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Minutes

Organizational Development Standing Committee

Monday, February 4, 2019

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille – Chair
The Honorable Chris Hilbert – Vice Chair (late arrival)
The Honorable Andreas Addison – Member (late arrival)
The Honorable Parker Agelasto – Member
The Honorable Kim Gray – Member
The Honorable Michael Jones – Member
The Honorable Kristen Larson – Member
The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Member
The Honorable Reva Trammell – Member
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Allen Jackson, City Attorney
Candice Reid, City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Evacuation Announcement

City Clerk Candice Reid provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

Reports from City Administration, Council Staff and Other Parties

General Assembly Update

Laura Bateman of Advantus Strategies provided the committee with the following General Assembly (GA) legislative updates:

- Bills regarding election run offs and lobbying restrictions cleared their respective chambers of origin.
- Machinery and tools tax bill was defeated
- E-scooter bill passed in the House
- There are house and senate constitutional amendment bills to establish independent redistricting commissions

Member Ellen Robertson inquired as to the patrons of the constitutional bills.

Ms. Bateman responded that the house resolution is sponsored by Delegate Mark Cole and the senate resolution is sponsored by Senator George Barker.

Member Kristen Larson requested an update regarding Delegate Betsy Carr's plastic bag tax bill.

Ms. Bateman stated that the bill may have been tabled but she will verify and provide follow up.

Ron Jordan of Advantus Strategies provided the committee with the following state budget updates:

- House appropriations and senate finance committees recently reported their versions of the state budget and both have set aside revenue to fund tax relief as a result of the federal 2018 Tax Reform Bill, leaving about \$900 million for the GA to consider
- Half of the 900 million must be dedicated to the existing Medicaid program
- Additional 2% on top of 3% raise for school teachers proposed
- Increased percentage from 40% to 45% of lottery per pupil appropriation will go directly to localities' school divisions
- Additional money proposed for interest rate subsidy program for school construction
- House and senate changes proposed for post-retirement health benefits program for teachers
- Additional funding bills for school safety proposed

Vice Chair Chris Hilbert arrived at 5:23 and was seated.

Member Robertson requested that Mr. Jordan provide Council with the education budget amendment proposals.

Member Larson inquired as to the cost the city will incur to cover raises for teachers.

Mr. Jordan stated that the school division may be better equipped to respond to Ms. Larson's question.

Mr. Jordan provided the committee with the following GA legislative updates regarding casino gaming and answered related questions of the committee:

- Recommendation that JLARC study the matter along with governing and taxation structures and revenue distribution
- Senate bill to set up gaming regulation under state lottery board and localities eligibility to host casino gaming facility, sets tax rate at 20%
- Senate bill to distribute varying percentages of casino gaming tax revenue to seven areas like transportation, tourism and gambling treatment fund

Member Andreas Addison arrived at 5:33 and was seated.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Approval of the Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes of the Monday, January 7, 2019, Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting, and the minutes were approved as presented.

Consideration of Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Similar Entities

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

Member Ellen Robertson moved to forward the following reappointments to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>
Audit Committee (7 members) (page 2)	Lawyer (2 vacancies)	Joseph Kearfott (reappointment, page 3) Donald Cowles (reappointment, page 4)

Member Kim Gray moved to forward the following appointment to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>
Human Rights Commission (13 members) (page 8)	Youth who are students of public schools administered by the School Board of the city of Richmond, Virginia, enrolled in the tenth, 11 th , or 12 th grades. Applicants must be residents of the city of Richmond and broadly representative of the community with respect to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, national origin, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, transgender status, or gender identity. (1 vacancy)	Anna Homer (page 9)

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Reports from City Administration, Council Staff and Other Parties (Continued)

Street Condition Assessment

Bobby Vincent, Department of Public Works (DPW) director, provided a report regarding the city's street condition assessment in response to proposed [ORD. 2018-289](#), stating that DPW evaluates the conditions of all city streets every four years, and a complete assessment of city road conditions will be finalized in March, utilizing the Micro Paver pavement management software. Mr. Vincent stated that if ORD. 2018-289 is adopted to mandate annual assessments, it will cost \$300,000 per year, eliminate DPW's ability to pave 6.64 moving lane miles and assessments will take at least 8 months to complete. Mr. Vincent reported the city's street condition rating goals, road maintenance industry standards, paving history and related costs as well as future funding needs. He also provided the following recommendations of DPW:

- Withdraw ORD. 2018-289
- Provide street condition assessment report every 4 years

- Adjust ratings and provide annual update to Council
- Adequately fund city's paving program to meet goal of 80% of streets considered good or better goal

Member Kristen Larson stated clarified the intent of her proposed ORD. 2018-289 and shared concerns regarding how Council determines funding for street paving.

Member Kim Gray expressed concerns regarding streets damaged due to utility work and massive pot holes surrounding manhole covers.

Mr. Vincent stated that \$277 million is needed to adequately fund city infrastructure improvements.

Member Andreas Addison asked how the city can vie for additional infrastructure maintenance funding.

Mr. Vincent responded that the state does not allocate Richmond its fair share of lane mile maintenance funding, and suggested that the city appeal to the GA for more funding.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Selena Cuffee-Glenn and DCAO of Operations Bob Steidel were also present to respond to questions from the committee.

Member Parker Agelasto stated that in 2018, Council ear marked approximately \$2 million in unassigned surplus funding for street and sidewalk repairs; he suggested that DPW work with city administration to draft and introduce a budget amendment ordinance to transfer the funding to the department for that purpose.

Member Larson stated that she is requesting a needs-based street paving plan to include anticipated costs.

Chair Cynthia Newbille requested that Mr. Vincent update the committee at its next meeting.

CAO Selena Cuffee-Glenn stated that city administration will provide a written report to the body regarding current street conditions and associated paving/repair costs.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Reports of Standing Committees

There were no reports of standing committees.

Papers for Consideration

There were no papers for consideration.

Discussion Item(s)

FYs 2020-2024 Revenue and Expenditure Plan

Budget and Strategic Planning Director Jay Brown was present to answer questions from the committee regarding his previously provided revenue and expenditure plan presentation.

Council's Rules of Procedure

Chair Cynthia Newbille requested committee members to review the most recent copy of Council's

Rules of Procedure and provide any proposed amendments to the city clerk before the March Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.
A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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