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Minutes

Organizational Development Standing Committee

Monday, June 3, 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
The Honorable Andreas Addison – Member
The Honorable Parker Agelasto – Member
The Honorable Kim Gray – Member
The Honorable Michael Jones – Member (early departure)
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
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m., and presided.

Approval of the Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes of the Monday, May 6, 2019, Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m., and the minutes were approved as presented.

Consideration of Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Similar Entities

Boards and Commissions Administrator Allison Miessler reviewed the following Maggie L. Walker Initiative Citizens Advisory Board (MWICAB) applicants for consideration by the committee:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>
Maggie L. Walker Initiative	Resident of a census tract with 25% poverty	Dominic Barrett
	(2 Council, 3 Mayoral vacancies)	No Mayoral recommendations

Citizens Advisory Board (15 members)	Rep. of business with majority Richmond workforce (1 Council vacancy)	Avohom Carpenter
	Resident (1 Mayoral vacancy)	<i>No Mayoral recommendations</i>

Committee Member Ellen Robertson moved that consideration of the board appointments be continued to the Monday, July 1, 2019 Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

Member Kim Gray expressed concern about the delay in reviewing individuals who previously submitted applications.

Member Parker Agelasto stated the committee could appoint the two pending applicants, which would leave five vacancies for future consideration of potential applicants. He inquired about the reasoning for delaying consideration.

Chair Cynthia Newbille noted additional applications for the advisory board are due by June 15, 2019, and informed the committee the continuance was requested to allow consideration of current and possible additional applicants at the July 1, 2019, Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting.

Member Ellen Robertson stated the continuance would allow the advisory board more time to receive additional applications in the hope of filling all vacancies collectively as the advisory board determines future goals and objectives.

Member Gray reiterated her concern about the delay in reviewing individuals who previously submitted applications.

Member Robertson asked for the support of the committee to trust the purpose and intent of the advisory board as it moves into the new fiscal year.

The motion to continue was seconded and approved: Ayes 5, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Addison, Newbille. Noes 4, Agelasto, Gray, Trammell, Hilbert.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Reports from City Administration, Council Staff and Other Parties

Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (RMTA) Update

Joi Dean, RMTA chief administrative officer, provided the committee with an informational update of RMTA, its strategic plan and future projects.

Member Michael Jones excused the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Member Parker Agelasto referenced Council's prior requests to have a Richmond City Councilmember appointed to the RMTA board of supervisors. He noted that elected officials from Henrico and Chesterfield Counties have members on the board of supervisors, but Richmond does not. He asked that the recommendation of a Councilmember be considered by the mayor.

Member Agelasto inquired about the residual parcels remaining from the construction of the Downtown Expressway. He asked about the statuses of a memorandum of understanding (MOU)

and the clearing up of title possession of the remaining parcels.

Ms. Dean stated that meetings previously occurred to address the MOU, but she was willing to work with Council on that issue. She added that there are still outstanding parcels and that RMTA would be happy to work with Council to address them.

Member Agelasto inquired about RMTA's use of parcels in residential areas for prolonged storage of equipment and if RMTA had permits for this parcel usage, specifically a parcel located at Douglasdale Road.

Ms. Dean informed the committee that the Virginia Department of Transportation previously maintained roadways operated by RMTA, and that responsibility recently transferred to the authority. She stated the Douglasdale location was used mostly for storage of snow removal vehicles and equipment. She further informed the committee that most of the vehicles and equipment would be moved to the RMTA's site located at Powhite South. She also stated she was unaware of any zoning violations, but would address them if required.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC) Update

Barry O. Herring, GRTC chief financial officer, and Garland Williams, GRTC director of planning and scheduling, provided the committee with an informational update of GRTC's structure, budget and proposed enhancements.

Committee Member Parker Agelasto inquired about GRTC's current relationship with Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU).

Mr. Herring and Mr. Williams informed the committee that negotiations with VCU were ongoing, and they provided information regarding Member Agelasto's additional questions about GRTC's budget and funding.

Committee Member Kristen Larson spoke of Chesterfield County residents driving into the city to use GRTC's Stony Point Express, and stated Chesterfield County should be contributing more to GRTC's budget. Member Larson addressed the city budget process and requested that GRTC present budget related issues, including route expansion, to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee for review, before budget work sessions begin.

Committee Member Kim Gray stated that a significant percentage of the city's budget contributes to GRTC, and that the Council and general public should be more informed about GRTC operations.

Benjamin P. Campbell, vice-chair, GRTC Board of Directors, addressed the committee and stated GRTC will establish a communication method to share information and engage in discussion with Council in the coming year.

Member Gray asked that information be provided to Council showing data of Pulse ridership numbers by individual stations.

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Discussion Item(s)

There were no items for discussion.

Chair Cynthia Newbille informed the committee that a letter of condolences for Roy A. West, former Richmond City mayor and councilman, was shared on behalf of Richmond City Council. Chair Newbille added that a letter was being prepared on behalf of Council to be shared with Virginia Beach City Council expressing condolences over recent events.

Chair Newbille stated that any member of Council who wishes to submit legislative proposals should submit requests to Council Policy Analyst Joyce Davis as soon as possible.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.