

INTRODUCED: September 9, 2024

AN ORDINANCE No. 2024-239

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of personal property including the Richmond Police Memorial Statue, capstones, and plaque, located at 1410 Ingram Avenue in the city of Richmond, valued at approximately \$35,000, from the Richmond Police Foundation.

Patrons – Mayor Stoney, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Trammell and Ms. Newbille

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: OCT 15 2024 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

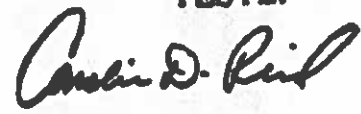
§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, be and is authorized to accept a donation of personal property, including the Richmond Police Memorial Statue, capstones, and plaque, located at 1410 Ingram Avenue in the city of Richmond, valued at approximately \$35,000, from the Richmond Police Foundation.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:


City Clerk

AYES: 7 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN:

ADOPTED: OCT 15 2024 REJECTED: STRICKEN:

History of Legislative File

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Text of Legislative File Admin-2024-0727

Title

To accept the donation of a statue from the Police Memorial Foundation (initial value \$35,000.00).

Body

O & R Request

DATE: June 18, 2024 **EDITION:** 2
TO: The Honorable Members of City Council
THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor
THROUGH: Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer
THROUGH: Sabrina Joy-Hogg, DCAO for Finance and Administration
THROUGH: Sheila White, Director of Finance
THROUGH: Meghan Brown, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning
THROUGH: Robert C. Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
THROUGH: Bobby Vincent, Director of Public Works
FROM: Chief Rick Edwards, Chief of the Richmond Police Department
RE: To accept the donation of a statue from the Police Memorial Foundation (initial value \$35,000.00)

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept the donation of a statue from the Police Memorial Foundation (initial value in 1987 of \$35,000.00, estimated current replacement value greater than \$200,000). While in the future the statue may be displayed in the city of Richmond, the proposed ordinance is only to accept the physical asset itself, which is currently being stored on city property.

BACKGROUND: The Richmond Police Memorial Statue, most recently displayed in Byrd Park on Police Memorial Way, is reported as being created in 1987 and was built using community donations. In 2020 the statue was vandalized, after which it was removed from Byrd Park and placed into storage. Donors reported they expensed \$30,000 to restore the statue following the vandalism. Currently, the statue is located in a city warehouse on Ingram Avenue.

Ownership was confirmed in 2023 by Mark Fero, President of the Richmond Police Foundation, that the statue is the property of the Richmond Police Foundation. On September 21, 2023, the Richmond Police Foundation Board voted unanimously to donate the Richmond Police Memorial Statue to the City of Richmond, Virginia.

An assessment of the statue's condition conducted in June 2024 concluded that the statue was overall

in very good condition, although some minor repairs may be warranted. An estimated replacement value of the statue could range from \$220,000-\$270,000, not including the rose granite capstone, base, ID stone, plaque, and foundation. The full assessment report is included as an attachment to this ordinance.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Extensive engagement and collaboration with the Richmond Police Foundation, which since 1997 has provided support to the community outreach efforts of the Richmond Police Department. Additional public engagement, as required, will be conducted prior to the re-erection of the statue (not contemplated as part of this ordinance).

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL: Public Safety, Health, and Wellness. Efficient & High-Quality Service Delivery

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: There is no fiscal impact to accepting the statute. Future maintenance and/or rehabilitation costs may be incurred as operational expenses.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: September 9, 2024

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 15, 2024

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Public Safety Standing Committee (September 24, 2024)

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Richmond Police Department, Department of Finance, Department of Public Works

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from Richmond Police Foundation President to Donate Statue (May 2024); Police Memorial Statue Assessment (June 2024)

STAFF: Richmond Police, Chief Rick Edwards, 804-646-0606; DCAO Bob Steidel, 804-646-1378



May 17, 2024

Mr. Robert Steidel
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
City of Richmond
900 E Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Deputy Steidel,

On September 21, 2023, the Richmond Police Foundation Board voted unanimously to donate the Richmond Police Memorial Statue to the City of Richmond, Virginia.

The Richmond Police Foundation will maintain the funds donated for the statue and memorial in a restricted project account, and reimburse Richmond City for any installation, maintenance or cost related to said statue and memorial. There are \$19,505.51 in the restricted memorial account.

The statue is currently stored in a Department of Public Works warehouse on Ingram Avenue. If further information is needed regarding the statue, please reach out to me at feroenterprise@yahoo.com or 804-405-0494.

Thank you for your consideration of the matter.

