



Richmond City Council

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 12, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Council Members 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 Nicole Jones
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided.

Spanish Interpretation Announcement

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

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

President Newbille called for a moment of silence in honor of those who passed due to recent pedestrian motor accidents.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Michael Carlucci of Sacred Heart Catholic Church 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.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

There were no appointments or reappointments for consideration.

Awards and Presentations

There were no awards or presentations.

Public Comment

[CD.2026.008](#) January 12, 2026 Public Comment Period Speakers List

Carl Vaughan discussed the repurposing of vacant city-owned property for community benefit.

Thomas Courtney requested administrative clarity on the zoning and environmental impact of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts expansion.

Tylean Crumpler urged Council to continue funding the McShin Recovery Resource Foundation and spoke on the impact its programs have in the lives of those struggling with addiction or are in recovery.

John Luck discussed the work of the McShin Recovery Resource Foundation and the detrimental effects any potential funding cuts would have on the population it serves.

Jason Tucker spoke about the McShin Recovery Resource Foundation and the resources it provides to the community.

Rhonda Sneed, Blessing Warriors, spoke about the lack of services available for the city's unhoused population and issues regarding the closure of the inclement weather shelter.

Aurora Britt, 7th District resident, expressed concerns with the use of FLOCK license plate readers and data security issues.

Beverly Ross, RISC, expressed concerns with the city following its own laws regarding the affordable housing trust fund.

Derek Redwine, RISC, spoke about the need for the city to use its resources to adequately address the affordable housing issues pushing many residents out of the city.

Brian Prince expressed concerns regarding the findings of the 2024 Inspector General's report on the Office of Elections.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Vice President Jordan moved to amend the agenda as follows:

1. [ORD.](#)
[2025-150](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3923 Grove Avenue for the purpose of [a] five single-family detached [dwelling] dwellings and [16] six single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)
To be amended and continued to Monday, January 26, 2026
2. [ORD.](#)
[2025-258](#) 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)
To be continued to Monday, February 9, 2026
3. [ORD.](#)
[2025-259](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2315 Floyd Avenue for the purpose of a two-family attached dwelling with an accessory dwelling unit, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)
To be continued to Monday, February 9, 2026
11. [ORD.](#)
[2025-270](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 217 West Clay Street for the purpose of a restaurant with outdoor dining, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)
To be continued to Monday, February 9, 2026
17. [ORD.](#)
[2025-276](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Outside Agency Contract between the City of Richmond and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond for the purpose of funding the expansion of life skills programming at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School.

Patrons: Mayor Avula
To be continued to Monday, February 23, 2026
19. [RES.](#)
[2025-R043](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Finance and Department of Housing and Community Development, in coordination with other relevant City departments, to conduct an inventory of existing City programs and initiatives that mitigate

displacement, to assess their effectiveness, and to report findings and recommendations to the Council [within 120 days]. (As Amended)

Patrons: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Jones, Vice President Jordan and President Newbille

To be amended and considered.

21. [ORD. 2025-231](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3219 Tuxedo Boulevard for the purpose of up to five single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, February 23, 2026

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances were considered:

4. [ORD. 2025-262](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$5,077.23 from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget by creating a new line item in the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency called the "Hanover County OAA Project Recover Grant" line item, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to such new line item by \$5,077.23, all for the purpose of making a grant of matching funds to Hanover County to support the Project Recover initiative funded by the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

5. [ORD. 2025-263](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$8,519.98 from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority and to amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by (i) creating a new line item in the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency entitled "Chesterfield County Recovery Academy," and (ii) appropriating such \$8,519.98 to such new line item in the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency, all for the purpose of making a grant of matching funds to Chesterfield County to support the Recovery Academy initiative.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

6. [ORD.](#)
[2025-264](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$9,950.00 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of Sustainability called the “USDN Catalyst Fund for Building Capacity for Energy Resilience in Richmond’s Public Housing Communities Special Fund,” and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of Sustainability’s “USDN Catalyst Fund for Building Capacity for Energy Resilience in Richmond’s Public Housing Communities Special Fund” by \$9,950.00 for the purpose of building energy resilience at Whitcomb Court in the city’s East End.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

7. [ORD.](#)
[2025-265](#) To amend City Code § 30-930.9, concerning additional rights of owners to demolish certain properties, to establish a civil penalty for the razing, demolition, or moving of historic landmarks as authorized by Va. Code § 15.2-2306(F).

Patrons: Vice President Jordan, Ms. Abubaker, President Newbille, Mayor Avula and Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was adopted.

