



# City of Richmond

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## Agenda

### City Council

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Tuesday, May 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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### Order of Business

Invocation

To be offered by Cantor Sarah Beck-Berman of Congregation Beth Ahabah

Pledge of Allegiance

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Roll Call

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

Awards and Presentations (Applause permitted during this portion of the meeting only)

Public Comment

Agenda Review and Amendments

Action Items (Consent Agenda)

Action Items (Regular Agenda and Motions)

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

Adjournment

City Council is Richmond City's local legislative body and is composed of one council representative elected from each of the city's nine voter districts. Council members are elected to serve a four year term of office. Council elects one of its own to serve as the president and presiding officer for a two year term.

### **Time and Place of Meetings**

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the City Council meetings. The City Council meets in the City Hall second floor Council Chamber, in informal work session at 4:00 p.m., and in formal session at 6:00 p.m., on the second and fourth Monday during the months of January, February, March, April, May, June and September and only on the second Monday during the months of October, November and December. In the month of July, one such meeting is held on the fourth Monday of the month and in the month of August, no such meetings are held. All meetings of the Council are open to the public.

### **Public Comment Period**

The Public Comment Period is an opportunity for persons to address Council concerning the services, policies and affairs of the city and to discuss issues not on the agenda for the business meeting.

### **Guidelines for Public Participation\***

The maximum time allotted to persons speaking to any matter under consideration by the Council shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes for proponents and thirty (30) minutes for opponents.

Speakers should state their full legal name, any organization(s) they represent and any economic or professional relationship(s) that would benefit by the adoption of the paper(s) they are addressing.

Speakers are not permitted to address or question the Council Chief of Staff, the City Attorney, the City Clerk, or any staff member directly. Questions should be directed to the President who may, at his/her discretion, solicit a response.

Applause is permitted during the "Awards and Presentations" period only.

Persons speaking regarding agenda items are generally limited to three (3) minutes; however, no individual from the public may speak for more than ten (10) minutes total during the business meeting.

Individuals may express their views in writing in lieu of an oral presentation.

Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with a disability. Individuals are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at 804-646-7955 for a "Request for Reasonable Accommodation" form, which must be completed to receive assistance.

\* The full text of the Council's Rules of Procedure is available on the City Clerk's website at [www.rva.gov/office-city-clerk](http://www.rva.gov/office-city-clerk) or in the Office of the City Clerk located in City Hall at 900 East Broad Street, Suite 200.

## THE CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and non-controversial. The Consent Agenda provides a method for the expeditious handling of items that do not require discussion and will be approved unanimously by a single roll-call vote of the Council.

The public may speak to any item on the Consent Agenda when the public hearing is announced by the President.

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)

**Legislative History**

1/13/25	City Council	introduced and referred to the Planning Commission
2/4/25	Planning Commission	recommended for continuance to the City Council
2/10/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Planning Commission
3/4/25	Planning Commission	recommended for continuance to the City Council
3/10/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Planning Commission
3/18/25	Planning Commission	recommended for continuance to the City Council
3/24/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Planning Commission
4/15/25	Planning Commission	recommended for continuance to the City Council
4/28/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Planning Commission

2. [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

**Legislative History**

2/10/25	City Council	introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
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2/24/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
3/19/25	Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
3/24/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
4/16/25	Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
4/28/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee

3. [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)

**Legislative History**

4/28/25	City Council	introduced and referred to the Planning Commission
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4. [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)

**Legislative History**

4/28/25	City Council	introduced and referred to the Planning Commission
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5. [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)

**Legislative History**

4/28/25	City Council	introduced and referred to the Planning Commission
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6. [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)

**Legislative History**

4/28/25 City Council introduced and referred to the Planning Commission

7. [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)

**Legislative History**

4/28/25 City Council introduced and referred to the Planning Commission

8. [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)

**Legislative History**

4/28/25 City Council introduced and referred to the Planning Commission

9. [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)

**Legislative History**

4/28/25 City Council introduced and referred to the Planning Commission

10. [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

**Legislative History**

4/28/25 City Council introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee

11. [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

**Legislative History**

4/28/25	City Council	introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
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12. [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

**Legislative History**

12/9/24	City Council	introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee
12/17/24	Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
1/13/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee
1/21/25	Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
1/27/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee
3/18/25	Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council

3/24/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee
4/22/25	Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
4/28/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

### THE REGULAR AGENDA

**13.**     [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

**Legislative History**

4/28/25	City Council	introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
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**14.**     [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

**Legislative History**

4/28/25	City Council	introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
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