



City of Richmond
Navy Hill Development Proposal
Work Session Minutes

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Monday, November 25, 2019

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Andreas Addison
The Honorable Parker Agelasto (late arrival)
The Honorable Kim Gray (late arrival) (early departure)
The Honorable Michael Jones
The Honorable Kristen Larson

Absent

The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Samson Anderson, Council Budget Analyst
Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney
Lawrence Anderson, Council Chief of Staff
William Echelberger, Council Budget Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m., and presided.

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

Councilor Kim Gray arrived at 3:10 p.m. and was seated.

Arena Demand, Design and Synergy

Michael Hallmark, founding partner of Future Cities, LLC, and development manager with the Navy Hill Development team, presented an overview of the proposed arena associated with the Navy Hill Development project. Mr. Hallmark discussed the credentials of key arena team members, obsolescence of the current Richmond Coliseum, market analysis, design of the new proposed arena, and arena-anchored mixed-used development.

At the request of Mr. Hallmark, Jack Berry, Richmond Region Tourism president and chief executive officer, addressed Council and discussed potential events, conventions and tourism in the city if the proposed arena was constructed.

John Page, Spectra president, was available to address questions regarding Spectra's management of the proposed arena. Mr. Page discussed Spectra's management of similar arenas developed in other cities and work-place discrimination lawsuits involving Spectra staff.

Jennifer Mullen, member at Roth Jackson Gibbons Condlin, PLC, responded to questions regarding the arena lease and bond debt repayments.

Councilor Parker Agelasto arrived at 4:05 p.m. and was seated.

John Wack, Department of Finance director, responded to questions regarding debt service and rebate payments involving the proposed arena.

Department of Social Services Update

Shunda Giles, Department of Social Services director, presented Council with an update on the Department of Social Services, which included the increased use of the internet as a method for citizens to request services. Members and Ms. Giles discussed the potential relocation of the Department of Social Services, current staffing, space assessments, and property rental fees.

Councilor Kim Gray exited the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Bob Steidel, Department of Public Utilities deputy chief administrative officer, informed Council that space and facilities were continuously evaluated by city administration.

Jennifer Mullen, member at Roth Jackson Gibbons Condlin, PLC, responded to questions regarding the potential relocation of the Department of Social Services if the proposed Navy Hill Development project was approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

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