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Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair
The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair
The Honorable Michael Jones – Committee member
The Honorable Parker Agelasto – Council member
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Bill Echelberger, Jr., Council Budget Analyst
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m., and presided.

Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Pamela Nichols, assistant 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 Period

There were no public comment speakers.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the meeting minutes of Tuesday, April 16, 2019, and the committee approved the minutes as presented: Ayes 2, Robertson, Gray. Jones was excused.

Board Vacancies

There were no board applications for review.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

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

ORD. 2018-289

To amend ch. 24, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new § 24-4 for the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Works to conduct a study of the conditions of all streets, roads, and bridges in the city and to provide a report to City Council by no later than Feb. 1, 2019, and by no later than Feb. 1 each year thereafter.

Patron: Ms. Larson

To be continued to June 18, 2019 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting

ORD. 2018-231

To amend and reordain City Code §§ 26-397, concerning definitions, 26-399, concerning the eligibility criteria for partial exemption of rehabilitated residential and multifamily structures or other improvements from real estate taxation, and 26-401, concerning the amount of exemption for rehabilitated residential and multifamily qualified structures, and to amend ch. 26, art. V, div. 3 by adding therein new §§ 26-398.1, concerning the evaluation of such program, and 26-401.1, concerning affordable housing certification, for the purpose of revising the City's partial tax exemption program for residential and multifamily structures by defining certain terms and modifying the qualification requirements for the receipt and duration of partial exemption from real estate taxation.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

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The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Gray, Robertson. Jones was excused.

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2019-131

To establish a residential permit parking district in the South Mulberry Street neighborhood.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2019-132

To establish a residential permit parking district in the Randolph neighborhood.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Councilor Parker Agelasto introduced ORD. 2019-131 and ORD 2019-132 and explained that growth and development in the subject areas have impeded residents from finding parking within close proximity of their homes and the proposed legislation will help reduce the impact to residents in both neighborhoods.

Support

Doug Leslie expressed his support of ORD. 2019-131.

Ben Rose, Jr., provided the committee with a copy of his comments and stated that the residential permit parking will help maintain the character of the South Mulberry Street neighborhood.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2019-131 and 2019-132 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-130

To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of certain easements upon, over, under, and across certain properties located at 3502 North Hopkins Road and 3516 North Hopkins Road for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, inspection, repair, replacement, and removal of communication lines and associated appurtenances in accordance with a certain Deed of Easement.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Jackie Crotts, deputy director of technology – Emergency Communications, introduced ORD. 2019-130.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2019-130 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion Item(s)

Future Committee Presentations and Discussions

Chair Ellen Robertson stated that she plans to poll committee members and to work with Council staff to compile a list of presentation and discussion items prior to the next committee meeting. The committee agreed to continue consideration of this item to its June committee meeting.

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, council policy analyst, and Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, provided the committee with the May staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.