



City of Richmond

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Draft Formal Meeting Minutes City Council

Monday, April 28, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Katherine Jordan, Vice President
The Honorable Sarah Abubaker
The Honorable Andrew Breton
The Honorable Kenya Gibson
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell
The Honorable Nicole Jones (early departure)

Absent

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m., and presided.

Spanish Interpretation Announcements

City Clerk Candice Reid stated that Spanish interpretation service was available in the Council Chamber and that attendees should speak with a representative to receive the appropriate equipment. City Clerk Reid also stated that Spanish interpretation service was available virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Roxana Talavera-Denson, Language Access Coordinator, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement, then provided Spanish interpretation of City Clerk Reid's announcement.

Reverend Dan Marotta of Redeemer Anglican Church, 2715 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, provided the invocation.

Members of Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton provided information on the appropriate way to evacuate the Council Chamber in an emergency along with public speaker guidelines.

Electronic Participation

Pursuant to Rule III(D)(4)(b) of Council's Rules of Procedure, Councilor Kenya Gibson made a request to participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams from her home, due to a medical condition that prevented her physical attendance. The Council members present were required to adopt a motion to approve Councilor Gibson's participation in the meeting by electronic communication means if it appeared to the body that her request complied with Rule III(D) of Council's Rules of Procedure. A motion was solicited from those members physically assembled to approve Councilor Gibson's participation in the meeting by electronic communication means.

Councilor Nicole Jones moved to allow Councilor Kenya Gibson to participate in the meeting by electronic communication means. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 7, Breton, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes None. Gibson was awaiting approval to participate through electronic communication means.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

There were no appointments or reappointments.

Awards and Presentations

There were no awards or presentations.

Public Comment

[CD.2025.150](#) April 28, 2025 Public Comment Period Speakers List

Gustavo Espinosa, Legal Aid Justice Center Community Organizer, addressed Council and stated his concerns about the city's housing supply. Mr. Espinosa requested that the city implement and fund a rental inspection district program, a rental assistance program, and also provide more funding for the Family Crisis Fund.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Nicole Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

1. [ORD. 2025-014](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3618 Hawthorne Avenue for the purpose of a four-unit multifamily dwelling and six single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Tuesday, May 27, 2025
2. [ORD. 2025-025](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 5009 Rear Snead Road, 5015 Snead Road, and 5015 Rear Snead Road for the purpose of up to 180 multifamily dwelling units and a clubhouse, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, May 12, 2025
3. [ORD. 2025-032](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond, Refuge Apartments, LP, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the construction of an affordable housing development located at 5015 Snead Road, 5009 Rear Snead Road, and 5015 Rear Snead Road, or a site resulting from any such consolidation of the aforementioned parcels. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Tuesday, May 27, 2025
4. [ORD. 2025-046](#) To amend Ord. No. 2008-270-261, adopted Nov. 10, 2008, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2003-296-255, adopted Sep. 8, 2003, which authorized a Community Unit Plan at 1300 Westwood Avenue for a mixed-use development consisting of a maximum of one hundred forty residential units, a community center with reception facility and non-medical office, a preventative healthcare facility, two private schools, and a fifty unit dormitory, and modified the plan for the fence required between the subject property and 1409 Palmyra Avenue, to modify the plan for the development of tennis courts. (As Amended) (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, May 12, 2025
5. [ORD. 2025-052](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3122 2nd Avenue for the purpose of up to three single-family detached dwellings and two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, May 12, 2025

6. [ORD.](#)
[2025-053](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 112 Carnation Street for the purpose of the assembly and storage of modular dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, May 12, 2025

17. [RES.](#)
[2024-R041](#) To express support for the study and installation of photo speed monitoring devices in high-risk intersection segments, including the 600 and 700 blocks of South Belvidere Street and certain other locations, pursuant to Va. Code § 46.2-882.1 and through the City of Richmond's Department of Police "Safety Camera Program" and to request that the Chief Administrative Officer consider identifying additional locations for the installation of photo speed monitoring devices and increasing the number of photo speed monitoring devices deployed by the City. (5th District)

