

INTRODUCED: May 8, 2023

AN ORDINANCE No. 2023-149

To amend Ord. No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring \$14,295.00 from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities agency, and to amend Ord. No. 2022-057, adopted May 9, 2022, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and determined a means of financing the same, by increasing estimated revenues from the funds transferred and the amount appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' James River Park Infrastructure project in the Culture and Recreation Category, for the purpose of making a grant of \$14,295.00 to the Friends of The James River Park to facilitate the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle trail at Reedy Creek.

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Patron – Mayor Stoney and Vice President Nye

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: JUN 12 2023 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Ordinance No. 2020-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted a General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, be and is hereby amended by transferring \$14,295.00 from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities agency for the fiscal year commencing

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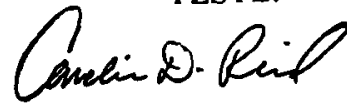
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July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of making a grant of \$14,295.00 to the Friends of The James River Park to facilitate the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle trail at Reedy Creek.

§ 2. That Ordinance No. 2022-057, adopted May 9, 2022, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, and determined a means of financing the same, be and is hereby amended by increasing estimated revenues from the funds transferred pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance, increasing the amount appropriated for expenditures by \$14,295.00, and allotting to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' James River Park Infrastructure project in the Culture and Recreation Category the sum of \$14,295.00 for the purpose of making a grant of \$14,295.00 to the Friends of The James River Park to facilitate the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle trail at Reedy Creek.

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

**A TRUE COPY:  
TESTE:**



**City Clerk**



# City of Richmond

## Intracity Correspondence

### O&R REQUEST

**DATE:** March 17, 2023 **EDITION:** 1

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

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

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

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

Designee

**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:** Accepting a donation from The Friends of James River Park to construct a new trail at the Reedy Creek Park Headquarters

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

**PURPOSE:** To accept a donation of \$56,500 from Friends of the James River Park, a 501 C-3 non-profit organization, to contribute towards the cost to construct a new pedestrian/bike trail that bypasses the maintenance shop at the James River Park headquarters at Reedy Creek. To provide a grant, pursuant to the authority granted in Code of Virginia Code § 15.2-953 (B), in the amount of \$14,295 to the Friends of the James River Park to complete the funding necessary for the construction of a new pedestrian/bike trail that bypasses the maintenance shop at the James River Park headquarters at Reedy Creek.

**REASON:** The construction of this trail will both greatly increase user safety and improve the aesthetics in this very popular and heavily-used location. This bypass trail is recommended in the James River Park Master Plan and has been approved by Norfolk Southern, whose property is adjacent. The Friends of the James River Park have raised \$56,500 for the cost of this project, which in total will cost \$70,795. In order to ensure that the project can be properly completed, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities desires to provide a grant to the Friends of the James River in the amount of \$14,295 to cover the balance.

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

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, the vehicle access road at the James River Park shop and headquarters receives a tremendous amount of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. This road is heavily used by JRPS staff vehicles as well as backhoes, tractors, delivery trucks, DPU service trucks, etc. By constructing this trail around the maintenance shop, it will greatly reduce the chance of accidents by physically separating all trail users from vehicles. The Friends of the James River Park have raised \$56,500 to help pay for this project which will cost in total \$70,795. The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities desires to provide a grant in the amount of \$14,295 for the balance of the project.

**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:** One-time payment of \$14,295 from the department's Capital Projects fund towards the project. Total cost of the project is \$70,795.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** The City will receive the value of a \$56,500 donation towards the project from the Friends of the James River Park.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** No

**REVENUE TO CITY:** None.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** April 24, 2023

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** May 8, 2023

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Land Use, Housing and Transportation Committee

**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:** Friends of the James River Park Donation Letter

**STAFF:** Christopher Frelke, Director – Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities  
646-1128



To whom it may concern,

Friends of the James River Park is proud to be able to donate \$56,500 to the City of Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities for the construction of the Reedy Creek Bypass Trail. As the largest nonprofit supporter of the James River Park System, we appreciate all of the hard work that City employees put into managing the Park, and we consider this donation one of the most efficient ways for us to deliver on our mission. We are excited to be able to help make this important safety improvement in the Park.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached by email at [josh@jamesriverpark.org](mailto:josh@jamesriverpark.org).

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Stutz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Josh Stutz, Executive Director- Friends of the James River Park.