

INTRODUCED: February 14, 2022

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022-037

To amend Ord. No. 2021-042, adopted May 24, 2021, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) establishing a new project for the Department of Public Works in the City Facility Maintenance & Improvements category called the “Diamond Maintenance” project and (ii) transferring funds in the amount of \$1,800,000.00 from the Capital Maintenance Reserve and appropriating such transferred funds to the Department of Public Works’ new Diamond Maintenance project in the City Facility Maintenance & Improvements category for the purpose of funding capital maintenance of the City’s baseball stadium known as the Diamond.

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Patron – Mayor Stoney

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 28 2022 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Ordinance No. 2021-042, adopted May 24, 2021, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, and determined a means of financing the same, be and is hereby amended by establishing a new project for the Department of Public Works in the City Facility Maintenance & Improvements category called the “Diamond Maintenance”

AYES:            9            NOES:            0            ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: FEB 28 2022 REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_ STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

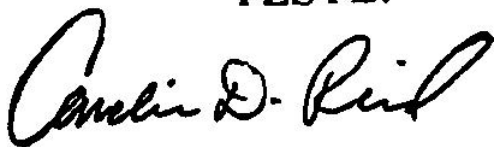
project for the purpose of funding capital maintenance of the City's baseball stadium known as the Diamond.

§ 2. That Ordinance No. 2021-042, adopted May 24, 2021, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, and determined a means of financing the same, be and is hereby amended by increasing estimated revenues from the transfer of \$1,800,000.00 from the Capital Maintenance Reserve established pursuant to section 12-264 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, increasing the amount appropriated for expenditures by \$1,800,000.00, and allotting to the Department of Public Works' new Diamond Maintenance project in the City Facility Maintenance & Improvements category the sum of \$1,800,000.00 for the purpose of funding capital maintenance of the City's baseball stadium known as the Diamond.

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

**A TRUE COPY:**

**TESTE:**

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

**City Clerk**



# CITY OF RICHMOND

## INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

**O&R REQUEST**

**DATE:** January 25, 2022 **EDITION:** 1

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

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

**THROUGH:** Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer *JELS*

**THROUGH:** Sabrina Joy-Hogg Deputy Chief Administrative officer *SJH*

**THROUGH:** Jason May; Director of Budget and Strategic Planning *Jason May*

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

**THROUGH:** Robert C. Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer *Robert C. Steidel*

**FROM:** Bobby Vincent, Director of DPW *Bobby Vincent*

**RE:** To request the appropriation of \$1,800,000 from the Capital Maintenance Reserve to the Facilities Capital Budget to support capital improvements to the Richmond Diamond Ballpark

**ORD. OR RES. No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:** To amend Ord. No. 2021-042, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2022; and to request the City Council appropriate \$1,800,000 from the Capital Maintenance Reserve to the Facilities Capital Budget to support capital improvements to the Richmond Diamond Ballpark. Specifically, these required improvements would include replacement of the field lights, construction of a batting/pitching tunnel, and required refurbishment to the visitor and home team locker-rooms and structural repairs to the concrete structural roof bents.

**REASON:** Minor League ballparks are subject to the same standards as Major League Baseball (MLB). During MLB's tour of the Diamond, it was determined that field lights had reached their effective life cycle and could no longer provide the minimum candle foot capacity for safe use of the ball field. Deficiencies in minimum. DPW's contractor surveyed the lighting system and determined the entire system will not meet current or old MLB standards as the system has surpassed its expected life cycle of effectiveness.

After just 2 seasons of use (2019 and 2021) light levels depreciated by about 40% in the infield and 25% in the outfield even with the new lamps we just installed on the one outfield pole. After the relamp in December 2018, Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (RMTA) contractor was able to get all the lamps working except on the Left field C pole and Third Base A pole. In June of 2019, RMTA's contractor replaced 42 fixture outages. During the contractor's recent site visit, they found another 42 fixtures out. Just on the one pole observed corrosion on bolts and missing hardware. The poles were inspected for structural concerns. After observation of several cracks and rusting on the current poles that concerns were raised by the contractor.

The FY22 Facilities Capital Budget is already planned and does not include necessary improvements to the Diamond Ballpark. As such, an allocation from the Capital Maintenance Reserve to the Facilities Capital Budget, in the amount of \$1,800,000, is being requested.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval.

**BACKGROUND:** As part of the lease agreement of the Diamond facility bi-annual inspection is required of the structural integrity of the aging concrete facility. As in previous inspections areas of the concrete roof support system was found to have concrete spalling and cracking that requires repair to maintain structural integrity. Additional MLB requires that each ball park under their control must have an enclosed batting and hitting tunnel for each teams use, as one such pitching/batting tunnel exists it is necessary to build the second required tunnel. During the MLB inspection of the Diamond facility it was determined that there are a number deviations in the home and visitor teams locker rooms that must be cured to maintain MLB's approval for the Diamond to remain as an authorized minor league facility. These deviations from minimum standards will be corrected as part this work.

**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:** \$1,800,000 (architect estimate of construction cost)

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** Not appropriating these funds will result in inability to proceed with aforementioned refurbishments required under the lease agreement.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** Yes

**REVENUE TO CITY:** Continued revenue from lease with Navigators Baseball LP

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** February 14, 2022

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** February 28, 2022

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Finance and Economic Development February 17, 2022

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** City Attorney's Office

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Departments of Public Works, Finance, Budget and Strategic Planning, Procurement Services

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** Ord. No. 2021-042

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

**STAFF:**

Robert C. Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer- Extension 1378

Lynne Lancaster, Deputy Director DPW -Extension 6006