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Jordan and Ms. Robertson

To be continued to Tuesday, May 27, 2025

20. [ORD.](#)
[2024-187](#) To amend City Code §§ 26-871, concerning the establishment of annual license taxes, and 26-873, concerning exemptions to license taxes, to increase the threshold for business, professional and occupational license taxes from \$250,000.00 to \$500,000.00. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mr. Addison, Ms. Lynch, Vice President Lambert and Ms. Robertson

To be continued to Monday, June 9, 2025

21. [ORD.](#)
[2024-329](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 5728 Patterson Avenue and 805 Libbie Avenue for the purpose of a mixed-use building, including commercial space, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, May 12, 2025

25. [ORD.](#)
[2025-057](#) To adopt the annual budget, which includes all of the separate current expense budgets for the general operation of the City government and Richmond Public Schools and for each utility as defined in ch. 13 of the City Charter and provides for increases to certain fees for the fiscal year commencing Jul.1, 2025, and ending Jun. 30, 2026, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be amended and continued to Monday, May 12, 2025

26. [ORD.](#)
[2025-058](#) To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2025, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2025; and to determine the means of financing the same. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be amended and continued to Monday, May 12, 2025

27. [ORD.](#)
[2025-059](#) To adopt a new pay plan for the City for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and to repeal Ord. No. 2024-101, adopted May 13, 2024, and all amendatory ordinances thereto.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, May 12, 2025

28. [ORD.](#)
[2025-060](#) To cancel certain authorized but unissued bonds authorized by the City of Richmond; to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$123,872,811 to finance the cost of school projects and general capital improvement projects of the City for the following purposes and uses: construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public schools; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for various infrastructure needs, including transit facilities, traffic control facilities, streets, sidewalks and other public ways, bridges, storm sewers, drains and culverts, street lights, floodwall and levee system facilities and refuse disposal facilities; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for public safety and other governmental purposes; to make grants or loans to assist in financing capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting the development of housing projects for the benefit of persons with low or moderate incomes; participation in redevelopment, conservation and community development programs, including the construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for targeted public facilities included in these programs; construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public institutional, operational, cultural, educational and entertainment buildings and facilities, including but not limited to the theaters, parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, libraries and museums; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and the making of appropriations to the City's Economic Development Authority and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to be used to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures

for the purposes of promoting economic development or promoting the development of housing projects for the benefit of persons with low or moderate incomes; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of such bonds as either federally tax-exempt bonds or federally taxable bonds, or both.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, May 12, 2025

29. [ORD.
2025-061](#)

To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$193,714,000 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the stormwater utility of the City for the following purposes and uses: replacement of and upgrades to the stormwater facilities, including but not limited to, construction, reconstruction, improvements, rehabilitation and upgrades of stormwater sewers and associated facilities; new and replacement infrastructure of the storm sewer system, drainage structures, catch basins, ditches, storm sewer pipes, culverts, green infrastructure; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and equipment for various infrastructure needs; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of such bonds as either federally tax-exempt bonds or federally taxable bonds, or both.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, May 12, 2025

30. [ORD.
2025-062](#)

To cancel certain authorized but unissued bonds authorized by the City of Richmond; to authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$384,171,453 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the gas, water and wastewater utilities and public utility buildings and facilities for the following purposes and uses: enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the gas plant, gate stations, transmission, distribution and service lines and associated metering equipment; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the waterworks plant, pump stations, transmission, distribution and service lines and associated metering equipment; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the wastewater plant and intercepting lines;

construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, and improvement of sanitary and storm water sewers, pumping stations, drains and culverts; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of public utility buildings and facilities therefor, including but not limited to the stores division; and acquisition of real property and real property rights (including without limitation easements and rights-of-way) therefor as appropriate; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to approve the form of supplemental indenture of trust; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of such bonds as either federally tax-exempt bonds or federally taxable bonds, or both.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, May 12, 2025

**31. [ORD.](#)
[2025-063](#)**

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a PY 2025 / FY 2026 Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds; to accept funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$13,903,481.39; and to appropriate \$13,903,481.39 for various projects; and to amend Ord. No. 2019-188, adopted Jul. 22, 2019, as last amended by Ord. No. 2024-185 adopted Jul. 22, 2024, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to submit original and amended Fiscal Year 2020 Consolidated Annual Action Plans to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as an application for the receipt of CDBG funds, HOME funds, ESG funds and HOPWA funds, accepted funds from HUD in the total amount of \$15,027,206.00 and appropriated \$16,854,300.00 for various projects, to reappropriate \$271,135.00 from surplus and reprogrammed CDBG-CV funds, for the purpose of providing funds to The Daily Planet, Inc., CARITAS, and YWCA Richmond, for homeless men and family shelters, to provide funds to the Daily Planet Health Services for mobile medical outreach.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, May 12, 2025

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes None.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

7. [ORD. 2025-054](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 6415 Glenway Drive and 6419 Glenway Drive for the purpose of up to three single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

8. [ORD. 2025-056](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a CARITAS Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond and CARITAS for the purpose of funding the creation and implementation of a Peer Recovery Specialist training program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

9. [ORD. 2025-064](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a McShin Foundation Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond and the McShin Foundation for the purpose of funding peer recovery specialist services to combat the opioid crisis in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

10. [ORD. 2025-065](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Saint Luke Legacy Center Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Saint Luke Legacy Center for the purpose of funding peer recovery specialist services to combat the opioid crisis in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

11. [ORD. 2025-066](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Atlantic Outreach Group Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond and Atlantic Outreach Group, Inc. for the purpose of funding peer recovery specialist services to combat the opioid crisis in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

12. [ORD.
2025-067](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Opportunity, Alliance, and Reentry of Richmond Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond and Opportunity, Alliance, and Reentry for the purpose of funding peer recovery specialist services to combat the opioid crisis in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

13. [ORD.
2025-069](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funding for the design and construction of a Walmsley Boulevard over Grindall Creek culvert replacement project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

14. [ORD.
2025-070](#) To approve the text of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and Teamsters Local 322 for the Labor & Trades Bargaining Unit in accordance with City Code section 2-1301.13.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

15. [ORD.
2025-071](#) To approve the text of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and Service Employees International Union, Virginia 512 for the Professional Bargaining Unit in accordance with City Code section 2-1301.13.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

16. [ORD.
2025-072](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Right of Entry agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of General Services for the purpose of permitting the City access to and use of the parking garage located at 311 North 7th Street to make certain repairs to the City owned property located at 730 East Broad Street.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

18. [RES. 2025-R015](#) To direct the City Planning Commission, as a part of its required review of the Master Plan in 2025, to prepare, submit to public hearing, and consider an amendment to the Master Plan updating the Vision and Primary Next Steps for the Six Points Neighborhood Node and to request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Planning and Development Review, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Economic Development, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to collectively work with the City Planning Commission to prepare such amendment to the Master Plan.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

This resolution was adopted.

19. [RES. 2025-R016](#) To express the Council's support for establishing a policy for reviewing and approving honorary street sign designations.

Patrons: Vice President Jordan

This resolution was adopted.

Public Hearing

Marlon Bacote spoke in support of ORD. 2025-056, ORD. 2025-064, ORD. 2025-065, ORD. 2025-066, and ORD. 2025-067, and he stated that the ordinances would help increase the ability to provide peer recovery services in the city.

There were no further comments or discussions and the Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes None.

The Regular Agenda

The following ordinance was considered:

22. [ORD. 2025-048](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2701 Garland Avenue for the purpose of adult transitional housing, under certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 97-174-190, adopted Jun. 9, 1997, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

Kevin Vonck, Department of Planning and Development Review Director, provided an introduction and additional background information related to the City Planning Commission's recommendation that the special use permit be denied and the ordinance rejected.

