

INTRODUCED: July 27, 2015

A RESOLUTION No. 2015-R45-51

As Amended

To support establishment and construction of a comprehensive, free-standing Children's Hospital and associated ambulatory care, medical education and research facilities at the Boulevard area of the city of Richmond.

Patrons – Mayor Jones, President Mosby, Mrs. Robertson,
Mrs. Newbille and Mrs. Graziano

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEPT 14 2015 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, [~~ensuring~~] adequate health services [~~is a core function of government,~~] are
desired to protect the health, life and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, as one of the most important and underutilized sites in the city of Richmond,
the Boulevard area is the best location in the central Richmond, Virginia, area to locate a
comprehensive, freestanding Children's Hospital that would anchor and facilitate revenue-
producing mixed-use development; and

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WHEREAS, according to data maintained by the Virginia Department of Health, significant opportunities for improvement in health status exist in the city of Richmond and in the ~~[region]~~ Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a comprehensive, freestanding Children's Hospital has led to fragmented services and underdeveloped specialty services for children across the Richmond area, which has impeded geographical and financial access and adversely impacted the cost and quality of care; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond area's lack of dedicated pediatric specialties requires many children and their families to travel outside the Richmond area to receive important specialty care in facilities outside of the region or the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to provide high quality pediatric care in a centralized location will remove transportation barriers that make access to healthcare difficult, while also improving specialization, clinical research, physician and practitioner recruiting to improve community health in the Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, advocates include, among many others, (i) area pediatricians and others in the medical community who serve children in the Richmond area, (ii) local parents of children needing critical pediatric care services who try to navigate a very complex network of services, (iii) area local business and community advocates for enhanced children's healthcare who know that many of our area children are simply not receiving appropriate care and who support making this investment to improve our community and its healthcare availability for area residents, and (iv) non-profits, schools, faith-based organizations and others who work tirelessly every day to help every child reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, improving health outcomes for children and adolescents across the Richmond area can and should be addressed through regional collaboration and partnership; and

WHEREAS, an estimated ~~[750]~~ 1,000 children ~~[left]~~ leave the Richmond area for inpatient care elsewhere ~~[in Virginia, or in North Carolina, Maryland, and Pennsylvania]~~ each year; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond metropolitan area is an anomaly among metropolitan areas of a similar size, with 13 similarly-sized cities being serviced by a freestanding children's hospital, including Birmingham, Buffalo, Grand Rapids, Hartford, Jacksonville, Louisville, Memphis, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Raleigh, Rochester, and Salt Lake City; and

WHEREAS, in cities around the country, freestanding children's hospitals have spurred economic development, have created thousands of new jobs at all income levels, and have led to new tax revenue, through complementary development that includes medical office buildings, retail stores, hotels, restaurants; and

WHEREAS, positive discussions have been underway among representatives of Richmond, Henrico and Chesterfield regarding the benefits of and support of a comprehensive free-standing Children's Hospital and associated ambulatory care, medical education and research facilities; and

WHEREAS, discussions are focused now on locating such Children's Hospital ~~[on a]~~ in the Boulevard [campus] area in Richmond because it is the most central area location for children in our area, is a location that is easily accessible for all families in our area and across the Commonwealth, will serve as a "beacon" location for our area, help provide transformational economic development opportunities ~~[that would benefit the children served, the local~~

~~community and the broader area with which the Children's Hospital would work collaboratively to develop the best comprehensive mutually agreed amenities];~~

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Council supports establishing the Children's Hospital ~~[on a]~~ in the Boulevard ~~[campus]~~ area in the city of Richmond and working collaboratively to further this cause, to engage the public, and to encourage all of the healthcare systems in the area to work together to offer their expertise and assets to create a comprehensive, freestanding Children's Hospital.

~~[BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:~~

~~That the Council requests the Administration to study ways to advance economic development on the Boulevard that could include medical office buildings, hotels, restaurants, residential, and other uses, anchored by a Children's Hospital, and make recommendations to the Council and the community by the end of 2015.]~~

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DATE: June 23, 2015

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TO: THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: DWIGHT C. JONES, MAYOR

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FROM: SELENA CUFFEE-GLENN, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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RE: Support for Establishing a Freestanding Children's Hospital on the Boulevard

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREESTANDING CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, TO SUPPORT ITS LOCATION ON A BOULEVARD CAMPUS IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO FURTHER THIS CAUSE, TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS IN THE AREA TO WORK TOGETHER TO OFFER THEIR EXPERTISE AND ASSETS TO FURTHER CREATION OF A FREESTANDING CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, AND TO REQUEST THAT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF THE ISSUE AND MAKE PUBLIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2015.

REASON:

- Ensuring adequate health services is a core function of government, to protect the health, life and safety of the public and our children are the most vulnerable and sensitive of the public from a health standpoint.
- The systemic lack of a Children's Hospital has accordingly led to fragmented services and underdeveloped specialty services for children across the Richmond area, which has impeded geographical and financial access and adversely impacted the cost and quality of care.
- With care so fragmented and unspecialized, the entire Richmond area's lack of dedicated pediatric specialties requires many children and their families to travel outside the Richmond area to receive important specialty care in facilities outside of the region or the Commonwealth.
- An estimated 750 children left Richmond for inpatient care elsewhere in Virginia, or in North Carolina, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.
- Metro Richmond is an anomaly among cities of a similar size, with 13 key cities being serviced by a children's hospital, including Birmingham, Buffalo, Grand

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Rapids, Hartford, Jacksonville, Louisville, Memphis, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Raleigh, Rochester, and Salt Lake City.

The opportunity to provide high quality pediatric care in a centralized location will remove transportation barriers that make access to healthcare difficult, while also improving specialization, clinical research, physician and practitioner recruiting to improve community health in the Richmond area.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Administration recommends approval.

BACKGROUND:

Representatives of Richmond, Henrico and Chesterfield have convened positive discussions regarding the benefits of and support of a comprehensive free-standing, independent Children's Hospital and associated ambulatory care, medical education and research facilities.

Community and regional discussions are focused now on locating such Children's Hospital on a Boulevard campus in Richmond because it is the most central area location for children in our area, is a location that is easily accessible for all families in our area and across the Commonwealth, will serve as a "beacon" location for our area, provide transformational economic development opportunities that would benefit the children served, the local community and the broader area with which the Children's Hospital would work collaboratively to develop the best comprehensive mutually-agreed amenities.

Community advocates include, among many others, (i) area pediatricians and others in the medical community who serve children in the Richmond area, (ii) local parents of children needing critical pediatric care services who try to navigate a very complex network of services, (iii) area local business and community advocates for enhanced children's healthcare who know that many of our area children are simply not receiving appropriate care and who support making this investment to improve our community and its healthcare availability for area residents and (iv) non-profits, schools, faith-based organizations and others who work tirelessly every day to fulfill the commitment of having "every child reach their potential."

FISCAL IMPACT/COST TO CITY: n/a

REVENUE TO CITY: n/a

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: July 27, 2015

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: September 14, 2015

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

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RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: None

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: n/a

AFFECTED AGENCIES: n/a

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: None

STAFF: n/a