8. [ORD.](#)
[2025-267](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1403 North 32nd Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to four dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

9. [ORD.](#)
[2025-268](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 413 North 33rd Street for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

10. [ORD.](#)
[2025-269](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 406 Brook Road for the purpose of retail, jewelry repair and manufacturing, and a restaurant with outdoor dining, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

12. [ORD.](#)
[2025-271](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1920 Fairmount Avenue for the purpose of office and social service delivery uses, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

13. [ORD.](#)
[2025-272](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2301 Fairmount Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 17 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

14. [ORD.](#)
[2025-273](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1201 West Franklin Street and 1205 West Franklin Street for the purpose of signage, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

15. [ORD.](#)
[2025-274](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3013 N Street and 3015 N Street for the purpose of uses permitted on corner lots in the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District and commissary kitchen, office, and social service delivery uses, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

16. [ORD.](#)
[2025-275](#) To amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations thereto, by (i) transferring \$1,100,000.00 from the "Safer Communities" special fund for the Department of Justice Services, (ii) creating two special funds for the Department of Justice Services called "Safer Communities - YWCA" and "Safer Communities - Next Up", (iii) appropriating \$600,000.00 of the transferred funds to the Department of Justice Services' "Safer Communities - YWCA" special fund, and (iv) appropriating \$500,000.00 of the transferred funds to the Department of Justice Services' "Safer Communities - Next Up" special fund, all for the purpose of supporting the City's Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention Framework.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

18. [ORD. 2025-277](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Regional Cooperative Partnership Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Counties of Henrico and Chesterfield, for the purpose of supporting a recovery academy initiative funded by the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

Public Hearing

There were no speakers.

There was no discussion, and the Consent Agenda was adopted unanimously.

The Regular Agenda

The following ordinance was considered:

20. [ORD. 2025-215](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1705 Commonwealth Avenue for the purpose of a space for outdoor events, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

Kevin Vonck, Director of Planning and Development Review, provided an overview and background information on the proposed special use of 1705 Commonwealth Avenue. He noted that while denied by the Planning Commission, the staff recommendation was for approval, after the applicant agreed to meet certain terms and conditions in addition to those laid out in the original legislation.

Public Hearing

The following people spoke in opposition to Ord. 2025-215:

Sidney Brad
Krista Mathis
Albert Higgins
Josh LaHurry
Ryan Oliver
Victoria Young

Adam Young
Vince Lovejoy
Brooke Wheadon
Katherine Weekley
Erin McClure
Nicholas Thad
Rachel Thad
Kristine Smetana

The following people spoke in support of Ord. 2025-215:

Nadia Anderson (Applicant/Owner)
James Henry Harris
Jane Kallio; and on behalf of Jeanie Daily
Toni Hamlin
Erin Braford on behalf of Chandra Lipford
Janith Libron
Lauren McKnight
Christina Dick on behalf of Patricia Bradby Moore
Linda Gilliam on behalf of Suzanne Caldwell
Jay Calabro on behalf of Jason St. Peter
Gwendolyn Whiting on behalf of Linzy George
Bernadette Anderson
McDaniel Anderson
Horace Anderson
Shawn Streiff
Duane Fowlkes
Jolinda Anderson
Megan Rollins
Will Rollins
Demond Davis
Tamara Green Jones
Ayasha Sledge - *A copy of the material provided has been filed.*
Michael Jackson on behalf of Karla Sookins
Annette Doswell Morris on behalf of Elsie Holmes
Beverly Epps on behalf of Valerie Gilbert
Aaron Foster
Shandra Stewart
Matthew Muhammad
Tracy Muhammad
Sandra Antoine, Political Action Chair, NAACP Richmond Chapter
Caleb Stewart

Councilor Andrew Breton acknowledged that navigating the city's zoning laws can be confusing and frustrating, noting that the process is more difficult than it should be. He stated that the terms in the application are not something he could support as written, but added that he is open to a continuance to further develop the terms, if the applicant is willing to do so.

President Newbille clarified that Councilor Breton would support a continuance to further the conversation and develop terms that are acceptable to the applicant and city staff.

Councilor Breton confirmed, but only if the applicant agreed to the continuance.

Nadia Anderson, applicant and owner of Lavender Hill, stated that she had been flexible and patient during the 20 month process and she would prefer that Council consider the item that evening.

Councilor Nicole Jones stated that she cannot consciously support a process that has been so mishandled and harmful to the owner of a small business.

Vice President Jordan clarified that the special use would apply to the property in perpetuity, not the owner.

