

City of Richmond

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Standing Committee

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Chair
The Honorable Kristen Larson – Vice Chair
The Honorable Andreas Addison – Committee Member
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

Call to Order

Chair Reva Trammell called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

City Clerk Candice Reid provided information on the appropriate manner in which to evacuate the council chamber in the event of an emergency, along with citizen speaker guidelines.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Member Andreas Addison moved to approve the June 26, 2018, Public Safety Standing Committee meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Papers for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-202

To amend ch. 24, art. II, div. 1 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 24-34.1, concerning the duties of businesses to remove refuse from paved sidewalks and provide refuse receptacles for public use. Patron: Ms. Robertson

Council Policy Analyst Steve Taylor provided introductory remarks and answered questions regarding ORD. 2018-202.

Director of Public Works Bobby Vincent responded to questions regarding the current laws governing refuse in the public right of way abutting businesses.

Vice Chair Kristen Larson asked whether the proposed legislation applies only to business owners' responsibility to manage refuse.

Mr. Vincent responded that the proposed legislation applies only to city business owners.

Following ongoing discussion, Member Addison stated that he would like to give the patron of the proposed legislation an opportunity to explain the intent of her request and to see if she would be amenable to changes to the legislation.

There were no further discussions and Member Addison moved to continue ORD. 2018-202 to the next Public Safety Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Board Vacancies

City Clerk Candice Reid reviewed board vacancies and applications for the committee's consideration.

There were no comments or discussions and Member Addison moved to forward the following appointment and reappointment applicants to Council with the recommendation to approve:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration (15 members)	Members, at least eight of whom shall be residents of the city, shall be representatives from any combination of the following categories: 1. Resident of the community within the city where correctional resident-based services, establishments providing alternatives to incarceration or correctional facilities are located 2. At-large resident of the city 3. Richmond Public Schools 4. Workforce development agency 5. Small minority business development organization 6. Technical educational institution 7. Higher educational institution 8. Law enforcement 9. State or local department of social services 10. Administrator of a community-based corrections program 11. Faith-based community organization 12. Business community 13. Council member representing the district in which the Justice Center is located (4 vacancies nominated and appointed by Council)	At-large resident of the city: James B. Arnold (page 3) Denise D. Cooper (reappointment) Toni Johnson (reappointment)

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Discussion Item(s)

August Committee Meeting

It was the consensus of the committee to dispense with its August meeting.

Staff Report

Council Policy Analyst Steve Taylor distributed the July staff report to the committee.

Other Discussion

Vice Chair Larson requested that Fire Chief Carter provide stats on 911 calls for incidents occurring at city parks during the summer months.

Fire Chief Carter responded that the public safety factions of the city should produce an annual report of such events, other incidents, calls and any additional pertinent information to present to the committee.

Chair Reva Trammell requested that Emergency Communications Director Stephen Willoughby provide an update of the new 911 text messaging system at the committee's September meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.