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Minutes

Governmental Operations Standing Committee

Thursday, February 22, 2018

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair
The Honorable Kimberly Gray – Vice Chair
The Honorable Parker Agelasto – Member
Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff
Tara Bethea, Assistant City Clerk
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst
Charles Jackson, Council Budget Analyst

Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Evacuation Announcement

Upon the chair's request, Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy 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

None

Approval of Minutes

Member Parker Agelasto moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2018, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

Vice Chair Kimberly Gray moved to amend the agenda as follows:

ORD. 2017-236

To amend ch. 12, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new § 12-11.01 for the purpose of requiring the Chief Administrative Officer to cause to be developed a ten-year citywide infrastructure maintenance plan for the purpose of identifying, funding, and completing City infrastructure maintenance projects.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

To be continued to the March 22, 2018 Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting

RES. 2017-R079

To amend the Rules of Procedure adopted by Res. No. 2017-R001, adopted Jan. 3, 2017, as previously amended by Res. No. 2017-R013, adopted Mar. 27, 2017, Res. No. 2017-R017, adopted Mar. 27, 2017, and Res. No. 2017-R032, adopted Jun. 26, 2017, for the purpose of requiring a formal City Council meeting to be held on the fourth Monday of the month of October.

Patron: Ms. Larson

To be continued to the March 22, 2018 Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting

RES. 2018-R018

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be prepared and submitted to the Council a monthly report that provides certain data relevant to electronic citizen requests for services for the purpose of monitoring City responsiveness.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

To be continued to the March 22, 2018 Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting

RES. 2018-R019

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be developed a policy and methodology to implement performance budgeting for all departments, boards, commissions, and agencies of the City for the purpose of using performance indicator data to allocate resources.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

To be continued to the March 22, 2018 Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-027

To amend City Code § 11-104, concerning exceptions to the prohibitions on unlawful dumping and unlawful accumulation, to provide that bulk items and tree and shrubbery trimmings placed for collection by the City pursuant to City Code § 23-44 do not constitute unlawful accumulation, and to amend City Code §§ 23-1, 23-43, and 23-44, concerning the collection of solid waste, to require the Director of Public Works to provide for the regular collection of bulk items and tree and shrubbery trimmings.

Patron: Ms. Gray

Vice Chair Kim Gray introduced Ord. 2018-027 stating that due to illegal dumping, she would like to have a more frequent schedule for the bulk and brush program to include the collection of mattresses and upholstery items.

Bobby Vincent, director of Public Works, stated that the department is continually responding to illegal dumping and reported that upholstery items can be delivered to one of the two disposable facilities within the city by the residents free of charge, or residents have the option to have them picked up for a fee. Mr. Vincent also provided the committee with statistics on the improvements of the new enhanced bulk and brush program, which included enforcement measures, departmental resources and responses to citizens' requests.

In response to Member Parker Agelasto concerns related to trash pickups after neighborhood cleanups, Mr. Vincent stated that citizens can call Public Works for assistance.

Mr. Vincent reported that the projected five hundred and fifty thousand dollar surplus was derived from general funds revenue and at this time, he could not offer specifics regarding the proposed increase nor any

anticipated appropriations. However, Mr. Vincent stressed a need for fleet replacement and additional personnel.

Member Agelasto asked the City Attorney's office to follow up with the committee regarding possible state code regulations governing charges for sanitation and waste removal.

Chair Andreas Addison requested an analysis of the projected revenue increase forecasted for the Department of Public Works during the 2nd financial quarter.

Vice Chair Kim Gray asked that she receive the comprehensive policy for the new enhanced bulk and brush program.

Member Agelasto moved to forward ORD. 2018-027 to the February 26, 2018 Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-038

To amend Ord. No. 2017-147, adopted Sept. 11, 2017, which established an Ethics Reform Task Force to review and provide recommendations concerning ethical standards applicable to local government in the city, to revise the reporting deadlines for the Ethics Reform Task Force.

Patron: Ms. Larson

Joyce Davis, Council Policy analyst, provided an introduction of Ord. 2018-038.

Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2018-027 to the February 26, 2018 Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2017-R092

To establish a policy of the Council that the Council will appoint a current City retiree to the Board of Trustees of the Richmond Retirement System to fill one of the three appointments not required to be a member of the classified service.

Patrons: Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Agelasto

Member Parker Agelasto requested that Res. 2017-R092 be continued to allow an opportunity to receive feedback from city administration.

Member Agelasto moved to continue RES. 2017-R092 to the March 22, 2018 Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2017-R093

To express the City Council's support for making improvements and repairs to streets, sidewalks, and alleys a priority to ensure that all people may travel safely and conveniently upon them.

Patron: Ms. Gray

Vice Chair Kim Gray provided an introduction of Res. 2017-R093.

Robert Steidel, deputy chief administrative officer for Operations, suggested that RES. 2017-R093 also include bridges as a priority of the proposed legislation.

Member Parker Agelasto recommended that Res. 2017-R093 also be amended to include the implementation of vision zero [a multi-national road traffic safety project that aims to achieve a highway system with no fatalities or serious injuries involving road traffic].

Member Parker Agelasto and Chair Andreas Addison requested to be added as co-patrons of Res. 2017-R093.

Chair Addison moved to forward RES. 2017-R093 to the February 26, 2018 Council meeting with recommendation to approve with amendments, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

Board Vacancies

None

Staff Report

Council Policy Analyst Joyce Davis provided the committee with the February staff report.

A copy of the report provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.