Dr. Vonck confirmed, and noted that it is one of the many limitations of the current zoning code, but through the code refresh they are looking at more opportunities for conditional use permits, which have an expiration date and must be reapproved by the Planning Commission and Council.

At the request of Councilor Ellen Robertson, Dr. Vonck outlined the recommended amendments necessary to gain staff support of the proposed special use.

President Newbille asked if the applicant agreed with all of the terms in the staff recommendation.

Ms. Anderson confirmed her agreement with the terms and the continuance.

There was no further discussion, and Councilor Robertson made a motion to continue ORD. 2025-215 to the January 26, 2026 Council meeting, pending amendment.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was considered:

22. [RES. 2025-R050](#) To request that the Mayor (i) propose an annual budget for Fiscal Year [2026-2027] 2027-2028 that recommends a real estate tax levy of \$1.16 per \$100 of assessed value as a means of tax relief for residents who pay real estate taxes and as affirmation of the City's commitment to live within its fiscal means, and (ii) provide estimates of additional revenue and planned expenditures if the real estate tax levy for Fiscal Year 2027-2028 were \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed value. (As Amended)

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Trammell and Ms. Abubaker

President Newbille stated that she received a request to continue RES. 2025-R050.

Councilor Breton made a motion to continue RES. 2025-R050 to the January 26, 2026 Council meeting.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Motions

Councilor Sarah Abubaker moved that the ordinance entitled:

1. [ORD. 2025-150](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3923 Grove Avenue for the purpose of [a] five single-family detached [dwelling] dwellings and [16] six single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

be amended and continued to January 26, 2026, to modify the number of single-family dwellings, certain terms and conditions, and the plans.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Nicole Jones moved that the resolution entitled:

19. [RES. 2025-R043](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Finance and Department of Housing and Community Development, in coordination with other relevant City departments, to conduct an inventory of existing City programs and initiatives that mitigate displacement, to assess their effectiveness, and to report findings and recommendations to the Council [within 120 days]. (As Amended)

Patrons: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Jones, Vice President Jordan and President Newbille

be amended to modify the deadline and scope of such report and recommendations.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved, and RES. 2025-R043, as amended, was considered.

Councilor Ellen Robertson provided a brief summary of the proposed resolution and stated that she and city administration agreed to an alternative deadline for the submission of the requested information.

Councilor Reva Trammell stated the importance of ensuring that struggling homeowners are accounted for when discussing displacement mitigation.

Public Hearing

There were no speakers.

There was no further discussion, and RES. 2025-R043, as amended, was adopted: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

Vice President Jordan moved to expedite consideration of the resolution entitled:

23. [RES. 2026-R001](#) To appoint Foster Curtiss to serve as Inspector General.

Patrons: President Newbille

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved, and Res. 2026-R001 was considered.

President Newbille commended Mr. Curtiss for his qualifications and performance during the interim period.

Mr. Curtiss thanked Council for the opportunity to continue to serve.

Public Hearing

There were no speakers.

There was no discussion, and RES. 2026-R001 was adopted: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the following meeting minutes, which were approved as presented.

[CD.2025.380](#) December 15, 2025 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2026.007](#) December 15, 2025 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2026.012](#) January 12, 2026 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.:

24. [ORD. 2026-002](#) 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 Gillies Creek Greenway Phase IV project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

25. [ORD. 2026-003](#) To declare surplus and direct the conveyance of the City-owned real estate known as 301 Boroughbridge Road, consisting of 3.636± acres, 201 Covington Road, consisting of 1.284± acres, 209 Covington Road, consisting of 0.367± acres, 301 Covington Road, consisting of 0.367± acres, 307 Covington Road, consisting of 0.367± acres, and 313 Covington Road, consisting of 0.367± acres and commonly known as Sankofa Community Orchard, for nominal consideration to Central Virginia Agrarian Commons for the purpose of facilitating urban agriculture.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

26. [ORD. 2026-004](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$173,565.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, to amend Ord. No. 2025-058, adopted May 12, 2025, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and determined a means of financing the same, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Major Bridge Improvement Program project in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional category by \$173,565.00 for the purpose of funding the East Richmond Road Over Stony Run bridge replacement project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

27. [ORD. 2026-005](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$325,040.00 from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and to amend Ord. No. 2025-058, adopted May 12, 2025, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year

