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**Subject:** ORDINANCE No. 2019-318  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 10:37:47 AM

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RE: AN ORDINANCE No. 2019-318

I support Kristen Larson's proposal to list all capital projects individually and not group together for better transparency. I support the budget for each project itemized in the capital projects budget to determine if proper oversight has been given to the project and provide better transparency and accountability.

Thank you,  
Katrina Comolli  
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**From:** [Charlesworth, Jo Ann](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Charlesworth, Jo Ann](#)  
**Subject:** Weighing in with support for Kristen Larson's proposal for new legislation to change ...  
**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2019 1:37:32 PM

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the city ordinance re how money is allocated for capital projects. We must do much better in every financial decision before the city in order to meet the most crucial needs of every citizen, not just special interest groups. City services, especially Dept of Public Works fails daily to repair or replace streets that are riddled with pot holes and sink holes.

Dept of Public Utilities rates are the highest in the state and include

1. base rate water and base rate sewer
2. additional fee for water usage and sewer usage,
3. a recycling fee, and four times a year a storm water usage fee. Recent changes to the storm water fee rate decreased the fee for some homeowners and greatly increased the fee for others. The rate is based on a new range of square footage of impervious surfaces. That range has several categories, most including a 2000 sq. ft. range within each category. At 4000 sq. ft. impervious surfaces, the range expands to include all sq. footage above 4000 sq. ft., creating a category that has no top and doesn't distinguish between 4000 sq. ft. and beyond. To be fair to all residents the range of categories beyond 4000 sq. feet should continue in increments of 2000 sq. ft.
4. in addition, recent changes in the city's leaf collection policy first took away the vacuuming service until the 4th District made the case that it was impractical and immensely costly to residents in the 4th district - neighborhoods of large wooded lots. The city then agreed to restore the service for a \$30 fee per each vacuuming service. This is a service that previous administrations were able to provide from 1976 (when we moved to RVA) through 2017.
5. Another service that is not provided in Willow Oaks and perhaps the entire 4th District is snow removal on neighborhood streets. For the past two years the most that ever happens several days after the storm is the DPW will plow the street, without any chemicals, thus creating a sheet of ice on the streets/hills and pushing a wall of snow that overnight becomes a 18" high (or higher) wall of ice at the end of our driveway.
6. Landscaping and median plantings and our parks are all another source of failure of city services. It takes maintenance, not just planting to produce lovely medians.

There are many indications that the city is not capable of providing the basic services (as noted above) at any cost to ALL city residents. Yet hardly a day goes by without the local news and the RT-D once again highlighting fraud, waste, nepotism, high salaries for no service and golden parachutes and the list goes on.....

I support Kristen and others who see what is obvious to many, if not most, of the city residents, i.e. "the emperor has no clothes."

I am hopeful that someone with financial acumen and the realization that what residents want are safety, good roads, city services (as indicated above). I would add schools, the city having the worst in the state year after year; however, no matter how much money we pour into them, that will not work because we are not addressing the cause and until we do we are failing our students and our city's future.

Jo Ann Charlesworth

**From:** [Paula Ellis](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Capital Improvements  
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I'm in agreement with Kristen's proposal relating to [new legislation](#) that will require capital improvements *"be listed individually and not grouped into one listed project with other unrelated capital projects."*

Unrelated to the above, I would appreciate Kristen taking time to check out Forest Hill Ave. between Huguenot Rd & Stony Point Rd. on both sides of the road especially near median at Huguenot Rd. The potholes that have been patched over & over are getting worse.

As a taxpayer within the Summerhill at Stony Point over 55 community, I do not receive your usual services to residents as my condo community handles many of the services; with that being said I do use the portion of Forest Hill on a daily basis & would like to see the entire section repaved as Stony Point Rd. was last year.

Thank you for your time.

**Paula Ellis**  
**3116 Lake Terrace Ct.**  
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*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

*(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV)*

**From:** [Laura Walser](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Budget Transparency  
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I would like to add my support to Kristen Larson's proposed legislation re: line item budget items. This transparency is greatly needed in Richmond, and perhaps we'd be more accepting of projects if we felt that the money was being tracked and reported efficiently and correctly.

Thanks,  
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**From:** [Missy Rogers](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** City Projects  
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I support Kristen Larson's legislation regarding the allocation of funds for city projects

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