

INTRODUCED: July 25, 2016

AN ORDINANCE No. 2016-201

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept a gift, valued at approximately \$154,000, from Flying Squirrels Charities of materials and project management for the purpose of redeveloping baseball fields of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities located on the grounds of Blackwell Playground at 1450 Maury Street and Bellmeade Community Center at 1800 Lynhaven Avenue.

Patron – Mayor Jones

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEPT 26 2016 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to accept a gift, valued at approximately \$154,000, from Flying Squirrels Charities of materials and project management for the purpose of redeveloping baseball fields of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities located on the grounds of Blackwell Playground at 1450 Maury Street and Bellmeade Community Center at 1800 Lynhaven Avenue.

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

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: SEPT 26 2016 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST

JUN 21 2016
4-5311
Chief Administration Office
City of Richmond

O&R REQUEST

DATE: June 15, 2016

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

RECEIVED

THROUGH: Dwight C. Jones, Mayor [Signature]

JUN 30 2016

THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer [Signature]

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

THROUGH: Debra D. Gardner, Deputy CAO for Human Services [Signature]

FROM: Norman Merrifield, Ed.D., Director [Signature]
Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

RE: Improvements to Baseball Fields

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION NO.:

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept a gift of improvements from the Richmond Flying Squirrels Charitable Foundation (Squirrels) for the sole purpose of redeveloping the baseball field at Blackwell Playground and creating a home field at the Bellemeade Recreation Center

REASON: The Squirrels would like to support the department in improving the baseball field opportunities for our Youth Baseball Program. The Squirrels have estimated the costs to be approximately \$154,000. City Ordinance 2009-159-167 states that gifted assets valued at more than \$25,000 require formal City Council approval to be accepted. For the Squirrels to start these two projects the gift must be formally accepted.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities recommends acceptance of project management assistance and physical products to complete these projects as it would provide a significant and attractive improvement to the City's Youth Baseball Program

BACKGROUND: In 2014, the Richmond Squirrels baseball organization approached the Department about partnering with them to assist in improving the field conditions at a number of our sports facilities. The department had made a consensus effort to upgrade our facilities but did not have the required funding to move forward at the pace the baseball program was moving. Throughout the country almost all baseball programs are shrinking. However, in Richmond we grew by five (5) teams this past year and expect more growth in the coming years. The department wants to provide an impressionable experience for our youth. We eliminated the individual cost for the baseball program allowing more of the City's impoverished youth to participate in a healthy and character developing pursuit. Last year being our first venture with the Squirrels, the fundraising

allowed us to provide proper protective dugouts at two city locations, Hotchkiss and Westover. This required a modest investment that did not meet the required funding threshold to require Council permission. However this second year has proven to be very successful thanks to the Squirrels efforts allowing this year's projects to be more impactful and therefore exceed the monetary threshold for giving.

The Squirrels themselves have partnered with local businesses to provide superior oversight in these projects, specifically with the project management being provided by the Barton Malow Company. They just completed the new Siegel basketball complex locally for VCU and are known nationally for their expertise on sports complex/baseball field development. They in turn have enlisted local companies.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST: There is no increased fiscal impact or associated cost to the City.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Not adopting this resolution will not allow these projects to be completed.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: None

REVENUE TO CITY: None

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: June 27, 2016

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: July 25, 2016

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing and Transportation

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities.

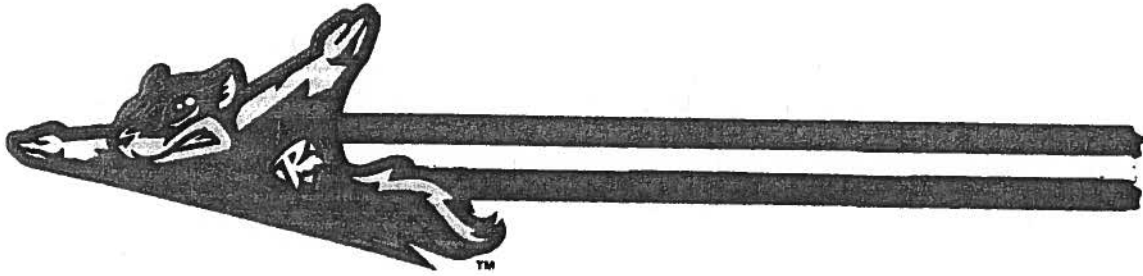
RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):

Routine maintenance costs are expected in the future years after construction is completed.

ATTACHMENT: Richmond Flying Squirrels Charities Letter

STAFF: Barry Russell, Deputy Director
Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, 646-5944



Wednesday, June 15th 2016

Dear Barry,

Flying Squirrels Charities looks forward to this latest "Renovating Richmond's Recreation" project with the City of Richmond Parks and Recreation Department.

The project cost for the renovation of the baseball field at Blackwell, including in-kind services, is approximately \$110,000. Flying Squirrels Charities will pay for all hard costs.

The project cost for the creation of the baseball field at Bellemeade Recreation Center, also including in-kind services is approximately \$44,000. Again, Flying Squirrels Charities will pay all hard costs.

Please call me with any questions at 610-698-5359.

Chuck Domino

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