

INTRODUCED: July 1, 2020

A RESOLUTION No. 2020-R047

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.

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Patrons – Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Jones

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: JUL 27 2020 AT 6 P.M.

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

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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.



# Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Ordinance/Resolution Request

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Council Chief of Staff

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**TITLE** Reallocation of Police Budget

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

#### REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Stephanie A. Lynch, 5th District  
Representative  
Michael J. Jones, 9th District  
Representative

#### SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance and Economic Development  
Committee

#### ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patrons request a resolution to request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of the Department of Budget and Strategic Planning to undertake a review of the FY21 budget for the Richmond Police Department. This review shall:

- Identify activities currently performed by the Richmond Police Department that relate to mental health, substance abuse, and such other activities that do not directly relate to the law enforcement aspects of police work,
- Provide recommendations on reallocation of funding from the Richmond Police Department's budget to:
  - Mental health programs,
  - Substance abuse programs, and
  - Other relevant support programs,that may be operated by the City of Richmond, or community organizations,
- Address both the General Fund, and Special Fund Budgets,

- Provide one or more opportunities for public input,
- Provide a report on such findings and recommendations as may be appropriate to the Mayor, and Richmond City Council no later than October 1, 2020.

#### BACKGROUND

##### Summary:

- The death of George Floyd has resulted in increased calls for reallocation of funding from the police department to other government agencies, or community programs.
- Such calls for reallocation of police resources have come to be grouped under the rubric of "Defund the police".
- As noted by the Brookings Institution "Defund" does not mean abolish policing.
- The patrons believe that the transfer of certain activities that are not directly related to law enforcement may be better provided by other city departments, or community organizations, and that such transfers may reduce the potential for injury and death.

#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes  No

Budget Amendment Required Yes  No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact

The proposed review will require the allocation of existing staff time, and resource. It is intended to result in future budgetary changes.

Attachment/s Yes  No

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