



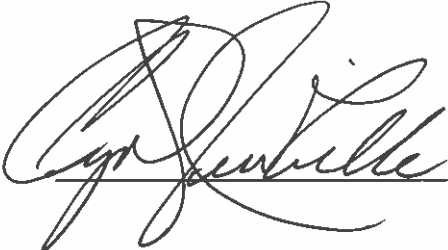
**City Of Richmond, Virginia
Office of the City Clerk**

Request to Withdraw Legislation

Paper Number: Res. 2023-R011

Chief Patron: Councilor Cynthia Newbille

Introduction Date: February 13, 2023

Chief Patron Signature: 

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Attestation: 

Effective Date: February 29, 2024

INTRODUCED: February 13, 2023

A RESOLUTION No. 2023-R011

As Amended

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 Forest View Cemetery and to present such a plan and documents to the Council.

Patron – Mrs. Newbille, Ms. Lambert and Vice President Nye

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 27 2023 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon the information and belief of the Council, the cemetery known as Evergreen Cemetery, located at 3600 East Richmond Road, ~~[and]~~ the cemetery known as East End Cemetery, located at 1751 Evergreen Road, and the cemetery known as Forest View Cemetery, located at 4909 Bassett Avenue (hereinafter referred to, together, as the “Cemeteries”), are historically Black cemeteries for which many volunteers have worked laboriously to preserve the graves of those interred there and whose lives and times are integral parts of the history of the city of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, upon the information and belief of the Council, the current owner of the

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

Cemeteries may no longer be able to maintain such cemeteries, leaving the continued restoration, preservation, and maintenance of the Cemeteries in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council 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 Cemeteries and to present such a plan and documents to the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Council hereby requests that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities to consult with the City Attorney concerning the development of a plan and the preparation of necessary documents to acquire, preferably by gift, the Cemeteries and to present such a plan and documents to the Council.



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Haskell Brown, City Attorney

THROUGH LaTasha Holmes, Council Chief of Staff

FROM Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

COPY Cynthia Newbille, 6th District Council Member
Sam Patterson, 6th District Council Member
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney

DATE February 2, 2023

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TITLE Requesting that the CAO pursue acquisition of Evergreen and East End Cemeteries.

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Cynthia Newbille

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Government Operations

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council’s consideration requesting that the Chief Administrative Officer pursue City acquisition of the cemetery properties known as the East End Cemetery and the Evergreen Cemetery and present a proposal to Council on how best to do so.

BACKGROUND

The Enrichmond Foundation had acquired these historically black cemeteries. There are popular press reports that the Foundation has financially failed leaving the status of the cemeteries in question.

Many volunteers and concerned Virginian's have worked laboriously to restore the cemeteries and preserve the history of the City contained in them. The patron hopes that possible City acquisition of the properties will ensure future preservation of the cemeteries.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: Costs related to acquisition cannot be determined at this writing.

Attachment/s Yes No