

INTRODUCED: January 24, 2022

A RESOLUTION No. 2022-R006

To express the Council’s support for procuring the translation into Spanish of all Council meetings and any related agendas, documents, and materials, and for such Spanish translations to be simulcast on internet and television transmissions of Council meetings.

Patrons – Mr. Jones, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Nye, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Lynch
and President Newbille

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 14 2022 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, the city of Richmond has a significant and growing Hispanic population of which a large part speaks primarily Spanish; and

WHEREAS, the Council is of the opinion that procuring the translation into Spanish of all Council meetings and any related agendas, documents, and materials such that such Spanish translations are simulcast on internet and television transmissions of Council meetings would enhance the participation of the city’s Hispanic population in local government; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the city of Richmond that the Council express its support for procuring the translation into Spanish of all

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN:

ADOPTED: FEB 14 2022 REJECTED: STRICKEN:

Council meetings and any related agendas, documents, and materials, and for such Spanish translations to be simulcast on internet and television transmissions of Council meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

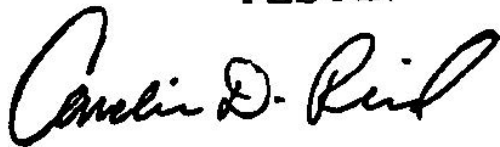
That the Council hereby expresses its support for procuring the translation into Spanish of all Council meetings and any related agendas, documents, and materials, and for such Spanish translations to be simulcast on internet and television transmissions of Council meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby requests that the Council Chief of Staff cause the preparation of a report determining the fiscal impact and associated costs to procure such Spanish translation services and submit such report to Council within 90 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution.

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolin D. Reed". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

City Clerk



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney

THROUGH Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff

FROM Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

COPY Michael Jones, 9th District Council Member
Dominique Thaxton, 9th District Liaison
Tabrica Rentz, Interim Deputy City Attorney

DATE December 29, 2021

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TITLE Spanish Translation of Council Meetings

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

M. Jones

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Government Operations

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Requesting that a resolution be drafted expressing Council’s support of Spanish translation for all Council meetings, agenda, documents, materials and the simulcasts of the translations on the internet and television.

Additionally, the Council wishes to receive a report from the Council’s Staff determining the fiscal impact and associated costs to procure these services within 90 days of approval of this legislation.

BACKGROUND

Richmond has a growing Hispanic population many of whom primarily speak Spanish. Published reports in the Richmond Free Press examining recent population trends in the City report that up to 24,000 residents are Hispanic up from about 4,000 twenty years ago. It’s

Council's desire that all of these persons have better contact with their government.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: No additional costs are anticipated for examining the questions presented. Substantial costs are anticipated if there is implementation of the services but exact figures cannot be determined at this writing. Final costs of translations and simulcast services are to be determined/estimated in a report to the Council.

Attachment/s Yes No