



City of Richmond

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 2, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers 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 Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell
The Honorable Nicole Jones

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. and presided.

Spanish Interpretation Announcement

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

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Joshua D. Holmes of Hood Temple African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church, 16 W Clay St., Richmond, Virginia, 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, Assistant City Clerk Kimberly Morris provided information on the appropriate way to evacuate the Council Chamber in an emergency along with public speaker guidelines.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

[CD.2025.178](#) Board Appointments and Reappointments - June 2, 2025

Councilor Nicole Jones moved that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks:

Anne Brooks Rich (reappointment) Thomas Briggs, Jr.

Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board:

Jodi Winship Charles Barker

Capital Area Partnership Uplifting People, Inc.:

Sam Paker (reappointment)

Community Policy and Management Team:

Charlotte Talley

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Board:

Brenda Drew (reappointment) Joseph Chaudhari

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Inc.:

Alan Davis (reappointment) Madeline Mayhood

Richmond Behavioral Health Authority:

Kristi Babenko (reappointment)

Dennis Cohen, Jr. (reappointment)

Scott Cannady (reappointment)

Noreen O'Brien

Social Services Advisory Board:

Caleb Fulford

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Awards and Presentations

There were no awards and presentations.

Public Comment

[CD.2025.180](#) June 2, 2025 Public Comment Period Speakers List

Melvin Jones addressed Council regarding the birthday celebration of Maggie L. Walker and asked that each Councilmember sign a birthday card to hallmark the occasion.

Carol Adams, Engine Company No. 9 and Associates, Inc., addressed Council and stated the importance of continuing to tell the story of the city's first black firefighters so that their legacy will never be forgotten. William Fuller, James Chambers, Cecil Dumas, William Harper and Donald Houston, veterans of the Richmond Fire Department, introduced themselves and thanked Council for its support.

Andre Tolleris addressed Council and stated that clean, safe drinking water is a basic public health standard and expressed concerns about decades of infrastructure neglect. Mr. Tolleris also stated that the Department of Public Utilities has become synonymous with dysfunction and requested that Council fix recurring water issues immediately.

Danielle Smith addressed Council and expressed support for implementing a proactive rental inspection program. Ms. Smith shared personal experience with toxic black mold in military housing as a child, and stated her professional background in housing policy. Ms. Smith requested that Council keep the anticipated rental inspection ordinance in mind as it has potential to make housing safer for tenant families.

William Ryan, Richmond Democratic Socialists of America member, addressed Council and advocated for the rental inspection ordinance on grounds that it would enable tenants to assert their rights to safe, healthy, and dignified housing without fear of reprisal from landlords. Mr. Ryan also stated that an enforcement regime could generate revenue for the city.

Agenda Review and Amendments

The following agenda amendments were considered:

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)

To be continued to Monday, June 23, 2025

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

To be continued to Monday, June 23, 2025

3. [ORD.
2025-046](#) To amend Ord. No. 2008-270-261, adopted Nov. 10, 2008, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2003-296-255, adopted Sep. 8, 2003, which authorized a Community Unit Plan at 1300 Westwood Avenue for a mixed-use development consisting of a maximum of one hundred forty residential units, a community center with reception facility and non-medical office, a preventative healthcare facility, two private schools, and a fifty unit dormitory, and modified the plan for the fence required between the subject property and 1409 Palmyra Avenue, to modify the plan for the development of tennis courts. (As Amended) (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, June 9, 2025

4. [ORD.
2025-078](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1843 West Grace Street for the purpose of one dwelling unit within an accessory building to a [single-family] two-family attached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, June 23, 2025

5. [ORD.
2025-084](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1707 Tyler Street for the purpose of one two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, June 23, 2025

30. [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, Ms. Jones and Ms. Abubaker

To be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025

Councilor Stephanie Lynch made a motion to further amend the agenda to consider the following resolution on the Regular Agenda:

26. [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

Continued to Monday, June 9, 2025

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 1, Jones.

Councilor Andrew Breton made a motion to approve the previously stated agenda amendments, which seconded and unanimously approved.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

6. [ORD. 2025-086](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition of the parcels of real property owned by West Commerce Properties LLC located at 2210 Concord Avenue and 2202 Concord Avenue in the city of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the development of affordable housing. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

7. [ORD. 2025-087](#) To (i) declare surplus and direct the conveyance of the City-owned real estate known as 2100 Rear Bellemeade Road, consisting of 1.245± acres, and a portion of the City-owned real estate known as 2101 Commerce Road, consisting of 0.490± acres, for nominal consideration to 2107 West Commerce LLC and (ii) retain certain storm water drainage easements for the purpose of facilitating the development of affordable housing. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

8. [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)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
9. [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)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
10. [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)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
11. [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)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
12. [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)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
13. [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
- This ordinance was adopted.**

14. [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

This ordinance was adopted.

