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City of Richmond Education and Human Resources Committee

May 11, 2023

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: April 13, 2023

Next Meeting: June 8, 2023

Presentation, Discussions and Papers for Consideration

1. Update on Inclement Weather Shelter – Sherill Hampton, Director of Housing and Community Development and Stephen Harms, Senior Policy Advisor
2. Update on RPS Head Start Initiatives – Jason Kamras, Superintendent of Richmond Public Schools
3. Richmond School Board Update – Stephanie Rizzi, Richmond School Board Chair and Cheryl Burke, Richmond School Board Vice-Chair

Discussion Items

1. Fiscal Mapping Project
2. Pathways for Careers and Education

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ord. 2023 -148

Patron: Mr. Addison

1. **To amend Ch. 2, Art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div 4.1. consisting of § 2-850 – 2-852 for the purpose of establishing a Future of Workforce Commission.**

Key Points:

1. Commission advises the Council and Mayor on matters involving workforce development through partnerships that facilitate training and programs for accessing employment, career, and educational opportunities.
2. Commission has 15 members. The Council will appoint 10 members, and the mayor will appoint 5 members. Members will serve three-year terms.
3. Other members of the Commission will include the School Division of the City of Richmond, City Council, City administrative departments, J. Sargent



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Reynolds Community College, the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, the Greater Richmond Transit Company, a private partnership developer, and corporations having a headquarters or place of business in the city.

- (1.) The Workforce Commission shall recommend the manner in which the City may develop partnerships with organizations within the community, consisting of members of the executive management of local government and schools and youth serving community and business organizations, to create a plan for workforce educational and training opportunities from preschool through post-secondary, including certificate programs and associate degrees for workforce preparedness to enhance the City's economic development objectives.
- (2.) Propose a continuum of career and educational options for all residents of the city, starting at sixth grade through 12th grade in the school division operated by the School Board of City of Richmond, to include middle and high school students and young adults.
- (3.) Identify ways in which students of the City of Richmond school division may obtain access to programs designed to grades six through twelve, engage with employers and community partners for career planning, increase career awareness, and enhance career exploration for multidisciplinary career options for employment or study at the college level.
- (4.) Develop a plan to identify funding options for the acquisition and development, either or both, of vacant, unoccupied, or undeveloped real property in the city for career training or education programs.
- (5.) Report to the Education and Human Services Committee by no later than December 31st of each year and develop a written report on the Commission's initial plan to accomplish objectives set forth in this section by no later than June 30, 2024.
- (6.) The Office of the Council Chief of Staff shall provide such staff and resources and coordinate the provision of assistance needed to staff the Commission. The costs are estimated at \$5,000 of staff support.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes.