



# City of Richmond

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## DRAFT Meeting Minutes Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

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Tuesday, March 17, 2026

3:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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### Committee Members in Attendance

The Honorable Nicole Jones – Chair  
The Honorable Andrew Breton – Member

### Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice Chair

### Staff and Others in Attendance

Kiley Kesecker, Deputy City Clerk  
Sophie McGinley, Council Policy Analyst  
Nahdiyah Muhammad, Assistant City Clerk  
Candice Reid, City Clerk  
Danielle Smith, Assistant City Attorney  
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

### Call to Order

Chair Nicole Jones called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and presided.

### Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Upon the Chair's request, Assistant City Clerk Nahdiyah Muhammad provided information on the appropriate way to evacuate the Council Chamber in an emergency along with public speaker guidelines.

### Public Comment Period

There were no public comment speakers.

## Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the minutes of the February 17, 2026 committee meeting, and the minutes were approved as presented.

[CD.2026.075](#) February 17, 2026 - Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

## Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

## Paper(s) for Consideration

1. [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, Ms. Abubaker, Ms. Gibson and President Newbille

**Member Andrew Breton moved to continue RES. 2026-R003, to the April 21, 2026, Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and approved: Ayes, 2, Breton, Jones. Noes None.**

**The following ordinance was considered:**

2. [ORD. 2026-056](#) To designate the 2300 block of Barton Avenue in honor of Sister Rosetta Tharpe. (3rd District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Avula and Ms. Gibson

## Public Hearing

Martin Gary spoke in support of the proposed ordinance, highlighting the significant musical influence of Sister Rosetta Tharpe. He noted her pioneering role in the development of rock and roll and her connection to Richmond through her residence on Barton Avenue. Mr. Gary stated that the designation would help recognize and promote the city's rich musical heritage.

There were no comments or discussions and Member Andrew Breton moved to forward ORD. 2026-056 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Breton, Jones. Noes None.

### **Board Vacancies**

There were no board vacancies.

### **Discussion Item(s)**

There were no discussion items.

### **Staff Report**

Council staff provided the committee with the March Land Use, Housing and Transportation staff report.

[CD.2026.086](#) March 17, 2026 - Land Use, Housing and Transportation Staff Report

*A copy of the material provided has been filed.*

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.