



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2021-308 - To Amend Ordinance 2021-042, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the FY2022 capital budget by transferring existing appropriations in the amount of \$7,310,391 from the School Planning & Construction project to the existing project titled School Modernization – George Wythe High School project. (5th District)

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: November 15, 2021

PETITIONER

Jason May, Director of Budget & Strategic Planning, Finance Department

LOCATION

4314 Crutchfield Street

PURPOSE

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FY2022 Budget Amendment CAPITAL BUDGET						
New or Existing Project	Category	Award #	Project Name	Prior Year Appropriations	Amendment Increase/ (Decrease)	Modified FY22 Budget
Existing	Education	500160	School Planning & Construction	\$ 7,310,391	\$(7,310,391)	\$ -
Existing	Education	New	School Modernization - George Wythe High School	-	7,310,391	\$7,310,391
Capital Budget Amendment				7,310,391	-	\$7,310,391

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

In April 2021, the Richmond School Board voted 5-4 to adopt a resolution that would allow the School Board to manage the procurement and construction processes to build new schools. However, as the School Board does not have a dedicated revenue source for school construction, the City of Richmond will continue to serve as the fiscal agent. This ordinance serves to transfer currently available funds for design services specifically for a new George Wythe High School. Funds for valid expenses incurred for design of the new George Wythe High School will be reimbursed to RPS monthly in a manner similar to School Capital Maintenance projects managed by the RPS. Additional funds may become available after the close-out of the River City, Cardinal, and Henry Marsh school projects. Even though the construction of these new schools was complete in the fall of 2020, the close-out costs are reliant on RPS agreeing to no additional changes to the projects.

Staff recommends approval of this request.

FINDINGS OF FACT

SITE DESCRIPTION

The property contains 27.8 acres and is currently improved with a two-story high school and accessory athletic facilities.

PROPOSED USE FOR THE PROPERTY

The proposal is to continue to use the property for a high school, with all new facilities.

MASTER PLAN

The City's Richmond 300 Master Plan designates a future land use for this property as Institutional, which is defined as "public and quasi-public entities, such as local, state, and federal government, hospitals, universities, schools, and religious institutions." The development style is typically several buildings owned by an institution that are often connected by engaging character that creates a campus-like environment.

Primary Uses: Institutional, cultural, government, and open space.

Secondary Uses: retail/office/personal service and multi-family residential

ZONING

R-4 Single-Family Residential

SURROUNDING AREA

Multi-family residential uses are located to the north and south. A predominantly single-family residential neighborhood is located to the east. A mix of commercial uses is located to the west.

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