

City of Richmond

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Standing Committee

Tuesday, September 25, 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 Candice Reid, City Clerk Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

Absent

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Committee Member

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

There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes of the Tuesday, July 24, 2018, Public Safety Standing Committee meeting, at 12:00 p.m., and the minutes were approved as presented.

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

Vice Chair Larson requested that the patron of ORD. 2018-202 either attend the next committee meeting or meet with committee members individually and explain the intent of the legislation.

Chair Trammell stated that she and city business owners want additional information regarding ORD. 2018-202: she asked that the ordinance be continued.

Council Policy Analyst Steven Taylor responded stating that he will relay the request to the patron.

There were no further discussions and Vice Chair Larson moved to continue ORD. 2018-202 to the October 23, 2018, Public Safety Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-239

To amend ch. 12, art. IV by adding therein new § 12-122; and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by adding therein a new fee for § 12-122, concerning the fee for an electronic summons system for criminal and traffic courts, for the purpose of establishing a fee for an electronic summons system. Patron: Mayor Stoney

William Smith, Richmond Police Department Special Operations captain, introduced ORD. 2018-239 stating that the legislation would offset costs to the city for an electronic summons system.

Vice Chair Larson asked if the system could be used to issue summonses for code enforcement violations.

Captain Smith responded stating that code enforcement violations are handled differently than traffic and criminal summonses since a certain amount of time must have lapsed before a code violation summons can be issued; however, the electronic summons system can be utilized in any case where officers would normally issue a written summons.

There were no further discussions and Vice Chair Larson moved to forward ORD. 2018-239 to the October 8, 2018, Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-255

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Procurement Services, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the second Contract Modification to Contract No. 16000022041 between the City and Manchester Marketing, Inc. T/A Seibert's Towing for towing-related services and tow lot operation for the purpose of specifying a rate increase for six vehicle fees listed in Contract No. 16000022041.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Interim Deputy Director of General Services Lynn Lancaster introduced ORD. 2018-255 stating that industry fee increases and a tow driver shortage continue to negatively impact the Virginia towing business and warrant rate increases to vehicle fees. Ms. Lancaster reviewed the current fee rates and the recommended increases and responded to questions of the committee.

There were no further discussions and Vice Chair Larson moved to forward ORD. 2018-255 to the October 8, 2018, Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Board Vacancies

There were no board vacancies.

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Staff Report

A copy of the staff report provided to the committee has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

