

December 6, 2021

CPCR.2021.127: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION

TO UPDATE THE CITY OF RICHMOND'S MASTER PLAN TO INCLUDE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY CENTER INNOVATION DISTRICT SMALL AREA PLAN

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission adopted a *Master Plan* on October 5, 2020 by resolution 2020.050; and the city council approved said *Master Plan* by Ordinance 2020-236 on December 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution 2020-R009 tasked the Chief Administrative Officer to direct the completion of an area plan for certain City-owned properties in the City Center area; and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution 2021-R024 was passed in order to accept and approve the biennial real estate strategies plan, which included many of the City-owned properties in City Center; and

WHEREAS, the recently-completed City Center Innovation District Small Area Plan provides a framework plan for the redevelopment of the City Center area to catalyze the development of a thriving, mixed-use downtown; and

WHEREAS, the City Center Innovation District Small Area Plan involved extensive public engagement and coordination with other departments of the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the Draft City Center Small Area Plan on June 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed plan, taken into consideration comments received at its public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Richmond City Planning Commission hereby adopts the City Center Innovation District Small Area Plan as part of the *Master Plan*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission forwards the City Center Innovation District Small Area Plan to the City Council with the recommendation of approval.

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