



Richmond City Council

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FY26

Richmond Government Budget Operating Amendment Work Session

Thursday – April 16, 2025

FY26 Richmond City Council Budget Cycle

At-a-glance



PRIORITY SETTING

Council Priority Setting & Individual Council Member District Priority Alignments

2024
Fall



COMMUNICATION & ANALYSIS

Communication and analysis of Council Member District Priorities

2025
Feb - Mar



PLANNING & PROPOSED BUDGET INTRODUCTION

Budget Timeline, Identification of Budget Presentations, Early Questions and Discussions

2025
Mar



REVIEW & ANALYSIS

Budget Work Session Execution; Public Hearings & Budget Amendments

2025
Mar - Apr



ADOPTION

Budget adoption by May 12, 2025

2025
May



Preparation → Development → Review & Analysis → Adoption

Timeline

April 16 – Operating Amendments

April 21 - CIP, Balancing Amendments, added comment session

April 21 - Amendments submitted to City Attorney

April 28 – Introduction of Amendments

May 12 – Establish Richmond Government Budget

Goals

- **Finding Alignment**
- **Where do we want to invest?**
- **Where aren't we in agreement?**
- **Scope of Council's review?**
- **What might we act on in the future?**
- **Balancing the Budget**



Building a Collaboration

Priorities/Amendments

- Submitted in December of 2024
- Meetings throughout the Spring
- Received and responding to questions
- Submission and review of Amendments

Thanks

- City Council
- Chief of Staff Office
- Liaisons
- Budget Office
- Mayor
- CAO



Where are we right now operating?

Enhancements

Total # 48

Total \$20,940,221

Reductions Identified

Total # 77 (Personnel/Operating)

Total \$8,221,662



Process

1. Go through specific requests
2. Get Council Feedback
3. Verification from Administration
4. Find Consensus

Questions

- Where is alignment?
- What would you like to advocate for?
- What is a critical investment?
- What might be something for the future?
- Where else in the budget might we find support?



Reductions

Personnel – Still reviewing

Operating – Council and Staff suggestions

Non-Departmental



Enhancements

Outside Agencies - (Non-Departmental, RPS, RAA, etc.)

DCAO Clusters - (personnel and operating)

Council Offices



Text Amendments

ORD 2025-057 Changes





Thank you

Monday April 21st

1- 3pm - Next Work Session (CIP)

6 - 7:30pm - Proposed Public Comment

