



Richmond City Council

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City of Richmond Governmental Operations Committee

April 26, 2023

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: March 22, 2023

Next Meeting: May 24, 2023

Presentation, Discussions and Papers for Consideration

Presentations

Participatory Budget Steering Commission Report – Mathew Slaats, Participatory Budgeting Consultant

Discussion Items

1. Charter Review Commission.

Chair, Thad Williamson, PhD. and Vice-Chair Rachel Deane

2. Public Art Commission formal establishment and ordinance development.

Ms. Susan M. Glazer, Planning and Development Review.

3. Review of Performance Evaluations.

Ms. LaTasha S. Holmes, Council Chief of Staff

Ordinances and Resolutions

Res. 2023-R011

Patrons: Ms. Newbille and Ms. Lambert

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities to consult with the Office of the City Attorney concerning the development of a plan and the preparation of necessary documents to acquire, preferably by gift, the properties known as Evergreen Cemetery and East End Cemetery and to present such a plan and documents to the Council.

KEY Points:

- Until the ownership questions have been resolved, the next steps about the cemeteries cannot move forward.
- Enrichmond Foundation may have ended, but it has not formally dissolved at this point, so the current financial status of Evergreen and East End cemeteries is in question.
- This legislation requests a plan from Parks and development of necessary document from the City Attorney for acquisition of the cemeteries.



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- Currently, volunteers laboriously work to maintain the graves of those interred in the two cemeteries.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes, and with comments as follows:

The Enrichmond Foundation must dissolve, and the fiscal impact is unknown at this time since a plan and documentation has not been presented for acquisition. The document impact of the proposed acquisition, and all associated costs.

ORD 2023-129

Patron: Mayor Stoney

To repeal City Code § 4-53, concerning supervision and control of the animal shelter and impoundment and release procedures, to repeal City Code § 4-275, concerning impoundment and violation notice and the fee for board and care, to amend ch. 4, art II, div. 1 of the City Code by adding therein new §§ 4-53.1 and 4-275.1 and to amend City Code §§ 4-1, concerning definitions, 4-55, concerning hindering, molesting, or interfering with an officer, 4-243, concerning prohibition on dogs running at large and penalty, 4-244, concerning care and control of animals and penalties, and 4-372, concerning reporting of bites, for the purpose of modifying the policies and procedures for animal care and control in the city of Richmond.

KEY Points:

- The amendments keep the practices and procedures of Richmond Animal Care and Control in alignment with best practices. The definitions and criteria update the older Code sections with updated fees and authorities allowed under State law, including provisions about dangerous dogs and nuisance animals.
- If nuisance animals are not spayed or neutered, subject to Court order, the person is guilty of Class 1 misdemeanor, which is a fine of up to confinement in jail for not more than twelve months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes, and with comments as follows:



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Ord.2023-130

Patron: Mayor Stoney

To amend Chapter 4, art IV of the City Code by adding therein a new section 4-401, concerning exotic and wild animals.

KEY Points:

- No ordinance previously existed.
- The proposed ordinance would prohibit certain exotic or wild animals. This policy will keep the practices and procedures of Richmond Animal Care and Control with industry best practices.
- Monkeys, raccoons, opossum, skunk, wolf, coyote, squirrel, fox leopard, panther, tiger, lion, caracal, bobcat, bear, or any other warm-blooded animal found in the wild, as well as any venomous or poisonous reptile or amphibian or any member of the crocodilian family are prohibited.
- Only zoological parks, performing animal exhibitions, wildlife rehabilitators, or veterinary clinics properly licensed by the federal or state governments can keep these animals.
- Ferrets, chinchillas, sugar gliders, hedgehogs, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice, rats and fish that were domestically bred and never knew the wild are not exotic wild animals.
- A person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, which is new \$500 fine.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes.