

# **City of Richmond**

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **Public Safety Standing Committee**

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

#### **Committee Members and Staff in Attendance**

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Chair The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair Richard Hill, Assistant City Attorney Allison Miessler, Boards and Commissions Administrator Candice Reid, City Clerk Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

#### **Absent**

The Honorable Chris Hilbert - Committee Member

#### Call to Order

Chair Reva Trammell called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

### **Evacuation Announcement 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.

### Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

### Paper(s) for Consideration

## The following ordinance was considered:

### ORD. 2018-291

To amend City Code §§ 10-79, concerning the award of franchises and permits to operators of emergency medical service vehicles, and 10-83, concerning the suspension of authorization to operate emergency medical service vehicles, to make modifications to the City's regulations governing the operation of emergency medical service vehicles in the right-of-way.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

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Fire Chief Melvin Carter recommended for the paper to be continued for no more than thirty days at the behest of Councilman Andreas Addison, and assured that they would return with recommendations.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to continue ORD. 2018-291 to the February 26, 2019 Public Safety Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

### The following ordinance was considered:

### ORD. 2018-336

To authorize the City Attorney to file an appropriate petition pursuant to Va. Code § 23.1-815(B)(iv) for concurrent jurisdiction by the City's Department of Police and the campus police force of Virginia Commonwealth University in certain designated areas.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Interim Police Chief William Smith introduced ORD. 2018-336 stating that due to increased VCU expansion in the downtown area, the broadening of the concurrent jurisdiction is a logical decision.

Vice Chair Kim Gray expressed support for ORD. 2018-336, as well as for both police departments in their current coverage of the concurrent jurisdiction.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Kim Gray moved to forward ORD. 2018-336 to the January 28, 2019 City Council meeting with a recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

### The following ordinance was considered:

### ORD. 2019-008

To amend ch. 27, art. VIII of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 27-358, concerning weight limits for vehicles or combination of vehicles, and 27-359, concerning liquidated damages for the violation of weight limits for any vehicle or combination of vehicles, for the purpose of imposing weight limits on any vehicle and combination of vehicles, and prescribing the liquidated damages for overweight vehicles.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Interim Police Chief William Smith, introduced ORD. 2019-008 stating that the ordinance would allow the city to recover liquidated damages, in relation to weight enforcement, that have gone to the state of Virginia in the past.

Vice Chair Kim Gray voiced concern about school buses violating weight limits when driving across the Boulevard and Lombardy Bridges. She requested for Richmond Public Schools to be notified of areas that are prohibited to school buses.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2019-008 with a recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

### **Board Vacancies**

Allison Miessler, Boards and Commissions Administrator, reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

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

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	Higher Education Institution: Kristin Reed (reappointment)
Community Criminal Justice	Judge of the General District Court	Judge David Cheek
Board	(1 vacancy)	(reappointment)
(15 members)	A 15 4 4 50 11 11 11 11 15	
Richmond Ambulance Authority	Applicants must either reside or work in the city	Julia Hammond
(11 members)	(2 vacancies)	Dr. Michael E. Kelly

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

## Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Councilwoman Reva Trammell inquired as to whether tow trucks are required by law to have signage displayed on the vehicle, and if a member of the city's towing board could speak at the next committee meeting.

Interim Police Chief William Smith advised that tow truck signage requirements depend on the capacity in which the vehicle is being used.

## **Staff Report**

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

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.