduced RES. 2016-R019.

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:

RES. 2016-R018 - To support the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit project.
Patron: Ms. Newbille

The Land Use, Housing & Transportation Standing Committee members asked to be added as co-patrons to the proposed legislation.

Chair Ellen Robertson introduced RES. 2016-R018.

Staff Report

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

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.