



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Finance & Economic Development Standing Committee

November 16, 2023

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: September 21, 2023
December 21, 2023

Next Meeting:

Paper(s) for Consideration

1. ORD. 2023-292

Patron: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lynch

To amend Ord. No. 2023-071, adopted May 8, 2023, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) increase General Fund revenues by an amount equal to ten percent of the calculated general fund surplus for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, (ii) create a new line item entitled "HumanKind" in the Non-Departmental Agency, and (iii) appropriate such amount to such new line item in the Non-Departmental agency, for the purpose of providing additional funding for families of the city of Richmond experiencing crisis.

Key Points:

- A.** The ordinance provides to increase the General Fund revenues by the ten percent special purpose reserve from the FY 2023 surplus.
- B.** The ordinance is based upon Richmond Virginia Code Ordinance – Article V-Fund Balances.
- C.** The amount shall establish a new Non-Departmental Budget line-item titled HumanKind for the purpose of providing additional family crisis funding.

Fiscal Impact: ☐None ☒Yes. Amends the FY2024 General Fund Budget to appropriate the ten percent special purpose reserve from the FY 2023 surplus to be used for additional family crisis funding.



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2. ORD 2023-293

Patron: Mayor Stoney

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$1,259,411.69 from the National Opioids Settlement Fund, to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services called the National Opioid Settlement Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services by \$1,259,411.69, for the purpose of funding a new opioid response coordinator position and opioid abatement strategies and programs.

Key Points:

- A. Initial funds will be used to fund an Opioid Policy Advisor within the Office of Human Services and for new investments in identified priority areas including:
 - a. Peer Specialists
 - b. Housing and housing support
 - c. Addressing gaps in coordination and linkages to treatment, services, and other supports
 - d. Harm reduction strategies
- B. All funds will go toward approved uses in compliance with the National Opioid Settlement and the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority

Fiscal Impact: ☐None ☒Yes. Amends the FY2024 Special Fund Budget to appropriate the funds for a new Special Fund.

3. ORD. 2023-295

Patron: Mayor Stoney

To amend Ord. No. 2023-071, adopted May 8, 2023, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) transfer \$40,000.00 from the Non-Departmental agency Reserve for Children's Fund line item (ii) create a new line item entitled "Greater Richmond Fit4Kids (for Safe Routes to School Bicycling Programs)" in the NonDepartmental agency, and (iii) appropriate such \$40,000.00 to such new line item in the NonDepartmental agency, for the purpose of assisting with the purchase of a vehicle to transport bicycles to and from elementary schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond.



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Key Points:

- A. The request reduces the Non-Departmental agency Reserve for Children's Fund FY2024 Adopted Budget from \$250,000 to \$210,000.
- B. Greater Richmond Fit4Kids is a nonprofit organization focused on improving children's health and wellness in the Richmond region. To improve children's health and wellness, Fit4Kids offers programs that promote physical activity and healthy eating in schools and communities
- C. Fit4Kids intends to incorporate bicycling education into its Safe Routes to School programming. This will include "Learn to Bike" sessions as well as bicycling safety awareness and skill-building.
- D. While Fit4Kids has successfully fundraised to purchase bicycles for these programs and will leverage existing personnel to administer these programs, the organization has not been successful in their efforts to raise funds to purchase a vehicle to transport the bicycles from one school to another.
- E. The vehicle purchase is vital to the sustainability and efficiency of the program, because it is cost-prohibitive to purchase bicycles for every participating school and logistically difficult to identify school-based storage spaces for each school

Fiscal Impact: ☐None ☒Yes Reduces the funding associated with Reserve for Children' Fund.

4. ORD. 2023-296

Patron: Mayor Stoney

To amend Ord. No. 2023-071, adopted May 8, 2023, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) transfer \$20,000.00 from the Non-Departmental agency Reserve for Children's Fund line item (ii) create a new line item entitled "Read to Them (for FY24 Imagination Library RVA)" in the Non-Departmental agency, and (iii) appropriate such \$20,000.00 to such new line item in the Non-Departmental agency, for the purpose of supporting the expansion of Imagination Library RVA in the city of Richmond.

Key Points:

- A. Transfers \$20,000 from the Non-Departmental agency, Reserve for Children's Fund line item (ii) create a new line item entitled "Read To Them (for FY24 Imagination Library RVA)", and (iii) appropriate such \$20,000 to such new line



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item in the Non-Departmental agency, for the purpose of supporting the expansion of Imagination Library RVA in the City of Richmond.

- B.** With this \$20,000 allocation from the City's Non-Departmental agency, Reserve for Children's Fund, the City will partner with Read To Them to grow Imagination Library RVA, the local Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, in order to provide more children under 5 in Richmond with a new book each month.

Fiscal Impact: ☐None ☒Yes Reduces the funding associated with Reserve for Children' Fund.

5. ORD. 2023-332
Vice President Nye

Patron: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Newbille,

To amend City Code § 12-11, concerning the deadline for submission of budget to Council, for the purpose of changing the deadline for submission of the budget from March 6 to March 27.

Key Points:

- A.** Ordinance 2011-164-196 further specified the submission date to March 6, or if such date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, the last City working day before such date, of each year at 3:00 p.m. As this date is within the timeframe within the City Charter, this amendment is requesting to change the March 6th date to March 27th, which is still within the timeframe specified by the City Charter.
- B.** Introducing the budget on March 6th is early and requires the Administration to allocate funds based on incomplete or preliminary data. An early introduction of the budget means the administration must make all decisions by the second week of February to be ready in time for March 6th publication.
- C.** By allowing the introduction of the budget to occur in later in March, this provides the ability and time to have joint collaboration meetings between the Administration and City Council and allows for the ability to provide more definitive revenue and expense projections to finalize budget adoption.

Fiscal Impact: ☒None ☐Yes,