

INTRODUCED: January 9, 2023

AN ORDINANCE No. 2023-021

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the parcels of real property owned by The Conservation Fund, A Nonprofit Corporation, and known as 3011 Dock Street and 3021 Dock Street, consisting of 4.33± acres, for the purpose of maintaining such properties as public greenspace in the James River Park System.

Patrons – Mayor Stoney and Ms. Newbille

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JAN 23 2023 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 Conservation Fund, A Nonprofit Corporation and known as 3011 Dock Street and 3021 Dock Street, consisting of approximately 4.33 acres, for the purpose of maintaining such properties as public greenspace in the James River Park System;

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That a public necessity exists for the acquisition of the parcels real property known as 3011 Dock Street and 3021 Dock Street, consisting of approximately 4.33 acres, and

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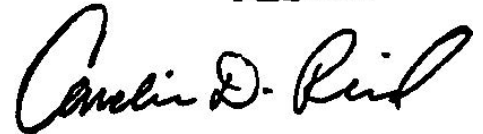
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identified as Tax Parcel No. E000-0587/004 in the 2023 records of the City Assessor for the purpose of maintaining such properties as public greenspace in the James River Park System.

§ 2. That 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 Conservation Fund, A Nonprofit Corporation 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. Reed". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

City Clerk



City of Richmond

Intracity Correspondence

O&R REQUEST

DATE: December 19, 2022

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

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

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THROUGH: Sabrina Joy-Hogg, DCAO for Finance and Administration

THROUGH: Sheila White, Director of Finance

THROUGH: Jason May, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

THROUGH: Reginald E. Gordon, DCAO for Human Services

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

RE: TO DECLARE A PUBLIC NECESSITY EXISTS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ACQUIRE 4.33+ ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 3011 AND 3021 DOCK STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPANSION OF THE JAMES RIVER PARK SYSTEM.

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the acquisition of 4.33+ acres from The Conservation Fund for the purpose of maintaining such property as an open public green space that is part of the James River Park System.

REASON: The City has the opportunity to acquire over 4 acres of real property located at 3011 and 3021 Dock Street at a substantial discount to add to the James River Park System and preserve as green space for use in perpetuity.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities is excited to be partnering with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and Capital Region Land Conservancy, among other partners, to add 4.33+ acres of land to the James River Park System.

The Dock Street Properties are located on the north bank of the James River at 3011 and 3021 Dock Street. Once acquired, ownership of this real property will allow the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities to offer additional amenities for river lovers and park users across the City. The property in question is located on the northern bank of the James River, just east of Great Shiplock Park and at the trailhead of the Virginia Capital Trail and offers Richmonders another site for direct river access. The property includes a 350-foot dock and acres of green space. It is across the river from Ancarrow's Landing.

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities is prepared for the ongoing maintenance the acquisition of this property will bring and has plans to complete a connection to the Virginia Capital Trail through the parcel.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: The total value of this property is \$4,267,680. The City will be responsible for paying \$2,850,000 to complete the purchase of the property.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: \$2,100,000 of the funding comes from a grant the City was awarded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The City is also allocating \$500,000 of the funding from the Coliseum Demo Project, and \$250,000 from the East End Transformation Fund. The remaining \$1,417,680 of funding comes from non-profits The Conservation Fund, and the Capital Region Land Conservancy.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: None.

REVENUE TO CITY: None.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: January 9, 2023

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: January 23, 2023

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing and Transportation Committee

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: Department of Public Works, Department of Public Utilities

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None.

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): Once acquired, public improvements will be maintained by Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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