



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Education and Human Services Standing Committee

December 3, 2020

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: October 1, 2020

Next Meeting: January 7, 2021

Committee Notes

- **Presentation**

- Greater Richmond Continuum of Care on the Collaborative Action Plan – Kelly King Horne, Executive Director of Homeward

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

Ord. No. 2020-170

Patron Cmbr. Gray

Key Points:

- To change the use of the City-owned real estate known as the Annie Giles Community Resource Center and located at 1400 Oliver Hill Way so that such City-owned real estate will be used as an inclement weather shelter for homeless persons in the city of Richmond when the outdoor or wind chill temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and when the outdoor temperature rises to 92 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, when there is a forecast of accumulation of one inch or more of rain, snow, sleet or other precipitation within a 24-hour period, or when there is a forecast that includes a warning for a hurricane, tornado or high winds.
- The proposed change considers all inclement weather conditions throughout the year during any season when inclement weather presents itself.
- Currently, the contract with the vendor for the Cold Weather Overflow Shelter services is only between the dates of October 1st – April 15th.
- The anticipated additional days the facility is open may have a fiscal impact. Based on weather conditions in July and August 2019 and 2020, the average number of days the temperature rose beyond 92 degrees was an average of 30 days for the two month period (60 days).
- The request is also to change the name of the Cold Weather Overflow to the Inclement Weather Shelter for a more appropriate title to reflect the need for shelter care at times other than cold weather.
- Please note Ord. No. 2019-245 has provisions for the use of the Annie Giles Conrad Center, stating the use of this real estate by the ordinance shall expire April 15, 2020.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and is as follows:



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Res No. 2020-R064

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Key Points:

- To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the presentation of a report identifying a location for an inclement weather shelter for homeless persons in the city of Richmond when the outdoor or wind chill temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below, when the outdoor temperature rises to 92 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, or when the forecast includes an accumulation of precipitation of one inch or more in a 24-hour period, a hurricane, a tornado, or high winds.
- The report should identify potential locations for homeless persons, which should include the budgetary funds needed, the source of funds, amenities and functionality of the space and considerations of requirements for COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and health guidelines for the identified locations.
- The Resolution requests the initial report with locations due 30 days after adoption of this paper and an annual report by September 1st to provide an update of the planned inclement weather shelter option for the ensuing winter season.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and is as follows:

Completion of the report to identify a location will require staff time, but should not require additional resources. There may be a fiscal impact to provide additional resources and budgetary funds needed for the potential location to house homeless persons for an inclement weather shelter in the future.