

INTRODUCED: July 22, 2019

A RESOLUTION No. 2019-R042

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Public Utilities to develop a comprehensive plan to address flooding and drainage issues on the south side of the city of Richmond.

Patron – Mr. Jones

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEP 9 2019 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Council is of the opinion that certain areas located on the south side of the city of Richmond are prone to chronic flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that areas along Broad Rock Boulevard, Whitehead Road, and Burtwood Lane, and various neighborhoods in the city of Richmond’s south side are susceptible to flooding and standing water; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that 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 Director of Public Utilities to develop a comprehensive plan to address flooding and drainage issues on the south side of the city of Richmond;

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: NOV 12 2019 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

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 Director of Public Utilities to develop and submit to the Council by no later than 90 days after the adoption of this resolution a comprehensive plan addressing chronic flooding and drainage issues on the south side of the city of Richmond that, at a minimum, includes the following:

1. An inventory and evaluation of the areas on the south side of the city of Richmond that are subject to flooding and drainage problems.

2. An evaluation of the current stormwater infrastructure on the south side of the city of Richmond and such infrastructure's effectiveness in mitigating chronic flooding and drainage problems.

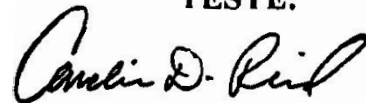
3. Strategies to mitigate chronic flooding and drainage issues on the south side of the city of Richmond.

4. A list of stormwater improvement projects designed to alleviate chronic flooding and drainage problems on the south side of the city of Richmond, ranked according to priority.

5. To the extent permitted by law, a strategy for funding the stormwater improvement projects identified in the comprehensive plan called for by this resolution through the City's General Fund Budget, Capital Budget, or Stormwater Utility Budget.

A TRUE COPY:

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City Clerk



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Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, Richmond City Attorney
Richmond Office of the City Attorney

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THROUGH Meghan K. Brown *MKB*
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FROM William E. Echelberger, Jr, Council Budget Analyst

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DATE July 12, 2019

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TITLE Southside Flooding and Drainage Mitigation

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Michael J. Jones, 9th District Representative

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing, and Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

- The patron requests a resolution to ask the Department of Public Utilities to develop a comprehensive plan to address flooding and drainage issues in Richmond's Southside.
- The requested plan shall include, but not be limited to:
 - An inventory, and assessment of locations subject to chronic flooding, and drainage problems.
 - An assessment of current stormwater infrastructure, and its effectiveness at mitigating chronic flooding, and drainage problems.
 - A strategy, or strategies for addressing such chronic flooding condition, and drainage problems.
 - A priority list of stormwater improvement projects that will alleviate such chronic flooding conditions, and drainage problems.
 - A funding strategy for the identified stormwater improvement projects to be funded in the City's Capital Improvement Plan from the General Fund, or the Stormwater Utility Non-General Funds.

BACKGROUND

Summary:

- Certain areas of the City of Richmond’s Southside are prone to chronic flooding.
- Examples of areas where flooding occurs, or standing water remains after rain events, include, but may not be limited to:
 - During heavy rain, water pools at the curb and the medians along Broad Rock Blvd Boulevard between the CSX railroad tracks near Belt Boulevard and Walmsley Boulevard.
 - Inconsistencies in infrastructure causes problems. The McGuire Manor neighborhood lacks infrastructure in some areas, so there is no place for water to go and it often ends up in people’s yards. Where there are basins, they often overflow.
 - Standing water at street corners is a common issue in Worthington Farms.
 - On Whitehead Road, flash flooding is common during rain events, which makes road impassable at certain points. This road does not have sidewalks, and has several residential neighborhoods off of it. Flooding is especially bad near G.H. Reid Elementary.
 - Sewers back up and overflow in the Fawnbrook subdivision.
 - Residents on Burtwood Lane between Tignor Road and Titus Street in the South Garden neighborhood have experienced standing water for days and sometimes weeks after rain events in their basins and front yards. While there is a DPU project going on to address this, this stands as an example of what residents were coping with while waiting for projects to be studied and completed.
- As a result of standing water, residents have complained about mosquitoes breeding near their homes, tadpoles living in their basins, and oversaturation of many residents’ yards to an extent that routine property maintenance such as mowing and weeding is difficult.
- The patron believes that the City of Richmond should identify locations of chronic flooding and develop a plan of action to alleviate such chronic flooding conditions.
- The patron further believes that alleviation of such chronic flooding conditions is in the best interest of public health; and, in the long-term, should improve property values in the affected areas.

Fiscal Impact:

An expenditure of resources, including staff time, will be required to undertake the proposed study. The costs cannot be estimated at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact

An expenditure of resources, including staff time, will be required to undertake the proposed study. The costs cannot be estimated at this time.

Attachment/s Yes No

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