15. [ORD. 2025-101](#) 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 changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Sixth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Sixth District.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was adopted.

16. [ORD. 2025-102](#) 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 changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Ninth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Ninth District.

Patrons: Ms. Jones

This ordinance was adopted.

17. [ORD. 2025-103](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority and to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget by creating a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency to be called the "Hanover County OAA Project Recover Grant" line item, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to such new line item by \$3,000.00, 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

This ordinance was adopted.

18. [ORD.](#)
[2025-104](#) To repeal City Code §§ 14-57, concerning the establishment of floodplain districts, 14-58, concerning district boundaries and the official floodplain map, and 14-121, concerning modification to requirements of the building code and to amend §§ 14-19, 14-21-14-23, 14-25, 14-55, 14-56, 14-59-14-62, 14-83-14-88, 14-120, 14-122, and 14-123, concerning floodplain management, for the purpose of aligning the City Code with the Letter of Final Determination from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated Jan. 8, 2025, regarding the City's revised flood insurance rate map.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

19. [ORD.](#)
[2025-105](#) To designate the 300 block of North 32nd Street in honor of Reverend Dr. Edward Daniel McCreary, Jr.

Patrons: President Newbille

This ordinance was adopted.

20. [ORD.](#)
[2025-106](#) To designate the 2100 block of Edwards Avenue in honor of Harold Thomas.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell

This ordinance was adopted.

21. [ORD.](#)
[2025-107](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and to designate funds in the total amount of \$25,000.00 in the City Sheriff General Fund Budget as the required local match; to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the City Sheriff called the "DCJS JAG - Vehicle Cameras Special Fund;" and to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the City Sheriff's "DCJS JAG - Vehicle Cameras Special Fund" by the total amount of \$100,000.00, all for the purpose of equipping the City Sheriff's fleet vehicles with camera equipment.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

22. [ORD.](#)
[2025-108](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 from the Virginia Resources Authority and to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Wastewater Utility Budget which appropriated the estimated receipts of the wastewater utility, by increasing estimated receipts and the amount appropriated for the wastewater utility by \$1,500,000.00, for the purpose of funding the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant Thickening and Dewatering Facilities Improvements project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

23. [ORD.](#)
[2025-109](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Financing Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Resources Authority for the purpose of funding the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant Thickening and Dewatering Facilities Improvements project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

24. [ORD.](#)
[2025-110](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Richmond Ambulance Authority Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Richmond Ambulance Authority for the purpose of funding a Peer Recovery Specialist project to combat the opioid crisis in the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

25. [ORD.](#)
[2025-111](#) 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 funding the creation and implementation of a substance use disorder treatment program to combat the opioid crisis in the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

27. [RES.](#)
[2025-R018](#) To support the application for an allocation of \$10,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program to provide maintenance and construction assistance to certain transportation projects.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was adopted.

28. [RES. 2025-R019](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be conducted a study of the fiscal, operational, and other considerations associated with requiring janitorial and security contractors under contract to provide services to the City to pay the City's minimum wage, currently \$20.00 per hour, to their employees who are performing work under City contracts, and to provide the Council with any recommendations for implementing such a requirement by no later than Nov. 1, 2025.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson, President Newbille, Vice President Jordan, Ms. Trammell, Mr. Breton, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Jones and Ms. Abubaker

This resolution was adopted.

Public Hearing

Latrice Gregory, city contractor custodian, addressed Council in opposition of Res. No. 2025-R019, and stated her gratitude for Council's recognition of the importance of raising wages for workers. Ms. Gregory stated that despite working hard, her paycheck doesn't cover basic needs. Ms. Gregory expressed disappointment that instead of moving forward with wage increases in this year's budget, Council decided to turn it into a study. Ms. Gregory requested that Council pass a living wage ordinance for city contractor workers this summer.

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

The Regular Agenda

The following resolution was considered:

26. [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

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that Council's support of the proposed resolution is a signal and endorsement of a policy that will require political will and motivation to keep it as a priority. Councilor Lynch noted that legislation passed in the 2024 General Assembly allows placement of photo speed cameras within 1,000 feet of school zones where traffic fatalities have occurred.

Public Hearing

Momin Khan addressed Council in support of the resolution and stated that without seeing a resolution such as the proposed, it is unclear what the city's intention is regarding intersection safety. Mr. Khan further stated that striking the resolution would lose confidence in Council's goal for Vision Zero.

