

INTRODUCED: March 14, 2022

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022-087

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the parcels of real property owned by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and known as 400 East 15th Street, 426 East 15th Street, and 1421 Dinwiddie Avenue for the purpose of maintaining such properties as public greenspace and for playground and recreational uses.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAR 28 2022 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Council of the City of Richmond, a public necessity exists for the acquisition of the parcels of real property owned by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and known as 400 East 15th Street, 426 East 15th Street, and 1421 Dinwiddie Avenue for the purpose of maintaining such properties as public greenspace and for playground and recreational uses;

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That a public necessity exists for the acquisition of the parcels real property known as parcels of real property known as 400 East 15th Street, 426 East 15th Street, and 1421

AYES: 7 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: MAR 28 2022 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

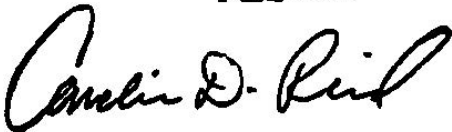
Dinwiddie Avenue and identified as Tax Parcel Nos. S000-0226/001, S000-0226/012, and S000-0229/019, respectively, in the 2022 records of the City Assessor for the purpose of maintaining such properties as public greenspace and for playground and recreational uses

§ 2. That, notwithstanding any provision of section 8-34 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, to the contrary, the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, be and is hereby authorized to acquire such parcels of real property from the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for nominal consideration and to execute the deeds and such other documents as may be necessary to complete the acquisition and acceptance of such parcels of real property, provided that the deeds and such other documents must first be approved as to form by the City Attorney or the designee thereof.

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

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:

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

City Clerk



CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O&R REQUEST

DATE: February 2, 2022 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

THROUGH: Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Reginald E. Gordon, DCAO for Human Services

FROM: Christopher E. Frelke, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities

RE: Transfer of 3 Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) Parcels to the City of Richmond for the expansion of Charlie Sydnor Playground.

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept the transfer of real property from the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) at 400 E. 15th Street (Parcel ID No. S0000226001), 426, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, and 660 E. 15th Street (Parcel ID No. S0000226012) and 1421 Dinwiddie Ave (Parcel ID No. S0000229019). This ordinance would also authorize the CAO to accept deed and title to such property for the purpose of maintaining such property as public green space, playground and for recreational uses.

REASON: To transfer ownership of three (3) vacant lots adjacent to Charlie Sydnor Playground currently owned by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval is recommended by the City Administration.

BACKGROUND: The parcels to be transferred were originally within the Blackwell HOPE VI Revitalization Program. The parcels were not developed during this program and are currently vacant. Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) requested review of their proposal to transfer these vacant parcels to the City of Richmond by (HUD). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has reviewed the title and survey documentation for the lots and have determined that no Deeds of Trust or Declaration of Restrictive Covenants are recorded on the parcels. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development also reviewed documentation certifying that no funds associated with the Housing

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Act of 1937 have been used in the purchase or maintenance of the parcels. Therefore, HUD has determined that RRHA may proceed to transfer the ownership of these parcels to the City of Richmond's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities for the purposes of creating a permanent park.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: No new impacts

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: None

REVENUE TO CITY: None

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: March 14, 2022

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: March 28, 2022

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing & Transportation

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A – Letter from U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development
Attachment B – Map showing Location of Parcels to be transferred

STAFF: Christopher Frelke, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities
646-1128

RRHA PARCELS TO BE TRANSFERRED





U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

Ms. Stacey Daniels-Fayson
Executive Director
Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority
901 Chamberlayne Parkway
Richmond Virginia 23220

November 10, 2021

SUBJECT: Transfer of 3 Parcels to the City of Richmond, VA
For Designation as a Public Park

Dear Ms. Daniels-Fayson:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (Department) is reviewing two concurrent HOPE VI homeownership projects associated with the Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority's (RRHA) Blackwell HOPE VI Grant (VA36URD007119). RRHA requested assistance in the transfer of three vacant lots in the neighborhood to the City of Richmond's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (PRCF).

The lots are described as follows:

- o 400 & 426 15th Street, Richmond VA; Parcel Map ID: S0000226001
- o 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610 & 660 15th Street, Richmond VA; Parcel Map ID: S0000226012;
- o 1421 Dinwiddie Ave, Richmond VA.; Parcel Map ID: S0000229019.

The Department has reviewed the title and survey documentation for these lots. We have determined that no Deeds of Trust or Declarations of Restrictive Covenants are recorded on the parcels. HUD also reviewed documentation certifying that no funds associated with the Housing Act of 1937 have been used in the purchase or maintenance of these lots.

The Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority may proceed to transfer the ownership of these lots to the City of Richmond's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities for the purposes of creating a permanent park.

We thank you for your commitment to the HOPE VI program. We look forward to working with you and your partners in continuing your revitalization efforts. If you have any questions contact your HUD assigned Grant Manager, John Holtgreive, via email at John.P.Holtgreive@hud.gov .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan A. Wilson".

Susan A. Wilson
Director, Office of Urban Revitalization
Office of Public Housing Investments

cc: Robert Davenport, Director, Office of Public Housing, Richmond Field Office