



City of Richmond

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Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
(Virtual Meeting)

Committee Members and Others in Attendance

The Honorable Andreas Addison – Chair
The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair
The Honorable Michael Jones – Committee member
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Samson Anderson, Council Budget Analyst
Pamela Nichols, Senior Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Andreas Addison called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., and presided.

Electronic Participation

Senior Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as most recently amended by Ordinance No. 2020-232, adopted December 14, 2020, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means. Senior Assistant City Clerk Nichols stated notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on April 13, 2021, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated members of the public were encouraged to provide comments in writing prior to the meeting and all comments received prior to 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, were provided to committee members. Ms. Nichols indicated that members of the public who signed up to speak and provide comment would be called to speak at the appropriate time.

Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Senior Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols provided citizen speaker guidelines.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comment speakers.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the meeting minutes of Tuesday, March 16, 2021, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, council policy analyst, provided the committee with the April staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2021-086

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Project Agreement for Use of Commonwealth Transportation Funds Fiscal Year 2021 between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the purpose of receiving grant funds in the amount of \$2,067,260.00 to fund the BRT Red-Colored Pavement Program on Broad Street from Willow Lawn to Rocketts Landing.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Dironna Moore Clarke, administrator of the Department of Public Works Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility, introduced ORD. 2021-086. Ms. Clarke explained that the program will produce research on potential benefits of red-colored pavement on travel time, enforcement and other implications. Ms. Clarke reported the design phase includes public engagement. Ms. Clarke further reported that the project is anticipated to be implemented in 2022.

Chair Andreas Addison expressed support of ORD. 2021-086.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson inquired about the source of revenue for the proposed project, a matrix for an evaluation of the program and maintenance costs after implementation.

Ms. Clarke informed the committee that funding would be from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Central Virginia Transportation Authority. She stated the data and research of the program will assist in the reduction of illegal occupancy of unauthorized vehicles in bus travel lanes and improve transit time and safety. Ms. Clarke agreed to provide quarterly updates on data collected to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee.

Chair Addison stated that he was familiar with the red pavement project in other jurisdictions and asked Ms. Clarke to explain how the project will be implemented.

Ms. Clarke explained the project consists of solid red pavement for bus only lanes, hatched red-pavement for shared vehicle lanes where vehicles need access to right-turn lanes and red pavement for some medians, curbsides and bus stops.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2021-086, to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2021-094

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Easement between the City of Richmond and the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of accepting from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Motor Vehicles, a gas utility easement on, over, under, and across a right-of-way located along 2300 West Broad Street to lay, erect, construct, install, operate, maintain, and repair one or more lines of underground pipes, conduits, and equipment, accessories, and appurtenances necessary for the transportation or distribution of natural gas over the said right-of-way. (2nd District)

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Alfred Scott, deputy director with the Department of Public Utilities, introduced ORD. 2021-094.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward ORD. 2021-094, to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2021-R024

To accept and approve the biennial real estate strategies plan entitled "2020 Biennial Real Estate Strategies Plan."

Patron: Vice President Robertson

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson introduced RES. 2021-R024.

Sharon Ebert, deputy chief administrative officer for Economic and Community Development, provided an overview of the request and explained the 2020 Biennial Real Estate Plan consists of 77 city-owned parcels separated in three categories and identified for development focused on providing affordable homeownership, future affordable multi-family rental units or potential development sites.

Member Michael Jones and Vice Chair Robertson requested a map depicting the location of the parcels included in the plan. Vice Chair Robertson further requested a matrix showing development timelines for those same parcels and information of the request for proposals for those parcels identified for large scale projects.

Ms. Ebert advised the committee of the anticipated introduction of legislation which will convey approximately 15 parcels to the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust. Ms. Ebert explained the sale of each parcel shall be governed by a development agreement that incorporates the appropriate provision ensuring that each parcel is developed and utilized in accordance with the mission of the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust.

Vice Chair Robertson requested additional language be added to the development agreement to ensure that the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust works with other nonprofit groups on redevelopment of properties, and ensures conveyance of properties will be at the same rate by which parcels are conveyed by the city.

Citizens were provided an opportunity to offer comments in writing regarding pending legislation prior to the committee meeting. All written comments received by the Office of the City Clerk were provided to members of the committee and are included as an appendix to the April 20, 2021 Land Use, Housing and Transportation meeting minutes.

Public Hearing

Cyane Crump, executive director with Historic Richmond, spoke in support of the RES. 2021-R024 and noted several parcels identified in the plan include unique and authentic historic assets which should be preserved. Ms. Crump urged the committee to incorporate preservation of such structures in the current plan.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward RES. 2021-R024, to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion Item

Community Benefits Update

Sharon Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Planning, Community and Economic Development, provided an overview of community benefits and explained the types and when to include community benefits. Ms. Ebert reported that city administration was working on draft language to be included in future requests for proposal and a matrix of specific requirements or recommendations for the sale and development of city-owned land.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson expressed the importance in having meaningful community outreach and engagement in developments throughout the city, and stated that she would like the city to work with the Commonwealth of Virginia to develop a process for City Council and impacted communities to be involved in the preliminary phases of state-owned developments. Vice Chair Robertson requested an update from Council staff on her request for legislation relative to community benefit agreements.

Chair Andreas Addison stated he was looking forward to collaborating with the committee to develop community benefits strategies to present to City Council.

