

INTRODUCED: June 11, 2018

AN ORDINANCE No. 2018-171

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$279,978.00 from the Greater Richmond Transit Co.; to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic and Community Development called the Pulse BRT Business Support Special Fund; and to appropriate the funds received to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Economic and Community Development’s Pulse BRT Business Support Special Fund by \$279,978.00 for the purpose of assisting businesses within areas directly affected by the prolonged construction of the Pulse BRT by providing parking- and beautification-related programs.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUNE 25 2018 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to accept funds in the amount of \$279,978.00 from the Greater Richmond Transit Co., for the purpose of assisting businesses within areas directly affected by the prolonged construction of the Pulse BRT by providing parking- and beautification-related programs.

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: JUNE 25 2018 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

§ 2. That Ordinance No. 2017-037, adopted May 15, 2017, which adopted a Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, be and is hereby amended by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic and Community Development called the Pulse BRT Business Support Special Fund for the purpose of assisting businesses within areas directly affected by the prolonged construction of the Pulse BRT by providing parking- and beautification-related programs.

§ 3. That Ordinance No. 2017-037, adopted May 15, 2017, which adopted a Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, be and is hereby amended by increasing revenues from the funds accepted pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance by \$279,978.00 and increasing the amount appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community Development's new Pulse BRT Business Support Special Fund by \$279,978.00 for the purpose of assisting businesses within areas directly affected by the prolonged construction of the Pulse BRT by providing parking- and beautification-related programs.

§ 4. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST

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Office of the
Chief Administrative Officer

O&R REQUEST

DATE: May 17, 2018 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor *LS 5/24/18*

THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer *SC*

THROUGH: Lenora Reid, DCAO Finance & Administration *LR*

THROUGH: John Wack, Director of Finance *JW*

THROUGH: Jay Brown, Director of Budget & Strategic Planning *JAB*

THROUGH: Peter L. Downey, DCAO Planning & Economic Development *PLD 5-18-18*

FROM: Amy Inman, Sr. Administrator for Multimodal Transportation & Strategic Planning, Economic & Community Development *AI*

RE: Establishment of a new special fund for Pulse BRT Business Support

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to accept funds in the amount of \$279,978 from the Greater Richmond Transit Company and to appropriate the amount of \$279,978 to the FY2018 Special Fund Budget by increasing the estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to a new special fund of Economic & Community Development called the Pulse BRT Business Support Fund.

REASON: To accept \$279,978 from the Greater Richmond Transit Company to assist businesses with parking and beautification within areas that were directly impacted by the prolonged construction of the Pulse BRT.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval is recommended by the City Administration

BACKGROUND:

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OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

The 7.6 mile Pulse Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) construction project began in fall of 2016 between Willow Lawn and Rocketts Landing. The median lanes on Broad Street have been permanently closed between Thompson Street and Adams Street to accommodate the dedicated Pulse BRT travel lanes and median stations. The curb lane will be permanently closed to traffic on Broad Street from Foushee to 14th Street to accommodate the dedicated Pulse BRT travel lanes and curb stations. Curb stations are also constructed on Main Street from 14th Street to Rocketts Landing.

In order to construct the Pulse BRT safely, Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) measures were established to accommodate the construction activity and equipment. The MOT in many areas adjacent to the median and curb running stations include removal of on-street parking and temporary closure of sidewalks. While access to businesses have been maintained at all times throughout construction, business owners have reported difficulties due to the construction activity and parking impacts.

In FY2018, City Council appropriated \$719,944 to GRTC for nine months of operations of the Pulse Bus Rapid Transit that was expected to launch in October, 2017. However, the project did not achieve incentivized project milestones that would allow for early construction completion and launch of the Pulse BRT. GRTC has stated a cost savings of \$279,978 due to the delayed opening of the Pulse. As such, the funds associated with the cost savings will be returned to the City of Richmond and deposited into the Pulse BRT Business Fund to be used for parking related programs and beautification. Beautification may include sidewalk power washing, installation of planters and/or hanging baskets.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: None

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes. Amend the Economic and Community Development Pulse BRT Business Support FY2018 Special Fund by \$279,978.

REVENUE TO CITY: \$279,978 from Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC).

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: June 11, 2018

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: June 25, 2018

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Finance & Economic Development

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Finance Department, Budget and Strategic Planning, Economic & Community Development

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: Amends the FY2018 Special Fund Ordinance 2017-037

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): Economic Development staff will establish a new program for parking related initiatives and beautification

ATTACHMENTS:

None

STAFF: Amy Inman