Councilor Nicole Jones stated that while Council is not in denial about traffic and pedestrian safety issues, the administration has already provided the requested study data. Councilor Jones expressed support for the work but emphasized the need for an equity analysis to ensure cameras are not just placed without consideration of equity impacts across all districts.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated that the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee wanted to ensure the study was inclusive and provided information about high priority areas rather than identifying just one specific location. Councilor Robertson noted that city staff have answered questions about cost, revenue generation, and administration, but suggested the entire body needs to review the complete report.

Councilor Reva Trammell shared recent examples of speeding incidents on Richmond Highway, including a truck that flipped over and a crash that caused extensive property damage to a hotel. Councilor Trammell emphasized the urgent need for tools to help police slow down traffic.

Councilor Jones asked about the effectiveness of current cameras and whether they are reducing traffic or helping with enforcement.

There was no additional discussion, and Councilor Robertson made a motion to continue Res. No. 2024-R041 to the June 9, 2025, Council meeting, pending amendments to address the concerns raised by members and remove specific location prioritization.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following ordinance was considered:

29. [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

This ordinance was adopted.

Laura Thomas, Director of the Office of Sustainability, addressed Council and stated that the ordinance would implement a plastic bag fee across the city for grocers, drug stores, and convenience stores when distributing plastic bags, imposing a five-cent fee per bag. Director Thomas stated that revenues would be four cents per bag to the city and one cent per bag to the retailer. Ms. Thomas further stated this is an effort to reduce chronic litter, reduce impact on stormwater and water infrastructure, reduce capital maintenance costs, and improve environmental quality. She also stated that if approved, this would become effective January 1, 2026, giving a six-month window for outreach and education.

Public Hearing

Steve Marzolf, Clean City Commission chair, addressed Council and stated that the Clean City Commission fully supports this ordinance.

Ashley Coles, Clean City Commission 6th District member, addressed Council via Microsoft Teams and expressed support for the ordinance.

Councilor Ellen Robertson asked whether this would be regional or just in Richmond, how much revenue is expected to be generated, and whether there are other options where the cost is not passed on to consumers, but retailers would be charged with using alternatives to plastic bags.

Ms. Thomas responded that this is specifically for Richmond, though the city would like regional collaboration. Director Thomas stated that Richmond would become the 11th municipality in the state to implement the tax. Ms. Thomas further stated that in year one, revenue is anticipated to be approximately \$400,000, but in subsequent years there would be a reduction in plastic bag usage with anticipated revenue of \$100,000 to \$150,000. She also stated that retailers can choose to pass the fee on or absorb it themselves.

Councilor Robertson requested a list of businesses subject to collecting the proposed tax.

Councilor Reva Trammell stated opposition to the ordinance due to concerns from seniors about the cost impact, especially for those on fixed incomes. Ms. Trammell stated that seniors are concerned about additional fees and referenced previous fee increases that have grown over time.

Vice President Katherine Jordan asked about delivery services and outreach to seniors for reusable bags.

Ms. Thomas stated that food retailers are not included in this ordinance, so food delivery would not be affected. She also stated commitment to working with Council to identify groups for reusable bag distribution.

Councilor Nicole Jones expressed some support for the ordinance due to issues with single-use plastics clogging drains and causing infrastructure problems, while acknowledging the need to provide alternatives for residents.

Councilor Kenya Gibson stated that the city is committed to using operational dollars from the Office of Sustainability for reusable bags for SNAP and WIC recipients, and using additional operational funds for broader distribution to seniors and others.

Councilor Andrew Breton expressed support, noting that flat taxes can have regressive impacts but that taxing something the city wants less of is appropriate. Mr. Breton stated that pollution and litter also have inequitable impacts.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that she had evolved from opposition to support after participating in neighborhood cleanups and seeing plastic bag litter throughout the environment.

Councilor Ellen Robertson expressed concerns about the regressive nature of the tax and its impact on low-income communities, particularly those without access to quality grocery stores. Ms. Robertson stated opposition due to the inequitable burden on lowest income families.

There was no additional discussion, and Ord. No. 2025-099 was adopted: Ayes 6, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 2, Robertson, Trammell. Abstentions 1, Jones.

Motions

Vice President Katherine Jordan moved that the ordinance entitled:

4. [ORD. 2025-078](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1843 West Grace Street for the purpose of one dwelling unit within an accessory building to a [single-family] two-family attached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

be amended and continued to June 23, 2025, to change the dwelling type from single-family attached to two-family attached.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Kenya Gibson moved that the ordinance entitled:

5. [ORD. 2025-084](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1707 Tyler Street for the purpose of one two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

be amended and continued to June 23, 2025, to modify the survey.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch was away.