Public Hearing

Mariah White spoke in opposition of ORD. 2025-048, and stated her concerns about the proposed transitional housing development's impact on public safety.

Michelle Brown-Harris spoke in opposition of ORD. 2025-048, and stated several transitional housing developments were already established in the surrounding neighborhood. Ms. Brown-Harris also stated that she did not believe sufficient wrap-around services were in place to assist with the development.

Rachel Hefner spoke in support of ORD. 2025-048, and she stated that people need a safe place to rehabilitate.

Councilor Kenya Gibson stated her concerns about the proposed development's rehabilitation methods. Councilor Gibson also stated that surrounding neighbors had informed her of concerns about the development's impact on public safety.

Vice President Katherine Jordan stated her concerns about the proposed development's rehabilitation methods. Vice President Jordan also stated she did not believe that the proposed development provided necessary access to a supportive community.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2025-048 was rejected: Ayes None. Noes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille.

The following ordinance was considered:

23. [ORD. 2025-055](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2700 North Avenue for the purpose of an outpatient professional office building, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 97-174-190, adopted June 9, 1997, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

Kevin Vonck, Department of Planning and Development Review Director, provided an introduction and additional background information related to the City Planning Commission's recommendation that the special use permit be denied and the ordinance rejected.

Public Hearing

Andrew Green spoke in opposition of ORD. 2025-055, and stated that he lived near the proposed outpatient professional office building. Mr. Green informed Council of his concerns about the development's impact on public safety, and he noted that the presence of nearby alcohol and drugs would be potentially harmful to participating patients.

Michelle Brown-Harris stated she was in opposition of ORD. 2025-055.

There were no further comments or discussions and ORD. 2025-055 was rejected:
Ayes None. Noes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker,
Jordan, Newbille.

The following ordinance was considered:

24. [ORD. 2025-068](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 26-355, concerning the levy of tax on real estate, to establish a tax rate of \$1.16 for the tax year beginning Jan. 1, 2026.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell

Councilor Reva Trammell provided an introduction of ORD. 2025-068, and she stated her intention to withdraw the proposed ordinance from consideration.

Councilor Kenya Gibson stated it was important for the city to improve its process of revenue projections, so that the city could potentially lower the real estate property tax rate in the future. Councilor Gibson also stated that improved revenue projections would help eliminate possible budget surpluses and the need to amend the city's adopted budget.

Councilor Reva Trammell moved to continue ORD. 2025-068 to the May 12, 2025 Council meeting, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes None.

Motions

Councilor Andrew Breton moved that the ordinance entitled:

21. [ORD. 2024-329](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 5728 Patterson Avenue and 805 Libbie Avenue for the purpose of a mixed-use building, including commercial space, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

be amended and continued to May 12, 2025, to provide for modified plans and conditions.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilor Nicole Jones moved that the ordinance entitled:

4. [ORD. 2025-046](#) To amend Ord. No. 2008-270-261, adopted Nov. 10, 2008, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2003-296-255, adopted Sep. 8, 2003, which authorized a Community Unit Plan at 1300 Westwood Avenue for

a mixed-use development consisting of a maximum of one hundred forty residential units, a community center with reception facility and non-medical office, a preventative healthcare facility, two private schools, and a fifty unit dormitory, and modified the plan for the fence required between the subject property and 1409 Palmyra Avenue, to modify the plan for the development of tennis courts. (As Amended) (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

be amended and continued to May 12, 2025, to modify sheet C3.00 of the plans and to remove a certain recital concerning the final plan of development.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilor Sarah Abubaker moved that the ordinance entitled:

25. [ORD. 2025-057](#) To adopt the annual budget, which includes all of the separate current expense budgets for the general operation of the City government and Richmond Public Schools and for each utility as defined in ch. 13 of the City Charter and provides for increases to certain fees for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2025, and ending Jun. 30, 2026, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

be amended and continued to May 12, 2025, to remove non-budget related provisions, incorporate Council District Funds allocations, and impose conditions on the expenditure of certain funds.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes None.

