

INTRODUCED: December 13, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-337

To amend Ord. No. 2021-041, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Special Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and appropriated the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds, to transfer funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Office of the City Attorney’s “Delinquent Tax Sales” special fund, and to amend Ord. No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted a general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, by (i) creating a new “National Slavery Museum Foundation” Non-Departmental line item and (ii) increasing revenues by \$300,000 and appropriating the funds transferred from the Office of the City Attorney’s “Delinquent Tax Sales” special fund to the new National Slavery Museum Foundation Non-Departmental line item in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget for the purpose of making a grant to The Museum of the American Slave Trade, also known as the National Slavery Museum Foundation, for the support of planning and fundraising activities for the establishment of a national slavery museum at the Lumpkin’s Slave Jail / Devil’s Half-Acre site in Richmond.

Patron – Mayor Stoney and City Council

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JAN 2022 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Ordinance No. 2021-041, adopted May 24, 2020, which adopted the Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, and made

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: JAN 10 2022 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

appropriations thereto, is hereby amended by transferring funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Office of the City Attorney's Delinquent Tax Sales special fund.

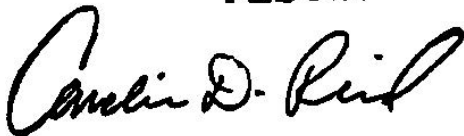
§ 2. That Ordinance No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, and made appropriations thereto, is hereby amended by:

(a) Creating a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency entitled "National Slavery Museum Foundation" for the purpose of making a grant to The Museum of the American Slave Trade, also known as the National Slavery Museum Foundation, to support planning and fundraising activities for the establishment of a national slavery museum at the Lumpkin's Slave Jail / Devil's Half-Acre site in Richmond;

(b) Increasing revenues by \$300,000.00 and appropriating the funds transferred pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance to the new National Slavery Museum Foundation line item in the Non-Departmental agency for the purpose of making a grant to The Museum of the American Slave Trade, also known as the National Slavery Museum Foundation, to support planning and fundraising activities for the establishment of a national slavery museum at the Lumpkin's Slave Jail / Devil's Half-Acre site in Richmond.

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

**A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:**



**Carolin D. Reed
City Clerk**



CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O&R REQUEST

DATE: November 17, 2021 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor *LM Stoney*

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer *JELS*

THROUGH: Jason P. May, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning *Jason May*

THROUGH: Sheila White, Director of Finance *Sheila White*

THROUGH: Haskell C. Brown, III, Interim City Attorney *HCB III*
 (Only as to the availability of 300,000 to be transferred from the Office of the City Attorney's Delinquent Tax Sale special fund)

FROM: Sharon L. Ebert, DCAO – Planning & Economic Development Portfolio *Sharon Ebert*

RE: To amend the FY2022 budget to transfer \$300,000 from the City Attorney's Delinquent Tax Sales special fund to the general fund (non-departmental) for the purpose of providing a grant to the National Slavery Museum Foundation

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To amend Ord. No. 2021-041, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Special Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and appropriated the estimated receipts of the Special Revenue funds, to transfer funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Office of the City Attorney's "Delinquent Tax Sales" special fund and to amend Ord. No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted a general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, by (i) creating a new "National Slavery Museum Foundation" non-departmental line item and (ii) appropriating the \$300,000 in funds transferred from the City Attorney's "Delinquent Tax Sales" special fund to the new National Slavery Museum Foundation non-departmental line item in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget for the purpose of making a grant of up to \$300,000.00 to the National Slavery Museum Foundation to assist the Foundation as it begins planning and fundraising for the establishment of a national slavery museum in Richmond.

REASON: To facilitate a grant of up to \$300,000 to the National Slavery Museum Foundation.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Administration recommends approval.

BACKGROUND:

The National Slavery Museum Foundation (the "Foundation") is a Virginia non-stock corporation exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) established in 2011 for the purpose of telling the story of the North American slave trade industry and the role that the City of Richmond played as the second largest trade center in the United States during the first half of the nineteenth century up through the end of the Civil War (New Orleans being the largest slave trade center) and how this industry of human bondage supported not only the economic growth of the City, and the South, but the Nation as a whole. The funds for this Foundation will assist with the hiring of a director who will help advance the planning, marketing, fund raising and efforts to establish a National Slavery Museum as the center piece of the African Enslaved Heritage Campus located in Shockoe Bottom.

This ordinance will repurpose \$300,000 currently in the City Attorney's "Delinquent Tax Sales" special fund in order to provide a non-department grant of up to \$300,000 to the Foundation for the purposes described above. The funds will be disbursed to the Foundation pursuant to a grant contract drafted to incorporate the required provisions set forth in City Code Section 12-15. It is anticipated that, upon adoption by City Council/execution of a grant agreement, \$100,000 will be advanced as seed money to the Foundation to hire a director and then the remaining \$200,000 will be released to the Foundation as it is matched dollar for dollar through a successful fund raising campaign over the next three years.

In the form currently pending before the Council, Ordinance No. 2021-270 would transfer \$1,300,000 from the Office of the City Attorney's "Delinquent Tax Sales" special fund to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Enslaved African Heritage Campus Project in the Culture and Recreation Category of the Capital Budget. It is anticipated that Ordinance No. 2021-270 will be amended at the time the ordinance requested by this memorandum is introduced to reduce the amount transferred to the Enslaved African Heritage Campus Project by Ordinance No. 2021-270 from \$1,300,000 to \$1,000,000 so that the \$300,000 difference instead may be transferred to the new National Slavery Museum Foundation non-departmental line item in the General Fund Budget. The total amount transferred from the Office of the City Attorney's "Delinquent Tax Sales" special fund pursuant to these two ordinances will remain \$1,300,000.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: Disbursement of up to \$300,000

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: The funding source for this appropriation is surplus in the Office of the City Attorney's Delinquent Tax Sales special fund that has accrued from tax sale proceeds unclaimed by those who are entitled to claim them. The \$300,000 to be transferred represents a portion of the available funds in the Delinquent Tax Sales special fund that the Office of the City Attorney believes is not needed to ensure the continued operation of the Office's tax sale program.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes.

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A

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DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: December 13, 2021

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: January 10, 2022

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: No committee referral pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c)

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Budget and Strategic Planning, Finance, Economic Development, City Attorney's Office

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: Amendment to Ord. Nos. 2021-040 and 2021-041; associated with a motion to amend the pending Ord. No. 2021-270 to reduce the amount transferred to the capital budget from \$1,300,000 to \$1,000,000

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

STAFF: Sharon L. Ebert, DCAO for Planning, Economic and Community Development