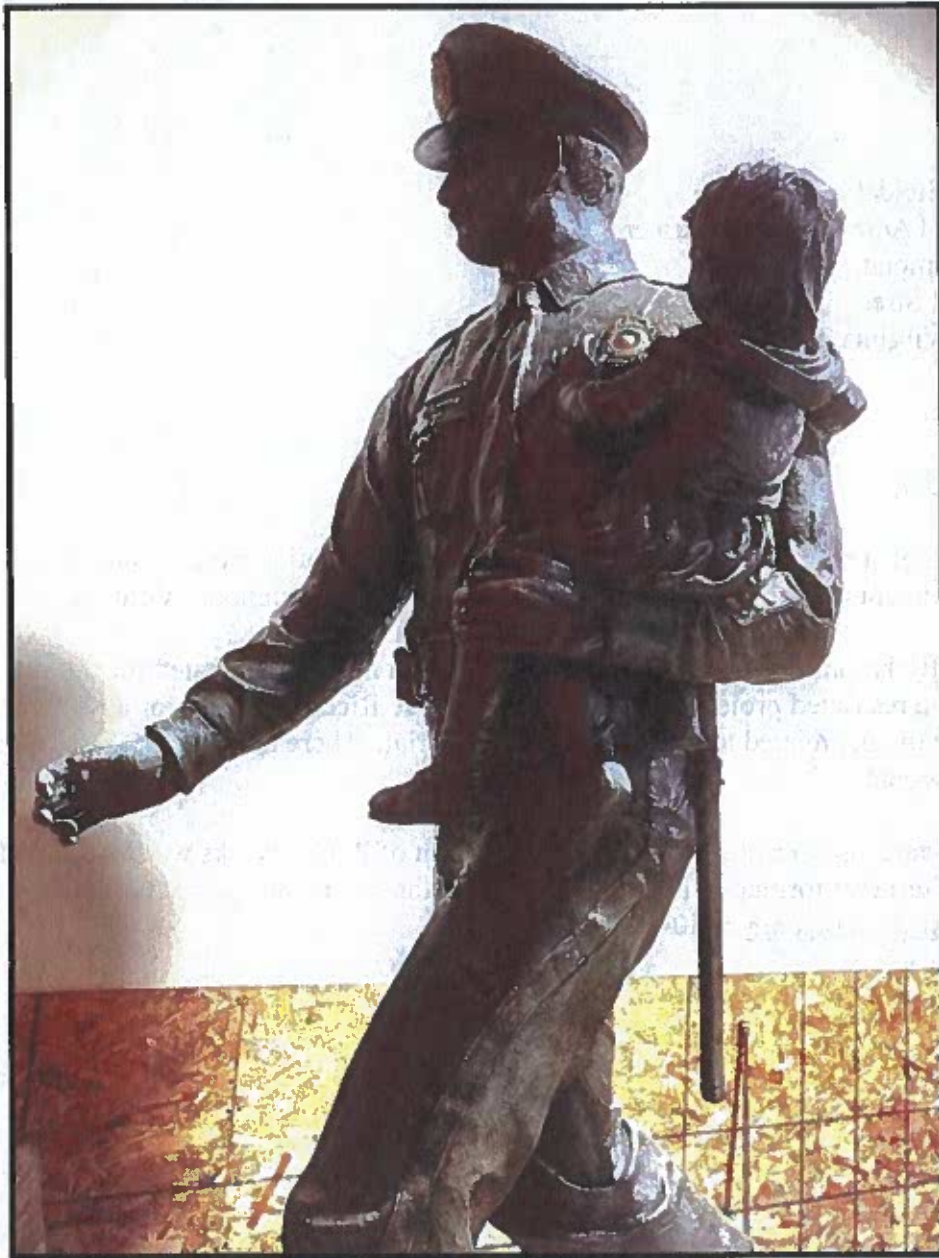
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Fero".

Mark Fero
Chair, Richmond Police Foundation

Richmond Police Foundation
200 W Grace St, Richmond, VA 23219
P.O. Box 641
Richmond, VA 23218

Police Memorial Statue Assessment - Richmond VA - June 2024 - Pg 1.
By Paul DiPasquale, Master Sculptor
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'The Richmond Police Memorial' by Maria Kirby Smith ©1987
Currently stored and seen at: Richmond Facilities Management, 1410
Ingram Avenue, Richmond, VA 24224.

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Bronze Statue Specs:

Height: 8'-0"; Width at widest points: 2'-9"; Length. front foot to back foot: 4'-6". The casting is very good quality of silicone bronze with substantial wall thickness. The added teddy bear has three minor chasing flaws. There are three other areas of minor damage, all noted under 'Overall Condition'. All evidence of paint vandalism has been professionally removed. The weight estimate is 600-800lbs. The bronze figure remains firmly attached to the capstone(s) and base stone.

