

INTRODUCED: February 12, 2024

AN ORDINANCE No. 2024-048

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept certain parcels of real property presently or formerly owned by Enrichmond Foundation and its affiliate Parity LLC, commonly known as East End Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery, and Forest View Cemetery for the purpose of preserving and maintaining such parcels as historic African-American cemeteries and public greenspaces.

Patrons – Mayor Stoney, Ms. Newbille, President Nye and Mr. Addison

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 26 2024 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Council of the City of Richmond, a public necessity exists for the acquisition of certain parcels of real property presently or formerly owned by Enrichmond Foundation and its affiliate Parity LLC, commonly known as East End Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery, and Forest View Cemetery for the purpose of preserving and maintaining such parcels as historic African-American cemeteries and public greenspaces.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That a public necessity exists for the acquisition and acceptance of the dedication

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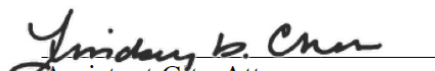
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by gift of the parcels of real property known as (i) East End Cemetery, having a street address of 3600 East Richmond Road, Richmond, Virginia, and identified as Tax Parcel No. E000-3307/004 in the 2024 records of the City Assessor, (ii) Evergreen Cemetery, having a street address of 1751 Evergreen Road, Richmond, Virginia, and identified in the 2024 records of the City Assessor as Tax Parcel No. E000/3307-011 and 50 Evergreen Road, Henrico, Virginia, and identified in the 2024 records of the Henrico County Finance Department, Real Estate Assessment Division as Parcel ID No. 805-721-5113; and (iii) Forest View Cemetery, having a street address of 4909 Bassett Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, and identified in the 2024 records of the City Assessor as Tax Parcel No. S006-0444/016; such parcels consisting of approximately 76 acres, more or less in the aggregate.

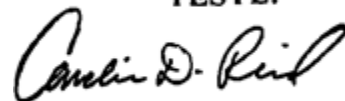
§ 2. That the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to accept the dedication by gift of the properties described in section 1 of this ordinance from the Enrichmond Foundation, Parity LLC, or such other party or parties having the authority to convey such property, and to execute the deeds and other documents necessary to complete the dedication and acceptance of such properties described in section 1 of this ordinance, provided that all such deeds and other documents first must be approved as to form by the City Attorney or the designee thereof.

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

Approved as to Form:


Assistant City Attorney

**A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:**


City Clerk



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City of Richmond

Intracity Correspondence

O&R Transmittal

DATE: January 29, 2024

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

THROUGH: Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Traci DeShazor, DCAO for Human Services

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

RE: TO DECLARE A PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ACCEPT CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY PRESENTLY OR FORMERLY OWNED BY ENRICHMOND FOUNDATION AND ITS AFFILIATE PARITY LLC, COMMONLY KNOWN AS EAST END CEMETERY, EVERGREEN CEMETERY, AND FOREST VIEW CEMETERY.

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 known as East End Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery, and Forest View Cemetery from Enrichmond Foundation and its affiliate Parity LLC, or such other party or parties who have the authority to convey such property, consisting of approximately 76 acres, more or less, in the aggregate, and identified as 1751 Evergreen Road, Richmond, Virginia and 50 Evergreen Road, Henrico, Virginia (City of Richmond Tax Parcel Number E0003307011 and Henrico County Parcel ID Number 805-721-5113); 4909 Bassett Avenue, Richmond, Virginia (City of Richmond Tax Parcel Number: S0060444016); and 3600 East Richmond Road, Richmond, Virginia (City of Richmond Tax Parcel Number E000307004). This ordinance would also authorize the CAO to accept deed and title to such property for the purpose of preserving and maintaining such properties as historic African-American cemeteries and public greenspaces.

BACKGROUND: The City of Richmond, knowing the importance, public interest, legacy, and

sacredness of these sites to the history, present, and future of our City, deem them necessary to receive and preserve as public assets. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (PRCF) with the Department of Public Works (DPW) is prepared for the ongoing preservation and maintenance after the acquisition of this property. The Evergreen and East End Cemeteries are subject to a Deed of Open-Space Easement for conservation purposes in favor of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: PRCF with internal and external stakeholders have attended multiple public meetings regarding this potential transfer and gathered feedback from interested parties. Community engagement is ongoing and will continue after the transfer is complete.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL: None.

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: Department of Public Works

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: The City will accept these properties as a simple transfer by deed of gift with no funds being applied to the acquisition; however, the ongoing maintenance and improvements will need to be incorporated into future budgetary considerations. PRCF will pursue grant funding opportunities to assist with the maintenance and improvements.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: February 12, 2024

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: February 26, 2024

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Planning Commission

AFFECTED AGENCIES: PRCF, DPW

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: Res. 2023-RO11

ATTACHMENTS: None.

STAFF: Christopher Frelke, Director, PRCF
Nissa Dean, Deputy Director, PRCF
Daniel Hazlett, Senior Management Analyst, PRCF