

INTRODUCED: July 17, 2017

AN ORDINANCE No. 2017-137

To amend Ord. No. 2014-093, adopted Apr. 10, 2017, which established an Advisory Task Force for the Economic Revitalization of South Richmond to provide advice to the Council, the Mayor and other City agencies concerning strategies and initiatives to improve the economic health of and promote economic development in certain areas and along certain corridors of South Richmond, for the purpose of modifying the composition and duration of the Task Force.

Patrons – Ms. Trammell and Mr. Jones

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JULY 24 2017 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

I. That Ordinance No. 2014-093, adopted April 10, 2017, be and is hereby amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Richmond that the Council establish an Advisory Task Force for the Economic Revitalization of South Richmond to provide the Council, the Mayor and other City agencies with advice concerning strategies and initiatives to improve the economic health of and to promote economic development in certain areas and along certain corridors of South Richmond; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: JULY 24 2017 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the annual operating costs for the Task Force will be approximately \$5,000, including 48 staff hours;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Council hereby establishes the Advisory Task Force for the Economic Revitalization of South Richmond (“the Task Force”) pursuant to the following guidelines:

A. **Purpose.** The Task Force shall provide the Council, the Mayor and other City agencies with advice concerning strategies and initiatives to improve the economic health of and to promote economic development in certain areas and along certain corridors of South Richmond, shown as Enterprise Zones on the map entitled “Enterprise Zones 2015 Map,” a copy of which is attached to [~~this ordinance~~] Ordinance No. 2014-093, adopted April 10, 2017. For purposes of section 2-761 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, the Task Force is classified as “advisory.”

B. **Composition.**

1. **Appointment.** The Task Force shall consist of [~~ten~~] 15 members, [~~nine~~] 14 of whom shall be appointed by the Council and one of whom shall be appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer as provided in § 1(B)(2) of this ordinance. [~~To be eligible for appointment and for service on the Task Force, each member of the Task Force shall either reside or conduct business within the city of Richmond. All appointments shall be otherwise governed by~~] The provisions of sections 2-755 and 2-756 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, shall not apply to appointments to the Task Force.

2. **Qualifications.** The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

1. [~~Four~~] Twelve members who are persons from the business

community [~~representing small and large businesses.~~

~~2. Three members]~~ or who are persons with expertise, in the Council's judgment as evidenced by the Council's decision to appoint each such member, in economic and residential revitalization [~~who are either from the general public or are employees of the City].~~

~~[3.]~~ 2. One member from the Department of Economic and Community Development who shall be appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer by letter to the City Clerk.

~~[4.]~~ 3. Two members who are members of the Council.

4. One alternate member who is a member of the Council and who shall be entitled to vote if any member of the Task Force is not present at a meeting of the Task Force.

C. **Duties.** The Task Force shall provide the Council, the Mayor and other City agencies with advice concerning strategies and initiatives to improve the economic health of and to promote economic development in certain areas and along certain corridors of South Richmond, shown as Enterprise Zones on the map entitled "Enterprise Zones 2015 Map," a copy of which is attached to [~~this ordinance]~~ Ordinance No. 2014-093, adopted April 10, 2017. The Task Force shall submit a report to the Council, the Mayor and, if requested, other City agencies containing the Task Force's advice concerning strategies and initiatives to improve the economic health of and to promote economic development in the said areas and along the said corridors of South Richmond, including the following:

1. The ways in which the City may promote and develop business and industry in the said areas and along the said corridors.

2. The ways in which the City may implement strong business assistance programs for small businesses within the said areas and along the said corridors.

3. The ways in which the City may promote the redevelopment and revitalization of the said areas and the said corridors.

4. Strategies to strengthen public-private partnerships to stimulate economic development activities within the said areas and along the said corridors.

5. Strategies to encourage residential property development and redevelopment of the said areas and the said corridors.

6. Recommendations on how the City may improve the safety and cleanliness of the said areas and the said corridors.

7. Proposals to promote minority- and women-owned businesses in the said areas and along the said corridors.

8. Initiatives to promote minority homeownership in the said areas and along the said corridors.

9. Recommendations for the use and redevelopment of the facility formerly known as the Port of Richmond in accordance with the City's existing lease obligations.

10. Options to improve recreational amenities in the said areas and along the said corridors.

11. Recommendations to improve access to public transportation to, from and within the said areas and the said corridors.

D. Conduct of Affairs.

1. **Quorum.** [~~Five~~] Eight members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

2. **Officers.** The [~~Task Force~~] Council shall [~~select from among its membership a~~] designate a member of the Task Force as chairman.

3. **Duration.** The Task Force shall continue in existence until it has submitted the report called for by § 1(C) of this ordinance or until one year from the date of its first meeting, whichever occurs first.

4. **Meetings.** The Task Force shall meet as often as it deems necessary in order to complete its duties.

5. **Reporting.** No later than 30 days after each meeting of the Task Force, the Task Force shall deliver to the Council, the Mayor and, if requested, other City agencies a brief written summary of the Task Force's activities, in addition to the report called for by § 1(C) of this ordinance.

6. **Freedom-of-Information.** Task Force meetings, records and minutes shall be subject to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, codified as sections 2.2-3700 through 2.2-3714 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

7. **Procedures.** The Task Force may adopt by-laws or rules of procedure not inconsistent with this ordinance to govern the conduct of its meetings and operations.

8. **Staff and Resources.** The Office of the Council Chief of Staff and the Office of the City Clerk shall provide such staff and resources as may be necessary to assist the Task Force in the duties imposed by this ordinance.

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

II. This amendatory ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, City Attorney

THROUGH Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff *LB*

FROM Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst *ST*

COPY Reva Trammell, 8th District Council Member
Rick Bishop, 8th District Liaison
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Meghan Brown, Deputy Council Chief of Staff *MLB*

DATE July 7, 2017

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TITLE Amending Ordinance No 2014-093, which establishes an Advisory Task Force for the Economic Revitalization of South Richmond, regarding membership and appointments.

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JUL 10 2017

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

R. Trammell & M. Jones

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

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ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Patron would like to amend the ordinance establishing the Advisory Task Force for the Economic Revitalization of South Richmond to create additional membership slots that allow for the appointment of up to 13 members to the Task Force who are not on City Council, with expertise in economic revitalization or residential development or residential revitalization.

Additionally, the patron would like to amend the ordinance to allow the Council to designate an additional Council member to serve as an alternate who may vote if any member of the Task Force cannot attend meetings.

The patron would also like to amend the ordinance so that a quorum of the Task Force is the majority of the membership.

Additional amendments should allow for: 1) membership appointments by City Council notwithstanding all requirements of City Code Sections 2-755 and 2-776; 2) allow the City Council to designate the Chair of the Task Force when it appoints its membership; 3) establish that a quorum of the Task Force is the majority of its membership; and 4) establish that the duration for the Task Force shall end 1 year from its first meeting or until it has submitted the report called for by Section 1(C) in the ordinance, whichever is earlier.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the patron's legislation is to allow for additional membership on the Advisory Task Force for the Economic Revitalization of South Richmond and establish rules for a quorum, designating a chair and establishing a procedure to end the Task Force when it work is completed.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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	\$ N/A	

Attachment/s Yes No