Councilor Reva Trammell moved that the ordinance entitled:

26. [ORD. 2025-058](#) To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2025, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2025; and to determine the means of financing the same. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

be amended and continued to May 12, 2025, to modify certain appropriations.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes None.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Informal and Formal Council meetings held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.; and the Special Council meeting held on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.; and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2025.134](#) April 14, 2025 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2025.152](#) April 14, 2025 Formal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2025.153](#) April 21, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2025.156](#) April 28, 2025 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.:

32. [ORD. 2025-086](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the parcels of real property owned by West Commerce Properties LLC located at 2210 Concord Avenue and 2202 Concord Avenue in the city of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the development of affordable housing. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
33. [ORD. 2025-087](#) To (i) declare surplus and direct the conveyance of the City-owned real estate known as 2100 Rear Bellemeade Road, consisting of 1.245± acres, and a portion of the City-owned real estate known as 2101 Commerce Road, consisting of 0.490± acres, for nominal consideration to 2107 West Commerce LLC and (ii) retain certain storm water drainage easements for the purpose of facilitating the development of affordable housing. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
34. [ORD. 2025-088](#) To direct the conveyance of the City-owned real estate located at 1501 Fendall Avenue, consisting of 3.0491± acres, and all or a portion of the City-owned real estate located at 1601 Fendall Avenue, consisting of

2.6226 acres ±, for nominal consideration to Eden Village of Richmond, Inc. for the purpose of facilitating the construction of permanent affordable housing for homeless and low to moderate income individuals and associated parking. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

35. [ORD. 2025-089](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an International Rescue Committee Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the International Rescue Committee, Inc. for the purpose of funding a youth development program for newcomer high school students enrolled in the school division administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.:

36. [ORD. 2025-090](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2000 North 29th Street for the purpose of a private school, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

37. [ORD. 2025-091](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 814 North 32nd Street for the purpose of up to three single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

38. [ORD. 2025-092](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 6320 Daytona Drive, 6330 Daytona Drive, and 6340 Daytona Drive, for the purpose of up to eight single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

39. [ORD. 2025-093](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2003 West Grace Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling and an accessory dwelling unit, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
40. [ORD. 2025-094](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 4002 Hermitage Road for the purpose of one single-family detached dwelling and a lodging unit within an accessory structure, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
41. [ORD. 2025-095](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 14 South Lombardy Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
42. [ORD. 2025-096](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2916 Semmes Avenue and 2918 Semmes Avenue for the purpose of one single-family detached dwelling and one two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
43. [ORD. 2025-097](#) To amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by increasing anticipated revenues from certain funds granted to the City of Richmond from The Regents of the University of California in the amount of \$25,000.00 and appropriating such increased estimated revenues to the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office for the purpose of the Partnering with Prosecutors to Reduce Racial Disproportionalities project.
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

44. [ORD. 2025-098](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$160,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Forestry and to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities called the "Tree Maintenance Team for East End and Evergreen Cemeteries," and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by increasing the estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' "Tree Maintenance Team for East End and Evergreen Cemeteries Special Fund" by \$160,000.00 for the purpose of funding a tree maintenance team and ongoing care for East End and Evergreen Cemeteries.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

45. [ORD. 2025-099](#) To amend ch. 26 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. XIX, consisting of §§ 26-1288-26-1292, for the purpose of establishing a disposable plastic bag tax.

Patrons: Mayor Avula and Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

46. [ORD. 2025-100](#) To amend City Code § 12-12, concerning the form of the budget submitted to Council, to require publication of a side-by-side comparison with the mayor's proposed budget submission with agency-level budget request documents and to amend ch. 12, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new section 12-25, concerning publication of agency-level budget requests, for the purpose of requiring submission of agency-level budget request documents.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Mr. Breton, Vice President Jordan, Ms. Gibson and Ms. Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

Members of Council provided reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities.

Councilor Nicole Jones left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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