Richmond City Council



Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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TITLE/RECIPIENT

TYPE

SUMMARY/NARRATIVE

MAIN PRESENTER

There are no Richmond City Council Formal Awards scheduled for the meeting.

The following Richmond City Council Formal Award/s was/were written, prepared, produced, packaged, and provided for presentation/s in the community, as indicated below.

In honor, memory, and remembrance of Capt. Harvey S. Hicks, II

Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency
Services

Presented

Prepared for presentation at community event on Sunday, January 9, 2020.

RICHMOND
CITY COUNCIL
REMEMBRANCE

To remember, honor, celebrate, and commemorate the life, legacy, and service of Capt. Harvey S. Hicks, II, Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services, who gave his life in the line of duty in service of our city; and, bring this to the attention of all our grateful residents.

President

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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL REMEMBRANCE

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: the Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby and officially recognize:

In honor, memory, and remembrance of

Capt. Harvey S. Hicks, II

Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby remember, honor, celebrate, and commemorate the life, legacy, and service of Capt. Harvey S. Hicks, II, Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services, who gave his life in the line of duty on June 14, 1963.

A pioneer in the racial integration of career fire departments across the Commonwealth of Virginia, on July 1, 1950, Harvey S. Hicks, II was among the first 10 Firefighters of African American descent hired by the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services (then named the Richmond Fire Bureau) and was stationed at Fire Engine Company # 9 that was located at Fifth and Duval Streets in the city's Northside.

Dedicated to service, Firefighter Hicks pursued a distinguished career, earning the rank of Lieutenant in 1955 and, in 1961, was promoted to Captain, the first Richmond Firefighter of African American descent to serve at that rank.

Answering the call of duty, on June 14, 1963, Capt. Harvey S. Hicks, II tragically lost his life, along with fellow Firefighter Douglas P. Evans, during a sink hole cave-in emergency Trench Rescue response in downtown Richmond.

Living a life of service to others, Capt. Harvey S. Hicks, II will long be remembered for his devotion and commitment to our community, and his legacy lives on as testament and tribute to individual strength, dedication, achievement, and the continued progress of Richmond and the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Due to the historic significance of Capt. Harvey S. Hicks, II and his fellow firefighters, in 2010 Richmond City Council commemorated the date July 1, 1950, in perpetuity, in recognition of their prominent role in our city's progressive arc.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby officially remember, honor, celebrate, and commemorate the life, legacy, and service of Capt. Harvey S. Hicks, II, Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services, who gave his life in the line of duty in service of our city; and, brings this to the attention of all our grateful residents.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the ninth day of February, two thousand twenty, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-second year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-third year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille Council President, Richmond City Council Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

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