

INTRODUCED: January 8, 2018

A RESOLUTION No. 2018-R003

As Amended

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study of data pertaining to the occurrence of homicides in the city of Richmond between 2008 and 2018.

Patron – Mrs. Robertson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 12 2018 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the occurrence of homicides in the city of Richmond warrants study to determine if additional plans or resources are needed to reduce the number of violent deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study of data related to homicides occurring in the city between 2008 and 2018, including an analysis of the nature and underlying causes of the homicides and recommendations for a violence reduction plan;

NOW, THEREFORE,

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN:

ADOPTED: MAR 12 2018 REJECTED: STRICKEN:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby requested to cause to be conducted a study of data related to homicides occurring in the city between 2008 and 2018, including an analysis of the nature and underlying causes of the homicides and recommendations for a violence reduction plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Chief Administrative Officer is hereby requested to cause this study to include, at a minimum, the following:

1. A map showing the locations of homicides in the city of Richmond between 2008 and 2018 and notations concerning the underlying causes of those homicides, to the extent known.
2. ~~[A map overlay to the map requested in item 1, prepared by the City Assessor, showing, according to the records of the City Assessor, changes in factors affecting real estate tax assessments between 2008 and 2018, that includes real property values; the number and percentage of rental properties in the area; the number of parcels currently receiving partial real estate tax exemption; and the number of new real estate development projects based on the City's records of building permits.~~
- 3.] A report addressing the following:
 - (a) Trends in homicides and whether a violence reduction plan is needed to reduce the number of homicides based on those trends.

(b) The number of assigned police officers and the level of surveillance used in areas affected by higher numbers of homicides as compared to other areas in the city of Richmond without a high number of homicides between 2008 and 2018.

(c) Whether there is a need for increased or continuous surveillance in the areas most frequently affected by homicides and whether such surveillance is likely to reduce crime.

(d) Budgetary considerations for implementing public safety surveillance zones, which zones should include areas with a high occurrence of homicides between 2008 and 2018.

(e) The best practice model for the use of resources including additional police, surveillance cameras, lighting, controlled use of public spaces, and environmental abatement in areas affected by a high rate of homicides as compared to other areas in the city of Richmond.

(f) Whether additional resources are required and should be allocated, and whether the mobilization of support services could reduce homicides in the city of Richmond by addressing needs such as mental health, child care, health care, and education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby requested to cause this study to be completed and a report on the study's findings to be provided to the Council by no later than 180 days after the adoption of this resolution.



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

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Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen L. Jackson, Richmond City Attorney

THROUGH Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff

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DATE December 6, 2017

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TITLE: Resolution to Request a Report on Homicides to Collect Data and to Map Locations of Homicides with Recommendations

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OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

This is a request for the drafting of an Ordinance Resolution

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Council Member Ellen Robertson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Public Safety

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

This O&R is to request a resolution requesting the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to conduct a report to examine data on the occurrence of homicides in the City of Richmond between 2008 and 2018 and to map trends of the locations of homicides. The report should include recommendations for a violence reduction plan.

BACKGROUND

This O&R is for a resolution requesting the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to conduct a report to examine data on the occurrence of homicides in the city of Richmond between 2008 and 2018. The report should map locations and trends of the homicides with a breakdown of the nature and underlying cause of the homicides (drugs, gun violence, domestic violence). The report should make recommendations for a violence reduction plan to include best practices to respond to violence across the neighborhoods of Richmond with a proactive emphasis on Richmond hot spots.

The report should include an overlap map by the assessor's office showing change in property values, rental vs ownership, tax abatement, and new development.

The report and recommendations should consider the following:

1. Based on the data and trends identified, whether a violence reduction plan is needed to reduce the number of shootings and homicides in the city of Richmond. Using such data, request a report that shows the level of assigned policing and surveillance in comparison to other sectors in the city without the trends of crime.
2. If public safety surveillance zones should be organized and implemented in identified areas across Richmond for targeted law enforcement. Public safety surveillance zones will be defined as continuous observation by law enforcement and surveillance cameras of ongoing activity as crucial tools to monitor and curtail crime.
3. If resources and tools are needed by Richmond Police to adequately provide law enforcement for surveillance zones. The model to address these areas of violence and crime must include a budget and a strategy for implementation.
4. A best practice model of resources needed for those identified areas which have a trend of violent crimes to include police, surveillance cameras, lighting, controlled use of public spaces, and environmental abatement.
5. Determine if resource development is needed within the community and identify areas to mobilize support services that change behaviors that lead to shootings and homicides (services such as mental health, community organizations, workforce development, child care, health care, and expanded education and others should be included).

The report is due six months after the adoption date of the Resolution. The expected date of introduction is January 8, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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| Fiscal Impact | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Budget Amendment Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact | \$ | |

Attachment/s Yes No