



City of Richmond
Navy Hill Development Proposal
Work Session Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
www.richmondgov.com/cityclerk

Monday, November 4, 2019

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Parker Agelasto
The Honorable Kim Gray (late arrival)
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson (late arrival)
The Honorable Ellen Robertson (late arrival)
The Honorable Reva Trammell (late arrival)

Staff Present

Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Interim Deputy City Attorney

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and presided.

Upon the President's request, Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.

Community Benefits – Affordable Housing, Employment Training/Opportunities, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Participation, Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC) Transit Center

Leonard Sledge, Economic Development director, provided Council with an overview of community benefits associated with the proposed Navy Hill Development (NHD) project, which included preservation and renovation of historic buildings, public infrastructure improvements, enhanced stormwater detention facilities, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification, GRTC transit center, a convention hotel, job creation, minority business participation and the city's responsibilities regarding the project.

A copy of the presentation provided has been filed.

Councilor Kristen Larson arrived at 3:09 p.m. and was seated.

Councilor Ellen Robertson arrived at 3:12 p.m. and was seated.

Jack Berry, Richmond Region Tourism president and CEO, reported on potential financial benefits associated with a new arena.

Grace Washington, J&G Workforce Development Services, LLC, founder and CEO, reported on employment benefits associated with the NHD project.

Mike Hopkins, MBE coordinator, reported on planned participation for minority owned businesses, job training, financing for section 3 contractors and job fairs.

Greta Harris, Better Housing Coalition president and CEO, reported on the affordable housing component of the proposed project and area median income standards.

Mark Kronenthal, member at Roth Jackson Gibbons Condlin, PLC, responded to questions regarding community engagement.

Jennifer Mullen, member at Roth Jackson Gibbons Condlin, PLC, responded to questions regarding job creation.

Councilor Kim Gray and Councilwoman Reva Trammell entered the meeting at 4:32 p.m., and were seated.

Sharon Ebert, deputy chief administrative officer for Economic Development, responded to questions regarding potential changes to the Department of Planning and Development Review's building permits and inspections process.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

CITY CLERK