CapStone/Base - (all are firmly attached to each other):

Base stone: the sides are heat-chipped rose granite; the top is polished; L 5'-10"; W 3'-6"; Ht 7". Front Capstone: rose granite, polished all sides; L 3'-4"; W 3'-6"; Ht 6'.5". Back Capstone: rose granite, polished all sides; L 2'-0"; W 3'-0"; Ht 1'-0". The weight estimate is 1500 lbs.

Total weight bronze and stones together, estimate: 2,100 - 2,300 lbs.

Note: It is reported that the figure and stones were all lifted at one time by straps lifting the figure; this is not safe and not standard practice.

Plaque and IDentification (ID) stone with stone base:

The plaque is a standard Mathews Bronze plaque in very good condition; W 18"; L 20" at 1/2" thickness. The ID (top) stone is: 24" long front to back. The front face is 12" H x 18" W; and it rises up to 24" H in the back x 18" W. It is attached to a heat chipped rose granite base stone measuring 30" L x 24" W x 7" thick. The plaque is stored by retired Officer Glenwood Burley** who spearheaded the funding for the re-installation; the ID stone and attached base remain at the Byrd Park site, which is in good condition, at Blanton Ave. & Trafford Road.

** G. Burley: HawkCode587@gmail.com; Tel: 804-380-4002

Overall Condition:

The original patina remains in very good aged condition due to the quality of the bronze. It is a classic French brown surface with slight gray-green aged hue since its 1987 casting and patinization.

Overall Condition, (Continued)

The accessories (badges, emblems, whistle, & etc.) have been buffed and sealed with a standard lacquer based bronze rub prior to storage.



Three areas of minor damage reportedly occurred when moving the sculpture from Byrd park to storage.

1. The cracked middle digit



A. Crack in middle digit, Rt hand.

B. Crack detail

The altered hand gesture is barely noticeable. The metal appears stable and could likely be repaired adequately with a quality black epoxy putty fill.

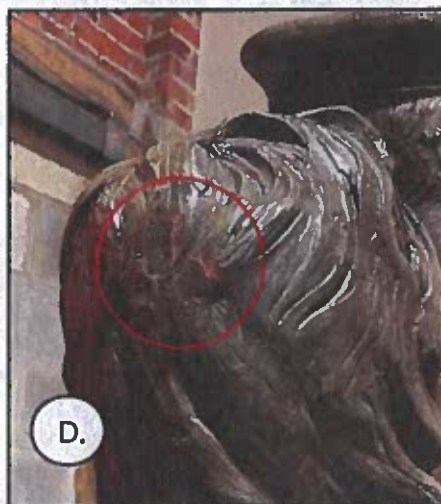
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1. The cracked middle digit (continued):

Spot patinization would not be necessary. Repair estimate - \$400.

Welding the crack is the other option which would require spot patinization on the the knuckle side of the hand. Repair estimate - \$1300.

2. & 3. Two scrape marks are visible: 'C' on the mid-thigh of the police figure's left leg and 'D' on the hair on the back of the child's head.



Both of these blemishes are superficial; minor surface chiseling and sanding on both these areas could blend them into the surrounding areas. Spot patinization would be required. Repair estimate for both - \$1600.

Three points of pin hole weep drainage discoloration:



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Three points of pin hole weep drainage discoloration, (continued)

Pin holes can occur over time because they are not originally detectable during the chasing process. Residual inner ceramic mold material gets wet due to condensation or accumulated rain. Drilling substantial lower drainage holes will reduce or eliminate moisture. The pinhole are best filled with quality black epoxy putty and spot patinization of the discolored area. Repair estimate for all three areas - \$1600.

Shown below is the paver site at Byrd Park with the IDentification Stone still in place. To the right is the bronze plaque in storage with retired Officer Burley.



Replacement estimates:

To select and to commission an artist to fabricate a sculpture of equal quality bronze and dimension estimates at \$220,000 to \$270,000. An equal quality rose granite capstone and base plus the ID stone & plaque estimates at \$55,000 to \$90,000.

The foundation plus an equal 40 ft. diameter block paver site estimates at \$65,000 to \$90,000 (depending on the location).

Closing: With the negative social fervor of 2020 fading, returning this sculpture with minor repairs and the addition of surround iron fencing and lighting to the Byrd Park location may be the most prudent re-installation for this memorial public artwork.