2025-2026 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and determined a means of financing the same, by (i) establishing a new project for the Department of Public Works in the Transportation category called the "Pedestrian Beacon-24th and Main Project" and (ii) increasing estimated revenues from the funds received from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Public Works' Pedestrian Beacon-24th and Main Project in the Transportation category by \$325,040.00, all for the purpose of funding the planning, design, construction, and installation of a pedestrian hybrid beacon at the intersection of 24th Street and Main Street.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

28. [ORD.](#)
[2026-006](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$960,896.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, to amend Ord. No. 2025-058, adopted May 12, 2025, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and determined a means of financing the same, to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Major Bridge Improvement Program project in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional category by \$960,896.00 for the purpose of funding the East Richmond Road Over Gillies Creek bridge replacement project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

29. [ORD.](#)
[2026-007](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic Development entitled "Capital Access Special Fund" and appropriating the increase to the Department of Economic Development's "Capital Access Special Fund" by \$150,000.00 for the purpose of providing funding to the Metropolitan Business League and Bridging Virginia for the Capital Access Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026,

at 2:00 p.m.

30. [ORD.](#)
[2026-008](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$619,950.00 from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority; to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating new special funds for the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services called the "VCU Operation STOP Special Fund" and the "Operation STOP Special Fund;" to appropriate a portion of such increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services' "VCU Operation STOP Special Fund" by \$25,000.00 to fund a government to government purchase with Virginia Commonwealth University; and to appropriate a portion of such increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services' "Operation STOP Special Fund" by \$594,950.00 to provide sub-grants in the amount of \$594,950 to eligible entities, all for the purpose of implementing the Authority's Operation Specifically Targeted Overdose Prevention program to combat the opioid crisis.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

31. [ORD.](#)
[2026-009](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$2,704,000.00 from the Federal Railroad Administration, to accept funds in the amount of \$540,800.00 from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Public Works called the "Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) - Broad Rock Grade Separation Special Fund," and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' "Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) - Broad Rock Grade Separation Special Fund" by the total amount of \$3,224,800.00 to provide funding for the feasibility analysis, environmental clearance, and preliminary engineering of a grade separation project on Broad Rock Boulevard.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

32. [ORD.](#)
[2026-010](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Atlantic Outreach Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Atlantic Outreach Group for the purpose of providing bed fee scholarships for clients with opioid use disorder in their recovery residences.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

33. [ORD.](#)
[2026-011](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a ChildSavers Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and ChildSavers - Memorial Child Guidance Clinic for the purpose of providing trauma informed clinical counseling services to youth whose caregiver or family member has experienced overdose in the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

34. [ORD.](#)
[2026-012](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Daily Planet Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Daily Planet Inc. for the purpose of providing bed fee scholarships and referrals for clients with opioid use disorder in accredited recovery residences.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

35. [ORD.](#)
[2026-013](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Daily Planet Health Services Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Daily Planet Inc. for the purpose of developing and presenting prevention and education services to law enforcement and policy makers addressing the opioid crisis in the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

36. [ORD.](#)
[2026-014](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Health Brigade Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Health Brigade for the purpose of supporting

harm reduction and outreach efforts for residents suffering from opioid use disorder in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

37. [ORD.](#)
[2026-015](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Richmond Behavioral Health Foundation Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Richmond Behavioral Health Foundation for the purpose supporting quarterly community events and harm reduction supplies in designated “safe zones.”

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

38. [ORD.](#)
[2026-016](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Coliseum Parking License Agreement between the City of Richmond, as licensor, and Virginia Commonwealth University, as licensee, for the purpose of leasing 200 parking spaces at the City-owned parking facility located at 501 North 7th Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

39. [ORD.](#)
[2026-017](#)

To amend City Code §§ 12-242, concerning the disposition of calculated general fund surplus and reporting, to require that ten percent of each year’s surplus amount go to a special purpose reserve to support the Richmond Retirement System Total Retirement Fund to fund bonuses for retired members of the Richmond Retirement System and 12-265, concerning special purpose reserves to establish a special purpose reserve fund to support the Richmond Retirement System Total Retirement Fund.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

40. [RES.](#)
[2026-R002](#)

To request that the Virginia Department of Transportation amend the street mileage inventory for the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

41. [RES.](#)
[2026-R003](#)

To commit to working with the City's Administration to development and implement a comprehensive energy efficiency program that reduces the energy burden and cost of living for vulnerable households, supports small businesses, assists in the preservation of housing and the stabilization of neighborhoods, and makes meaningful progress towards the City's climate goals.

