

INTRODUCED: September 10, 2018

AN ORDINANCE No. 2018-240

To name the improvements located at 1400 Oliver Hill Way and known as the “Conrad Center” as the “Annie Giles Community Resource Center.”

Patron – Ms. Robertson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: OCT 8 2018 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City Council has from time to time found it appropriate to name or rename City-owned streets and facilities for historic and honorific reasons; and

WHEREAS, naming buildings after historic individuals is a noted way to commemorate the lives and contributions of certain individuals; and

WHEREAS, Annie M. Giles, a native of Richmond, showed exemplary leadership and commitment to the City of Richmond through her many endeavors, including serving as an advocate for children, families, and low income residents in the Eastview and Whitcomb Court neighborhoods of the city of Richmond; and

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ADOPTED: OCT 8 2018 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, Annie M. Giles was a resident of the Whitcomb Court public housing community for five decades, and during that time, she advocated for many causes on behalf of her neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Annie M. Giles successfully instituted programs to combat crime, provide better health care and day care for children, feed the hungry, and develop resources for increasing the self-respect of Whitcomb Court and Eastview residents; and

WHEREAS, Annie M. Giles was instrumental in founding the early childhood development Parent-Tot program, which became a prototype program and earned Ms. Giles an award from the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and

WHEREAS, Annie M. Giles volunteered for over 40 years in the Whitcomb Court and Eastview communities including registering voters; directing the soup kitchen at Gospel Baptist Church; and serving on the boards of the East District Family Resource Center, the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Advisory, the East End Partnerships for Families, and the Whitcomb Court Tenant Council; and

WHEREAS, the Conrad Culinary Training Center, also known as the “Conrad Center,” opened in 2007, offered feeding programs and social services for Eastview residents, and currently houses a culinary arts employment training program; and

WHEREAS, sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, generally prescribe a process for the naming or renaming of City facilities, such as the improvements located at 1400 Oliver Hill Way and known as the “Conrad Center;” and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the improvements located at 1400 Oliver Hill Way and known as the “Conrad

Center” be named as the “Annie Giles Community Resource Center” without the necessity for strict compliance with the requirements set forth in sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, or any other law to the contrary, the improvements on the property known as 1400 Oliver Hill Way and identified as Tax Parcel No. E000-0452/072 in the 2018 records of the City Assessor be and are hereby named as the “Annie Giles Community Resource Center.”

§ 2. That, in order to effectuate the provisions of section 1 of this ordinance, the Chief Administrative Officer shall (i) cause the appropriate City agency to prepare and erect signs appropriately marking the “Annie Giles Community Resource Center,” (ii) request that all City agencies note such renaming in the records maintained by each such agency, and (iii) take all other appropriate actions to effectuate the naming of the improvements on the property known as 1400 Oliver Hill Way and identified as Tax Parcel No. E000-0452/072 in the 2018 records of the City Assessor as the “Annie Giles Community Resource Center.”

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



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Council Chief of Staff

Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen L. Jackson, Richmond City Attorney

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

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Office of the Council Chief of Staff *JLD*

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DATE May 2, 2018

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TITLE: Ordinance to Rename the Conrad Center, the Annie Giles Community Worth Center

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Council member Ellen Robertson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Governmental Operations

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Ordinance to rename the Conrad Center, the Annie Giles Community Worth Center.

BACKGROUND

This Ordinance request is to rename the Conrad Center located, 1400 Oliver Hill Way, the "Annie Giles Community Worth Center".

The renaming of the Conrad Center is a tribute to the legacy of Ms. Annie Giles' advocacy, community leadership and work to better the lives of low income residents in the Eastview Community and Whitcomb Court Neighborhood. The renaming of the Conrad Center is to acknowledge her contributions to the civic well-being of the city of Richmond as a leader in the efforts to educate children, feed the hungry and fight crime in the city of Richmond.

The request is to name the building for Ms. Giles, a native of the City of Richmond. Ms. Giles has been an activist on behalf of her Whitcomb Court neighbors since she moved to that community with her family. She lived in Whitcomb Court for five decades.

Ms. Giles, whose concerns have ranged from successful fights against crime to better health care and day care for the children of the community, has brought about many positive changes in the Whitcomb Court neighborhood.

Ms. Annie Giles founded the Parent-Tot Program, an early childhood development program focused on aiding the children of the Whitcomb Court community, which was eventually replicated in six other housing developments, earning Ms. Giles an award from the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Ms. Giles contributed more than 40 years of volunteer service, to include work to direct the soup kitchen at Gospel Baptist Church as well as helping to register people to vote for more than 25 years. Ms. Giles served on many boards and committees, including the East District Family Resource Center Board of Directors, Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Advisory Board, East End Partnerships for Families, and the Whitcomb Court Tenant Council.

On September 26, 2016, in order to memorialize her contributions to the care of the city's children and volunteerism to feed the hungry, Richmond City Council adopted Ordinance Number 2016-223, which bestowed the honorary designation of "Annie Giles Street" to the 2300, 2400, 2500, and 2600 blocks of Whitcomb Street, between Sussex Street and Anniston Street, in honor of Ms. Giles. The renaming of the Conrad Center is also to memorialize her contributions to the city of Richmond.

Ms. Giles worked to advocate and develop community resources for East End residents to help them achieve and build a sense of "worth" to the fullest extent of their value and ability.

The Conrad Center opened in 2007 for use as a feeding program and social services center for Eastview residents. The program currently houses the Culinary Arts Program as an employment training facility to serve people in nearby neighborhoods and most notably the Eastview community. Virginia Commonwealth University is the owner of 2.3 acres of land in Shockoe Valley on which the building and parking lot sit.

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"/>
The costs of signage to the building and changes to printed materials is a potential fiscal impact.		

Attachment/s Yes No

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