

INTRODUCED: December 17, 2018

Expedited Consideration

A RESOLUTION No. 2018-R102

To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$885.00 from the Council District Funds for the Second District to make a contribution to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Historic Resources, towards the purchase of a replacement for Virginia Historical Marker SA-96 located at 216 West Leigh Street in the Second District.

Patron – Ms. Gray

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 17 2018 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2007-R162-2008-29, adopted February 11, 2008, as amended by Resolution No. 2010-R91-118, adopted July 26, 2010, Resolution No. 2015-R18-23, adopted March 23, 2015, Resolution No. 2018-R065, adopted July 2, 2018, and Resolution No. 2018-R066, adopted September 10, 2018, the Council of the City of Richmond adopted City Council Expenditure and Reimbursement Guidelines to govern the use of Council District Funds and Council Operations Funds; and

WHEREAS, these City Council Expenditure and Reimbursement Guidelines set forth the permitted uses of such funds and require that all proposed expenditures from Council District

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Funds over \$1,000 be submitted to the Council for approval via resolution prior to the contractual obligation or expenditure of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Council Member for the Second District has requested that the Council approve the expenditure of \$885.00 from the Council District Funds for the Second District to pay the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Historic Resources, as a contribution towards the purchase of a replacement for Virginia Historical Marker SA-96 located at 216 West Leigh Street in the Second District;

WHEREAS, although the City Council Expenditure and Reimbursement Guidelines do not authorize the use of Council Districts Funds monies for a category of expenditures that would include contributing toward the purchase of a historical marker by a state agency, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the City of Richmond that Council Districts Funds monies in the amount of \$885.00 be expended for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That, notwithstanding the provisions of the City Council Expenditure and Reimbursement Guidelines adopted by Resolution No. 2007-R162-2008-29, adopted February 11, 2008, as amended by Resolution No. 2010-R91-118, adopted July 26, 2010, Resolution No. 2015-R18-23, as adopted March 23, 2015, Resolution No. 2018-R065, adopted July 2, 2018, and Resolution No. 2018-R066, adopted September 10, 2018, the Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$885.00 from the Council District Funds for the Second District to pay the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Historic Resources, as a contribution towards the purchase of a replacement for Virginia Historical Marker SA-96 located at 216 West Leigh Street in the Second District.



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Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen L. Jackson, Richmond City Attorney

THROUGH Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff *MLB on Behalf*

FROM Joyce L. Davis, Council Policy Analyst
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DATE December 12, 2018

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TITLE: Resolution for utilize 2nd district council district funds as a gift to DHR to pay for historical marker

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This is a request for the drafting of an/a **Ordinance** ☐ **Resolution** ☒

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Council member Kimberly Gray

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Expedited

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Resolution for utilize 2nd district council district funds as a gift to DHR to pay for historical marker

BACKGROUND

This Resolution is requested to authorize a gift of \$885.00 from the second district funds account to assist with replacement of the Virginia Historical Marker SA-96 commemorating Ebenezer Baptist Church, located at 216 W. Leigh Street.

The previous marker was destroyed by a hit-and-run driver. The disbursement would be made to the Commonwealth of Virginia as a gift towards the cost of the marker. The funds would be disbursed to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR). DHR would then pay for the cost of replacing historical marker SA-96.

Although the City may make gifts of money to the Commonwealth, the current district funds guidelines do not contemplate such a use of district funds. Therefore, this Resolution is needed to authorize the gift notwithstanding the provisions of the guidelines.

In 2011, the Virginia Historic Resources erected the historical marker recognizing Ebenezer as a historical site. The historical significance of Ebenezer to the city of Richmond and the Council second district, dates back 160 years. For more than a century and a half, the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Jackson Ward has been a Richmond landmark. As Richmond prepared for the onset of the Civil War, Ebenezer served the African-American community in many ways, continuing to do so through Reconstruction. Free blacks and slaves living west of Second St. and north of Broad Street founded the Third African Baptist Church in 1857. In 1858, Ebenezer located at the intersection of Leigh and Judah Streets was dedicated, the church made education one of its chief goals. In the church basement, the first public school for black children in Richmond started in 1866; the church helped organize Hartshorn Memorial College for black women in 1883 (later became part of Virginia Union University), and helped found the Richmond Colored Young Men's Christian Association in 1887 (YMCA). The church has maintained its legacy of education and leadership to the present day.

The Resolution is requested for expedited consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The costs of gift to DHR for the sign replacement is \$885.00.	

Attachment/s Yes ☐ No ☒
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