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Legislation Text

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To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be prepared and submitted to the Council and the Mayor a report identifying funding in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget and the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget appropriated to the Department of Police for mental health, substance abuse, and social service functions and that provides recommendations, to the extent permitted by law, for the re-appropriation and transfer of such funding from the Department of Police to other City departments and to community mental health, substance abuse, and social service programs designed to perform such functions.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, adopted by Ordinance No. 2020-049 on May 11, 2020, and the Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, adopted by Ordinance No. 2020-050 on May 11, 2020, include funding for expenditures by the Department of Police for certain mental health, substance abuse, and social service functions that do not directly relate to law enforcement work; and

WHEREAS, it is the Council's belief that the performance of those certain mental health, substance abuse, and social services functions now performed by the Department of Police that do not directly relate to law enforcement work may be better provided by other City departments or community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be prepared and submitted to the Council and the Mayor a report identifying funding in the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, adopted by Ordinance No. 2020-049 on May 11, 2020, and the Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, adopted by Ordinance No. 2020-050 on May 11, 2020, appropriations to the Department of Police for mental health, substance abuse, and social service functions and that provides recommendations, to the extent permitted by law, for the re-appropriation and transfer of such funding from

the Department of Police to other City departments and to community mental health, substance abuse, and social service programs designed to perform such functions;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Council requests that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be prepared and submitted to the Council and the Mayor a report identifying funding in the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, adopted by Ordinance No. 2020-049 on May 11, 2020, and the Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, adopted by Ordinance No. 2020-050 on May 11, 2020, appropriated to the Department of Police for mental health, substance abuse, and social service functions and that provides recommendations, to the extent permitted by law, for the re-appropriation and transfer of such funding from the Department of Police to other City departments and to community mental health, substance abuse, and social service programs designed to perform such functions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby requests that, during the preparation of such report, the Chief Administrative Officer extend to the public one or more opportunities for public comment on the funding in the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, adopted by Ordinance No. 2020-049 on May 11, 2020, and in the Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, adopted by Ordinance No. 2020-050 on May 11, 2020, appropriated to the Department of Police for mental health, substance abuse, and social service functions and on recommendations for the re-appropriation and transfer of such funding from the Department of Police to City and community mental health, substance abuse, and social service programs equipped to perform such functions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby requests that such report be submitted to the Council and the Mayor by no later than October 1, 2020.