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to expedite consideration of the following resolution:

31. [RES. 2025-R021](#) To appoint Kimberly Kyle to the position of Council Liaison.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

This resolution was introduced for expedited consideration and adopted.

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch was away.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated that Ms. Kyle comes with several years of experience working with the city, and that Ms. Kyle has provided excellent service and has extensive knowledge of the city.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There was no discussion and Res. No. 2025-R021 was unanimously adopted:
Ayes 9, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille.
Noes None.

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

32. [RES. 2025-R022](#) To appoint Foster Curtiss as the Interim Inspector General.

Patrons: President Newbille and Vice President Jordan

This resolution was introduced for expedited consideration and adopted.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

President Cynthia Newbille introduced the proposed resolution.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Councilor Reva Trammell and President Newbille discussed Ms. Trammell's concerns and questions regarding the process to remove the previous inspector general and appoint an interim inspector general.

There was no additional discussion, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Informal and Formal Council meetings held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., and Council approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2025.170](#) May 12, 2025 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2025.179](#) May 12, 2025 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2025.192](#) June 2, 2025 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.:

33. [ORD. 2025-122](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$11,573.50 from the Library of Virginia, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Circuit Court Special Fund by \$11,573.50 for the purpose of records preservation.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

34. [ORD. 2025-123](#) 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 changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Fourth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Fourth District.

Patrons: Ms. Abubaker

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

35. [ORD.
2025-124](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Opioid Funds Agreement between the City of Richmond and the City Sheriff for the purpose of continuing the Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

36. [ORD.
2025-125](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a City of Richmond Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the James River Association for the purpose of implementing green infrastructure practices to increase stormwater detention as part of the Greening Richmond Public Libraries project at the Ginter Park Branch.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

37. [ORD.
2025-126](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Programmatic Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the State Historic Preservation Office for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in the performance of programs funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

38. [ORD.
2025-127](#)

To authorize the special use of the property known as 7 North 18th Street for the purpose of a one-story building and a parking garage, 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, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

39. [ORD.
2025-128](#)

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1824 North 28th Street for the purpose of one two-family detached dwelling and one

dwelling unit within an accessory structure, 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, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

40. [ORD.
2025-129](#)

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1426 North 30th Street for the purpose of up to two two-family detached dwelling units and two accessory dwelling units, 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, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

41. [ORD.
2025-130](#)

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1404 North 32nd Street for the purpose of up to four single-family attached dwellings and one dwelling unit within an accessory structure, 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, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

42. [ORD.
2025-131](#)

To authorize the special use of the property known as 101 South Colonial Avenue for the purpose of outdoor dining accessory to a restaurant, 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, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

43. [ORD.
2025-132](#)

To authorize the special use of the property known as 5201 Sylvan Court for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

44. [ORD.
2025-133](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Financing Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Resources Authority for the purpose of funding the Almond Creek Interceptor Creek Crossing and Stream Stabilization project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

45. [ORD.](#)
[2025-134](#) To amend City Code §§ 28-54, concerning deposits and refunds on gas and water utilities accounts, 28-57, concerning disconnection of gas, water and wastewater service for nonpayment of service charges and notice, and 28-58, gas service to residential customers billed under RS rate schedule, disconnection for nonpayment of gas, water and wastewater services for nonpayment and notice, all for the purpose of aligning the City Code with state law.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

46. [ORD.](#)
[2025-135](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Agreement between the Virginia Department of Health and the City of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the performance of public health services by the Richmond Henrico Health District.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

47. [ORD.](#)
[2025-136](#) To repeal City Code §§ 2-29, 2-31, 2-32, and 2-33, concerning the classifications of Council liaison, Council Policy Analyst, Council Budget Analyst, and the Council Public Relations Specialist, respectively, and to amend City Code § 2-30, concerning the Council Chief of Staff appointment and duties, for the purpose of providing for the appointment of employees in such classifications by the Council Chief of Staff.

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

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

48. [RES.](#)
[2025-R023](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be established a work group to work in collaboration with Richmond Public Schools to develop a funding formula for allocating General Fund revenues annually for school operating expenses and a plan for implementation in the Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Budget.

Patrons: Mayor Avula and City Council

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

49. [RES. 2025-R024](#) To support an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of funding the installation of a five-foot wide sidewalk westbound along German School Road from Glenway Drive to Blakemore Road and to commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

50. [RES. 2025-R025](#) To support an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of funding the installation of five-foot wide sidewalk along Carnation Street from Hioaks Road to Warwick Road and to commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

51. [RES. 2025-R026](#) To support an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of funding the installation of pedestrian crossing improvements along Forest Hill Avenue from Westover Hills Boulevard to Taylor Avenue and 48th Street and to commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8.27 p.m.

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