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Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

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 (*late arrival*)
The Honorable Kristen Larson – Committee member
Meghan Brown, Deputy Council Chief of Staff
Jean Capel, City Clerk
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
Alexander Rawles, Boards and Commissions Administrator
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney

Call to Order

Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 1:08 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.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Board Vacancies

Alexander Rawles, boards and commissions administrator, reviewed the following board application for consideration by the committee:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Committee Action</u>
Commission of Architectural Review (9 members)	Richmond Association of Realtors nominee*		Continued consideration to June 20, 2017 committee meeting

* Applicants must either reside or work in the city.

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Paper(s) for Consideration

Member Larson moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2017-069

To amend City Code §§ 8-58, 8-61, 8-62, and 8-63, concerning the sale of City-owned real estate, for the purpose of providing for the conduct of a competitive process prior to the acceptance of an unsolicited offer to purchase City-owned real estate.

Patron: Mr. Agelasto

To be continued to the June 20, 2017 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

ORD. 2017-088

To repeal Ord. No. 2014-245-225, adopted Dec. 8, 2014, which declared surplus and directed the sale of certain interests of the City in real estate located at 120 Shockoe Slip and 1331 A East Canal Street and in air rights over a portion of East Canal Street near its intersection with South 13th Street for \$916,000 to Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership for the purpose of facilitating the expansion of the existing headquarters building of the Martin Agency.

Patron: Mr. Agelasto

To be continued to the June 20, 2017 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

ORD. 2017-087

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a First Amendment to Amended Water Contract between the City of Richmond and the County of Chesterfield for the purpose of providing for the sale of additional water to the County of Chesterfield and for the construction, operation, and maintenance of new water capacity facilities by the County of Chesterfield on a portion of Lewis G. Larus Park located at 8850 West Huguenot Road in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

To be continued to the June 20, 2017 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Presentation(s)

Green City Commission Update

Vice Chair Kim Gray arrived and was seated.

Trip Pollard, Chair of Richmond Green City Commission, updated the committee on the commission's responsibilities and duties, and reported on the reconfiguration of the commission to track five priorities included in the RVAgreen Plan: economic development, energy, environment, open space and land use, and transportation. Mr. Pollard further reported on the commission's achievements over the past years and future goals and projects. He advised the committee that the commission was also working on a policy to address the application of pesticides in the city's public parks.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

State Economic Development Projects

Director of Virginia Department of General Services Chris Beschler, briefed the committee on the state's major capital projects which included the completion of the Barbara Johns Building; new construction plans for the General Assembly building and the Broad Street parking garage;

renovation plans for the old City Hall, the Virginia Supreme Court building, the War Memorial Carillon at Byrd Park, the Monroe Tomb (Hollywood Cemetery); and expansion of the Department of Forensic Science – Biotech 2 building.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

The committee asked questions regarding transportation options for state employees working in the Forensic Science-Biotech 2 building, and asked Mr. Beschler to facilitate a meeting with state and city representatives to discuss options to maximize usages of existing and new parking garages.

Vice Chair Gray moved to forward the following paper to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

ORD. 2017-094

To designate West Duval Street and East Duval Street in honor of the Reverend John Jasper.

Patron: Ms. Gray

Vice Chair Gray introduced ORD. 2017-094.

Support

Benjamin Ross, historian at Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church, spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the church will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year and would like to celebrate the occasion by honoring the church's founding pastor, Reverend John Jasper.

Member Larson moved to forward the following paper to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

RES. 2017-R024

To designate the properties known as 1000 Carlisle Avenue, 1000 A Carlisle Avenue, and 1000 B Carlisle Avenue as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2.

Patron: Vice President Newbille (By Request)

Jennifer Mullen, the applicant's representative, stated that the designation was in accordance to Virginia Code and will allow the applicant to seek funding from the Virginia Housing Development Authority.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Gray moved to approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Discussion Item(s)

None

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, council policy analyst, provided the committee with the May staff report and reported that, the committee had requested the Greater Richmond Transit Company to generate a report detailing the number of cancelled trips because of transportation issues; however, GRTC had informed him that their reporting software does not have the capability to extract such data.

Chair Robertson advised Mr. Taylor that she wanted to meet with him, prior to GRTC's presentation before the Organizational Development Standing Committee, to formulate a list of questions for GRTC regarding its operation and temporary transportation provider.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.