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Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

Monday, September 19, 2016

1:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

Call To Order

Vice Chairman Law called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

- Present 8 - * Mr. Melvin Law, * Mr. David Johannas, * Ms. Ellen Robertson, * Ms. Selena Cuffee-Glenn, * Mr. Vivek Murthy, * Ms. Elizabeth Greenfield, * Mr. Max Hepp-Buchanan, and * Mr. John Thompson
- Absent 1 - * Mr. Rodney Poole

Chair's Comments

Vice Chairman Law welcomed everyone who was present.

Approval of Minutes

[PDRMIN](#)
[2016-011](#) September 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Draft September 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Johannas, seconded by Commissioner Murthy, that the meeting minutes from September 6, 2016 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye --** 6 - * Mr. Law, * Mr. Johannas, * Ms. Cuffee-Glenn, * Mr. Murthy, * Ms. Greenfield and * Mr. Thompson
- Excused --** 1 - * Ms. Robertson
- Abstain --** 1 - * Mr. Hepp-Buchanan

Director's Report

- Council Action Update

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Johannas, seconded by Commissioner Cuffee-Glenn, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye -- 7 - * Mr. Law, * Mr. Johannas, * Ms. Cuffee-Glenn, * Mr. Murthy, * Ms. Greenfield,
* Mr. Hepp-Buchanan and * Mr. Thompson

Excused -- 1 - * Ms. Robertson

1. [ORD. 2016-216](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$552,000 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Utilities' Stormwater Facilities Improvements project in the Utilities category by \$552,000 for the purpose of constructing the Rattlesnake Creek Stream Restoration project.

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2016-216](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Rattlesnake Creek 2014 SLAF Application](#)
[Location Map](#)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval on the Consent Agenda.

2. [ORD. 2016-218](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$716,000 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Utilities' Stormwater Facilities Improvements project in the Utilities category by \$716,000 for the purpose of constructing the Goode's Creek Stream Restoration & Constructed Wetlands project.

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2016-218](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Location Map](#)
[Goodes Creek 2014 SLAF Application](#)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval on the Consent Agenda.

3. [ORD. 2016-219](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$230,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Hull Street Primary Extension Paving Program project in the Transportation category by \$230,000 for the purpose of milling and resurfacing Hull Street between Hey Road and Chippenham Parkway.

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2016-219](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Location Map](#)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval on the Consent Agenda.

- 4. [ORD. 2016-220](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$6,162,095 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amounts appropriated to various projects in various categories as set forth on the attachment by \$6,162,095 for the purpose of appropriating funding received from the Virginia Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2017 Revenue Sharing Program for various projects.

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2016-220](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Revenue Sharing Projects](#)

This Ordinance was recommended for approval on the Consent Agenda.

- 5. [UDC 2016-39](#) Review of Landscaping Plan for BRT Pulse Stations

Attachments: [UDC Report to CPC](#)
[Location & Plans](#)
[Staff Report to UDC](#)
[Public Comment](#)
[Applicant Addendum](#)

This Location Character and Extent Item was approved on the Consent Agenda with the following condition recommended by the Urban Design Committee:

(1) That the landscape plans use non-invasive, drought-tolerant groundcover with sympathy for the neighborhood palette.

Regular Agenda

- 6. [ORD. 2016-217](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$635,000 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Utilities' Stormwater Facilities Improvements project in the Utilities category by \$635,000 for the purpose of constructing the Reedy Creek Stream Restoration project.

- Attachments:** [Ord. No. 2016-217](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Reedy Creek 2014 SLAF Application](#)
[Reedy Creek FAQs](#)
[Location Map](#)
[Letters of Opposition](#)
[20160926 Informal Reedy Creek Ordinance 2016-217 Presentation.pdf](#)
[20160926 Informal Ord. 2016-217 Handout.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Robertson, seconded by Commissioner Cuffee-Glenn, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval to the City Council and that City Council pass a Resolution requesting the Administration to look for ways to alter the proposed plan and still achieve the same goals for pollutant reduction. The Commission failed to recommend approval of the Ordinance as the motion failed by the following vote:

- Aye --** 4 - * Mr. Law, * Ms. Robertson, * Ms. Cuffee-Glenn and * Ms. Greenfield
No -- 4 - * Mr. Johannas, * Mr. Murthy, * Mr. Hepp-Buchanan and * Mr. Thompson

7. [UDC 2016-37](#) Final Review of Revisions to Main Street Station Site Work

- Attachments:** [Location & Plans](#)
[UDC Report to CPC](#)
[Staff Report to UDC](#)
[Previously-approved final plans, UDC 2012-28\(2\)](#)
[CPC Council Letter UDC 12-28\(2\)](#)
[Public Comment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hepp-Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Murthy, that this Location, Character and Extent Item be approved with the following conditions recommended by the Urban Design Committee:

- (1) That the proposed bike lane on East Franklin Street taper into the right-of-way that travels underneath the train shed to provide a seamless transition;
- (2) That the bike share station have a clear ingress and egress to and from 15th Street, including relocating the existing signage in place, as well as a direct hardscaped and ramped connection to the western path of the parking area for direct access to Franklin Street;
- (3) That the number of retractable bollards be reduced to one or three, to provide an odd number and ease in path selection through the site and contain a reflective element for low-light conditions; and
- (4) That the applicant work with the Transportation Engineer and Pedestrian, Bicycle & Trails Coordinator to ensure ramps are aligned to ensure appropriate sidewalk width and pedestrian desire lines are maintained.

As well as the additional considerations:

- (1) That the applicant consider designating some bicycle parking as long-term,

with lockers or other protected storage, and remove excess bicycle parking with poor sight lines from the project; and
(2) That drought-resistant, non-invasive groundcover be used in the landscape plan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye -- 8 - * Mr. Law, * Mr. Johannas, * Ms. Robertson, * Ms. Cuffee-Glenn, * Mr. Murthy,
* Ms. Greenfield, * Mr. Hepp-Buchanan and * Mr. Thompson

Upcoming Items

- [TMP-1050](#) Planning Commission Retreat

Attachments: [Draft Retreat Agenda for October 3, 2016](#)

Adjournment

Mr. Law adjourned the meeting at 4:03 pm.

Melvin D. Law, Vice Chair

Lory P. Markham, Secretary