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Minutes

Organizational Development Standing Committee

Monday, January 6, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille - Chair

The Honorable Chris Hilbert - Vice Chair

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Member

The Honorable Michael Jones – Member

The Honorable Kristen Larson – Member

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Member

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Member (early departure)

Absent

The Honorable Kim Gray – Member

Others in Attendance

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch – Councilmember Lawrence Anderson, Council Chief of Staff Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Acting Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m., and presided.

Approval of the Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes of the Monday, December 2, 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 boards and commission applicants for consideration by the committee:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
	Representative from Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities*	Ronald Timmons (2 nd District Resident)
Board (10 members)	(1 vacancy)	

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Ethics Reform	*	Esson Miller
Commission		(2 nd District Resident)
(11 members)		Garrett Sawyer
		(4 th District Resident)
		Linda Jackson-Shaw
		(3 rd District Resident)
		Albertina Walker
	(11 vacancies)	(4 th District Resident)
Maggie L.	F	Charles Hall
Walker Initiative	F	(7 th District Resident)
Citizens Advisory		Marthelia Houchens
Board (13 members)	(3 vacancies)	(6 th District Resident)

^{*}Applicants must either reside or work in the city

It was the consensus of the committee to forward the presented appointment applications to Council with the recommendation to approve.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Reports from City Administration, Council Staff and Other Parties

Navy Hill Development Advisory Commission (NHDAC) Final Report

Pierce Homer, NHDAC chair, addressed the committee and stated NHDAC members in attendance that evening were John Gerner, NHDAC vice chair, Mary (Mimi) Sadler, Corey Walker and Suzanne Long.

Member Reva Trammell exited the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Chair Homer provided a summary of the final report and informed committee members how the report was constructed.

Member Kristen Larson stated that an appraisal was not conducted on the city owned property associated with the Navy Hill Development (NDH) proposal and inquired if the commission had any information regarding the property's value.

Chair Homer informed members that the commission was unware of the property's value and the information was absent from the final report.

Member Michael Jones inquired why the final report did not quantify the impact the NHD proposal would have on Richmond Public Schools (RPS) funding. Member Jones also expressed his concern with the city's tax abatement program and its impact on RPS funding and the city's general fund.

Chair Homer stated the commission concluded that the NHD proposal would affect RPS funding, but due to limited resources, the final report was unable to quantify the impact.

Commission member Corey Walker provided additional information regarding the issue of insufficient data that prevented the final report from quantifying the RPS funding impact.

Vice Chair John Gerner was available to address questions regarding the NHDAC final report.

Member Ellen Robertson inquired if Council could address the insufficient data issue and obtain the necessary information to better determine the RPS funding impact.

Chair Homer stated he believed Council could better quantify the funding impact for the first decade of the proposed project but expressed his concern that data for the full 30 years of the project would be

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difficult to determine.

Chair Homer requested that Council inform the public that the NHDAC had concluded its work and was no longer active. Chair Homer expressed his hope that the final report would be constructive in Council's decision making process.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION

ORD. 2019-211

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the Navy Hill Development Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and The NH District Corporation for the purpose of providing for the financing, construction, maintenance, and operation of public improvements and private development within an area generally bounded on the west by North 5th Street, on the north by East Leigh Street, on the east by North 10th Street, and on the south by East Marshall Street.

ORD. 2019-212

To Create the Navy Hill Fund.

ORD. 2019-213

To declare surplus and direct the conveyance of a portion of the City-owned real estate known as 601 East Leigh Street, consisting of 171,906± square feet, for nominal consideration to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond.

ORD. 2019-214

To declare surplus and direct the conveyance of certain parcels, or portions thereof, of City-owned real estate known as 601 E. Leigh St., 501 N. 7th St., 808 E. Clay St., 800 E. Clay St., 500 N. 10th St., 500 E. Marshall St., 500 A E. Marshall St., 116 N. 7th St., 114 N. 7th St., 112 N. 7th St., and 401 E. Broad St. to The NH District Corporation for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment of the area bounded generally by E. Leigh St. on the north, N. 10th St. on the east, E. Marshall St. on the south, and N. 5th St. on the west.

ORD. 2019-215

To close, to public use and travel, certain right-of-way areas comprised of portions of East Leigh Street, East Clay Street, North 5th Street, and North 7th Street, such portions together consisting of 44,590± square feet, to retain easements in certain of the closed right-of-way areas, and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the dedication of right-of-way improvements and property, consisting of approximately 66,977± square feet, in connection with the closing of the right-of-way areas, for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment of the area bounded generally by East Leigh Street on the north, North 10th Street on the east, East Marshall Street on the south, and North 5th Street on the west.

ORD. 2019-216

To authorize the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond to encroach upon the public right-of-way with proposed encroachments on East Clay Street and East Leigh Street between their intersections with North 5th Street and North 7th Street for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment of the area bounded generally by East Leigh Street on the north, North 10th Street on the east, East Marshall Street on the south, and North 5th Street on the west.

ORD. 2019-217

To repeal ch. 30, art. IV, div. 26 (§§ 30-448.1-30-448.4) of the City Code; to amend ch. 30, art. IV, by adding therein a new div. 26 (§§ 30-448.1-30-448.8); and to amend City Code §§ 30-503, 30-519, 30-710.1, 30-710.13, and 30-1220, all for the purpose of modifying the zoning regulations applicable in the CM Coliseum Mall District.

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ORD. 2019-218

To amend the official zoning map for the purpose of designating certain street blocks as "priority streets" and certain street blocks as "street-oriented commercial streets" in the area bounded generally by East Leigh Street on the north, North 10th Street on the east, East Marshall Street on the south, and North 5th Street on the west.

ORD. 2019-219

To rezone the properties known as 601 E. Leigh St., 501 N. 7th St., 808 E. Clay St., 800 E. Clay St., 500 N. 10th St., 900 E. Marshall St., 406 N. 7th St., 408 A N. 7th St., 500 E. Marshall St., and 500 B E. Marshall St. from the B-4 Central Business District to the CM Coliseum Mall District.

RES. 2019-R044

To establish a policy for the future allocation of any surplus revenues the City receives as a result of a certain redevelopment of the area bounded generally by East Leigh Street on the north, North 10th Street on the east, East Marshall Street on the south, and North 5th Street on the west.

Chair Cynthia Newbille stated Council would hold five special meetings for the purpose of conducting public hearings regarding the Navy Hill Development (NHD) proposal. Chair Newbille also provided information concerning Council's timeline for reviewing the NHD proposal.

Member Ellen Robertson requested that information be provided by the proposed NHD developer and city administration regarding questions raised by the Navy Hill Development Advisory Commission (NHDAC) final report.

Chair Newbille informed members that city administration provided the committee with a preliminary response regarding the NHADC final report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Member Robertson requested that city administration be provided an opportunity to present verbal feedback at a future meeting of Council.

Member Kristen Larson expressed her concern with questions and comments directed towards NHDAC members and the final report.

Member Ellen Robertson moved to continue consideration of ORD. 2019-211, ORD. 2019-212, ORD. 2019-213, ORD. 2019-214, ORD. 2019-215, ORD. 2019-216, ORD. 2019-217, ORD. 2019-218, ORD. 2019-219, and RES. 2019-R044 to the Monday, February 3, 2020 Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Jones, Robertson, Larson, Addison, Hilbert, Newbille. Noes None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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