

A RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 28, 2014

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve Contract No. CW30851 with the Washington Hospitality Foundation to operate the Hospitality High School for the academic school year 2014-2015.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Contract No. CW30851 Washington Hospitality Foundation Contract Approval Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to approve the Contract No. CW30851 Washington Hospitality Foundation Contract Approval Emergency Resolution of 2014 and to authorize payment for services to be received under the contract.

(b) Since 1998, the Washington Hospitality Foundation has operated Hospitality High School as a public charter school.

(c) The mission of the high school is to ensure that students have access to an excellent educational program designed to promote success in college and the hospitality industry. Each year all of the students of the high school are exposed to the hospitality industry through hands-on experience.

(d) At the end of the 2013-2014 school year, the Washington Hospitality Foundation voluntarily relinquished its charter. Pursuant to section 2212(d)(5)(A) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995, approved April 26, 1996 (110 Stat. 1321; D.C. Official Code § 38-1802.12(d)(5)(A)), Mayor Vincent C. Gray assumed management of the operation of Hospitality High School.

(e) Pursuant to Mayor’s Order 2014-196, approved on August 12, 2014, Mayor Gray delegated authority to the State Superintendent of Education to take any and all actions authorized to be performed in connection with the direct management of Hospitality High School, including the authority to execute and deliver any other document, contract, agreement, statement, or instrument required by or incidental to the management of Hospitality High School.

(f) Council approval is necessary as the contract is in the amount of \$3,458,926 for the academic school year 2014-2015, second quarter to fourth quarter, and to allow the Washington Hospitality Foundation to operate Hospitality High School.

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(g) Without Council approval, the Washington Hospitality Foundation will be unable to operate the school. This could lead to 173 students being unable to continue in the school, forcing them to have to find alternative educational plans in the middle of the academic year.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Contract No. CW30851 Washington Hospitality Foundation Contract Approval Emergency Resolution of 2014 be adopted on an emergency basis.

Sec. 4 This resolution shall take effect immediately.