



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Education and Human Services Development Standing Committee

March 14, 2024

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: February 8, 2024

Next Meeting: April 11, 2024

Committee Notes

Presentation

1. None

Discussion

1. Richmond Public Schools (RPS) and Richmond School Board Updates, Jason Kamras, Richmond Public Schools Superintendent and Stephanie Rizzi, Richmond School Board Chair and Liz Dooer, Richmond School Board Vice Chair
2. Update from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services, Traci DeShazor, DCAO for Human Services

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

1. Ordinance No. 2024-047

Patron: Mrs. Robertson

Key Points

- To amend City Code § 2-744, concerning the duty of the Mayor to submit reports on City's comprehensive poverty reduction initiative, for the purpose of modifying reporting requirements.
 - This legislation amends Ord. No. 2015-240-236 to change the frequency of presentations to Council from the Office of Community Wealth Building from twice per year to once per year.
 - This legislation would amend City Code §2-744 which outlines reporting for presentations to Council with an oral report in March and an Annual Report in September/October at the regular Council meeting.
 - The requested change would maintain the formal presentation to City Council but would require that the report be given to Council at an informal meeting by October 31st of each year.
 - This legislation would exclude the requirement for the report to be provided at a regular Council meeting.

Fiscal Impact

This proposed legislation should not have a fiscal impact.



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2. Ordinance No. 2024-054

Patron: Mr. Addison

Key Points

- To amend City Code § 2-850 for the purpose of revising the membership composition of the Future of Workforce Commission to include representatives from businesses located without the corporate City limits that serve the residents of the city of Richmond.
 - The patron is requesting to amend Ordinance 2023-148, Sec. 2-850 (b)(3), that requires residency in the city of Richmond for organizations or community partners.
 - Currently, the language in the Ordinance requires residency for organizations or community partners to reside in the city of Richmond.
 - This change will allow membership and a representative from businesses located without the corporate City limits that serve residents of the city of Richmond.

Fiscal Impact

This proposed legislation should not have a fiscal impact.

3. Ordinance No. 2024-R008

Patron: Mrs. Robertson

Key Points

- To express support for the City's acquisition, designation, and establishment of a portion of the property located at 405 West 6th Street and commonly known as Manchester Green as an official park.
 - This legislation is proposed for Council's support to acquire and develop Manchester Green for public park use, contingent upon Norfolk Southern Corporation's willingness to sell all or part of the land.
 - The proposed parcel is identified as the Norfolk Southern Corporation land situated between the Manchester Bridge and approximately one-half west of McDonough Street.
 - This Resolution is proposed with full support of the Manchester Alliance Civic Association.

Fiscal Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to acquire the land.

Looking Ahead and Follow up Information

The Report from the Children's Funding Project will be presented by Amelia Vaughan, Co-Director of Research Capacity at the April Organizational Development Standing Committee Meeting and to the RPS School Board in the format desired by the Board.