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To overrule the decision of the City Planning Commission denying approval of the City's application to relocate the Department of Fire and Emergency Services training facility to the Hickory Hill Community Center located at 3000 East Belt Boulevard. (8th District)

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2023, the City submitted an application for review by the Urban Design Committee to the Department of Planning and Development Review for general location, character, and extent approval concerning the City's proposal to relocate the Department of Fire and Emergency Services training facility to the Hickory Hill Community Center located at 3000 East Belt Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2023, and following a public hearing on the application by the Urban Design Committee, the City Planning Commission disapproved the City's application and communicated such denial to the Council in accordance with City Charter section 17.07 and section 15.2-2232(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, on April 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 15.2-2232(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the City, as the owner of the Hickory Hill Community Center located at 3000 East Belt Boulevard, appealed the aforementioned decision of the City Planning Commission to the Council on April 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in response to the City's appeal and in accordance with section 15.2-2232(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Council believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council overrule the action of the City Planning Commission to deny approval of the City's general location, character, and extent application concerning relocation of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' training facility to the Hickory Hill Community Center located at 3000 East Belt Boulevard and approve the general location, character, and extent of a Department of Fire and Emergency Services training facility at the Hickory Hill Community Center located at

3000 East Belt Boulevard as proposed in the City's application;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That, in response to the City's appeal and in accordance with section 15.2-2232(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Council hereby overrules the action of the City Planning Commission to deny approval of the City's general location, character, and extent application concerning relocation of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services training facility to the Hickory Hill Community Center located at 3000 East Belt Boulevard and approves the general location, character, and extent of a Department of Fire and Emergency Services' training facility at the Hickory Hill Community Center located at 3000 East Belt Boulevard as proposed in the City's application.