

INTRODUCED: September 25, 2017

A RESOLUTION No. 2017-R073

To request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to introduce and support the enactment of legislation to amend section 5.05, concerning the duties of the Mayor, and section 5.05.1, concerning the duties of the Chief Administrative Officer, for the purpose of providing that the Mayor, the Chief Administrative Officer, and their designees no longer have a right to attend closed meetings of the City Council.

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Patrons – Ms. Larson and Ms. Gray

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: OCT 9 2017 AT 6 P.M.

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

That, in accordance with section 15.2-202 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia is hereby requested to introduce and support the enactment of legislation to amend the Charter of the City of Richmond as set forth in the document entitled “Requests of the City of Richmond for City Charter Amendments during the 2018 Session of the General Assembly of Virginia,” a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

AYES:           4           NOES:           5           ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_ REJECTED:   OCT 9 2017   STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUESTS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND FOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS**  
**DURING THE 2018 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA**

**Amended Sections:**

**Sec. 5.05. General duties; mayor.**

It shall be the duty of the mayor to:

(a) Attend, or appoint a designee empowered to answer questions and make recommendations on behalf of the mayor to attend, all open meetings of the council with the right to speak but not to vote; ~~[the mayor or his designee shall have the right to attend a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia unless the council determines that the subject matter of the closed meeting includes the office of the mayor and that inclusion of the mayor or his designee shall be detrimental to the purpose of the council's deliberations;]~~

(b) Keep the council advised of the financial condition and the future needs of the city and of all matters pertaining to its proper administration, and make such recommendations as may seem to the mayor desirable;

(c) Oversee preparation of and submit the annual budget to the council as provided in Chapter 6 of this charter;

(d) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter or which may be required of the chief executive officer of a city by the general laws of the Commonwealth, or by ordinances adopted by the council, provided that the mayor shall have the power to veto any city ordinance by written notice of veto delivered to the city clerk within 14 calendar days of council's actions, subject to override thereafter by the council with a vote of six or more of the currently filled seats on council at any regular or special meeting held within 14 calendar days of the clerk's receipt of the notice of veto; however, the appointment of members of a redevelopment and housing authority in the city shall be made by the council; and

(e) Issue such regulations as may be necessary in order to implement the mayor's duties and powers.

**Sec. 5.05.1. General duties; chief administrative officer.**

It shall be the duty of the chief administrative officer, acting under the general direction of the mayor, to:

(a) Prepare the annual budget for submission to the council by the mayor;

(b) Prepare in suitable form for publication and submit to the council a concise report of the financial transactions and administrative activities of the city government during the fiscal

year ending on the preceding thirtieth day of June and cause to be printed such number of copies thereof as the council shall direct;

(c) Present adequate financial and activity reports as requested by the council;

(d) Fulfill the city's responsibilities for maintaining cemeteries as provided for in § 2.05(d) of the charter and § 15.2-1121 of the Code of Virginia;

(e) Attend, or be represented at, all open meetings of the council in order to answer questions and make recommendations on behalf of the mayor, provided that prior to any such meetings, council has given the mayor at least 72 hours of advance notice of the matters on which it seeks information or a recommendation; and

(f) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter, by city ordinance, or required of him in accordance therewith by the mayor other than the duties conferred on the mayor by this charter.

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### Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

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**DATE** September 22, 2017

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**TITLE:** Resolution to Amend a provision, Section 5.05 of the Charter of the City of Richmond – General Duties, Mayor.

This is a request for the drafting of an  Ordinance  Resolution

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Council Member Kristen Larson and  
Council Member Kimberly Gray

Organizational Development

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

This Resolution is to request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia in the 2018 session to introduce and support the enactment of legislation to amend a provision, Section 5.05 of the Charter of the City of Richmond governing general duties of the mayor.

**BACKGROUND**

This Resolution is to request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia in the 2018 session to introduce and support the enactment of legislation to amend a provision, Section 5.05 of the Charter of the City of Richmond governing general duties of the mayor.

In accordance with Section 15.2-202 of the Code of Virginia, the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia is requested to introduce and support legislation to amend the Charter of the City of Richmond that removes language which currently allows the Mayor or designee to attend Richmond City Council closed session

meetings. The amended language will limit the Mayor/designee attendance at closed sessions unless expressly invited by Richmond City Council.

The requested introduction date is September 25, 2017.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact		\$

**Attachment/s**      Yes     No