Board Vacancies

Senior Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

Chair Andreas Addison advised the committee of a request to continue consideration of applications to the City Planning Commission to allow time for the submission of additional applications.

Chair Andreas Addison moved to continue consideration of applications to the City Planning Commission to the July 20, 2021, Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The committee requested a vacancy report upon receipt of applications from prospective 4th and 9th Council District representatives for the Clean City Commission.

Member Michael Jones moved to forward the following board appointment applications to Council with the recommendation to approve:

| <u>Board Name</u> | <u>Criteria for Appointment</u> | <u>Applicant Name</u> |
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| Clean City Commission (15 members) | Corporate/Citizen Volunteer Representative – Reside or work in the city | Charles D'Aprix 7th District Resident |

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| | | Jeannette Seagraves 2nd District Resident |
| | (3 vacancies) | Norman E. Washington, II 7th District Resident |

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward the following board appointment applications to Council with the recommendation to approve:

| <u>Board Name</u> | <u>Criteria for Appointment</u> | <u>Applicant Name</u> |
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| Commission of Architectural Review Board (9 members) | At-Large city resident | Sean Wheeler 2nd District Resident |
| | (2 vacancies) | Kathleen Harper Morgan 1st District Resident |
| | Historic Richmond Foundation Representative – Reside or work in the city | Lawrence Pearson 6th District Resident |
| | (1 vacancy) | |
| | American Institute of Architects nominee – Reside or work in the city | Andrew Moore 7th District Employment |
| | (1 vacancy) | |

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ms. Nichols advised the committee of a request to continue consideration of board appointment applications to the Green City Commission.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to continue consideration of applications to the Green City Commission to the July 20, 2021, Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approve.

Chair Addison recommended coordination with the newly proposed Office of Engagement under the Department of Citizen Service and Response, in order to attract a larger demographic for the Richmond City Council Boards and Commissions vacancies.

Vice Chair Robertson noted that perhaps, compositions of some boards and commissions should be amended in order to attract a larger demographic of potential applicants.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved to forward the following board appointment and reappointment applications to Council with the recommendation to approve:

| <u>Board Name</u> | <u>Criteria for Appointment</u> | <u>Applicant Name</u> |
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| Urban Design Committee (10 members) | Registered Professional Engineer – Reside or work in the city | Amelia Wehunt 1st District Resident |
| | (1 vacancy) | |
| | Registered Architect – Reside or work in the city | Jessie Gemmer 5th District Resident |
| | (1 vacancy) | |
| | City Planning Commission Representative | Max Hepp-Buchanan 3rd District Resident |
| | (1 vacancy) | |

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Chair Andreas Addison questioned the activities of the Urban Forestry Commission.

Vice Chair Robertson explained that the Urban Forestry Commission has been inactive for numerous years while awaiting an amendment to the ordinance to better define the commission's function and support staff. Vice Chair Robertson requested an update from city administration on the Urban Forestry Commission at the committee's May 18, 2021 meeting.

Vice Chair Ellen Robertson moved that the committee take no further action on appointment recommendations to the Urban Forestry Commission, which was seconded and unanimously approve.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

From: Stephen Wade
To: [Warren Jr., Richard A. - Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Re: request to speak at Land Use committee meeting on Tuesday
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 7:08:07 PM
Attachments: [LU Cmte Public Comment 4 20 21.pdf](#)

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Hello,

I am submitting my public comments. I think this is allowed. Please see attached.

Thank you,
Stephen

On Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 4:22 PM Stephen Wade <swade3000@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks for the clarification. I did not know that was the policy. I know people who have used the public comment period in the past to comment on specific agenda items. I guess this policy applies to board/committee nominations.

Thanks,
Stephen

On Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 3:48 PM Warren Jr., Richard A. - Clerk's Office <RJ.Warren@richmondgov.com> wrote:

Stephen Wade,

The public comment period is an opportunity for citizens to address the committee regarding items that are not on the agenda for that meeting. Boards and commission vacancies is an agenda item, so it cannot be addressed during the public comment period.

Thank you,

RJ Warren

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From: Stephen Wade [mailto:swade3000@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 11:01 AM

To: Warren Jr., Richard A. - Clerk's Office <RJ.Warren@richmondgov.com>

Cc: City Clerk's Office <CityClerksOffice@richmondgov.com>

Subject: Re: request to speak at Land Use committee meeting on Tuesday

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Got it. Is there a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting where I can speak?

Thanks

Stephen

On Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 10:43 AM Warren Jr., Richard A. - Clerk's Office <RJ.Warren@richmondgov.com> wrote:

Good Morning,

There are no opportunities for public comment during the boards and commissions review portion of the committee meeting.

You can still watch the meeting online by computer, tablet or smartphone via **Microsoft Teams** by clicking [here](#). The meeting will also be livestreamed at the following web

address: <https://richmondva.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. To access the livestream, find and click the link that reads, "In Progress" in the farthest right hand column entitled, "Video".

Thank you,

RJ Warren

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From: Stephen Wade [mailto:swade3000@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:21 AM

To: City Clerk's Office <CityClerksOffice@richmondgov.com>

Subject: request to speak at Land Use committee meeting on Tuesday

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Hello,

I want to comment on the planning commission applications since I am one of the

applicants.

I live in the 5th.

Thanks,

Stephen

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