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

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

42. [RES.](#)
[2026-R004](#)

To request that the Mayor (i) propose an annual budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 that recommends \$1,131,800 in funding to increase wages and benefits for contracted janitorial workers and (ii) pursue an amendment of the City's Janitorial Services contract during Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to add a requirement that the City's janitorial services contractor pay its employees at least the City's minimum wage and to request that the Chief Administrative Officer, upon the approval of the aforementioned budget appropriation, pursue an amendment of the City's janitorial services contract to include a requirement that the City's janitorial services contractor pay the City's minimum wage to its employees who are performing services under the City's janitorial services contract beginning Jul. 1, 2026.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.:

43. [ORD.](#)
[2026-001](#)

To repeal City Code § 12-46, concerning the disposition of revenues derived from expiration of partial exemptions from real estate taxation and from certain sales of tax delinquent properties; to amend City Code § 16-114, concerning regulations for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and to amend ch. 12, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new section numbered 12-14, concerning appropriations to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, all for the purpose of providing for the disposition and evaluation of certain revenues for affordable housing initiatives.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026, at

4:00 p.m.

44. [ORD. 2026-018](#) To repeal City Code § 12-46, concerning the disposition of revenues derived from the expiration of partial exemptions from real estate taxation and from certain sales of tax delinquent properties, and to amend ch. 12, art. II, of the City Code by adding therein a new section 12-48, concerning disposition of certain real estate tax revenue, for the purpose of providing for the disposition and evaluation of certain revenues for affordable housing initiatives.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson and Ms. Gibson

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

45. [ORD. 2026-019](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 602 West 26th Street for the purpose of no more than two single-family detached dwellings, 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, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

46. [ORD. 2026-020](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 13 East 33rd Street for the purpose of 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, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

47. [ORD. 2026-021](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 4400 West Broad Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

48. [ORD. 2026-022](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2835 Burfoot Street for the purpose of up to three single-family detached dwellings, excepting such property from the terms and conditions of Ord. No. 2023-262, adopted Oct. 10, 2023, 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, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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49. [ORD. 2026-023](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2228 Cedar Street for the purpose of no more than two 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, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
50. [ORD. 2026-024](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 401 West Marshall Street for the purpose of one single-family detached dwelling and a multifamily dwelling containing no more than three dwelling units, 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, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
51. [ORD. 2026-025](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1007 Melrose Avenue for the purpose of a commissary kitchen, an office use, and a library serving the existing nonconforming seminary, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 87-305-88-9, adopted Jan. 11, 1988, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (3rd District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
52. [ORD. 2026-026](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 715 Mosby Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 2010-128-172, adopted Oct. 11, 2010, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (7th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
53. [ORD. 2026-027](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2708 Nine Mile Road, 2718 Nine Mile Road, and 2720 Nine Mile Road for the purpose of a mixed-use building, 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, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
54. [ORD. 2026-028](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 103 South Shields Avenue for the purpose of up to two two-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
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This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**55. [ORD.](#)
[2026-029](#)**

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 100 North Thompson Street, 102 North Thompson Street, 104 North Thompson Street, 106 North Thompson Street, 101 Berrington Court, 103 Berrington Court, 107 Berrington Court, 109 Berrington Court, 3600 Floyd Avenue, and 3602 Floyd Avenue for the purpose of up to 17 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**56. [ORD.](#)
[2026-030](#)**

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2017-180, adopted October 9, 2017, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 3801 Seminary Avenue (and alternatively as 1010 West Laburnum Avenue), 3800 Chamberlayne Avenue, and 3802 ½ Chamberlayne Avenue for the purpose of a vocational school accessory to a church, upon certain terms and conditions, to modify the permitted uses and operational hours. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**57. [ORD.](#)
[2026-031](#)**

To amend and reordain Ordinance No. 2019-039, adopted Mar. 25, 2019, which authorized the special use of the property known as 6807 Midlothian Turnpike for the purpose of permitting certain signs, upon certain terms and conditions, to authorize the special use of the property known as 6707 Rear Midlothian Turnpike for the purpose of a parking area located between the main building and the street line, 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, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**58. [ORD.](#)
[2026-032](#)**

To amend Ord. No. 2023-174, adopted June 26, 2023, which authorized the special use of the property known as 3601 Seminary Avenue for the purpose of a day nursery for up to 64 children, within a church, to allow for up to 74 children, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

59. [ORD. 2026-033](#) To amend and reordain Ordinance No. 2024-036, adopted Feb. 26, 2024, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 2900 Rady Street and 2733 5th Avenue for the purpose of up to 83 permanent supportive housing units, upon certain terms and conditions, to modify certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

Councilor Reva Trammell left the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.