



# City of Richmond

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## Agenda

### Governmental Operations Standing Committee

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Wednesday, November 15, 2023

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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<https://tinyurl.com/GOV-OPS-NOV15> or dial \*67-804-316-9457 and enter ID: 342 038 740#.

*This meeting will be open to in-person participation; however, the public will have the option to provide their comments by teleconference/videoconference via Microsoft Teams. Interested citizens who wish to take advantage of this option, must do so prior to 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, by calling the Office of the City Clerk at (804) 646-7955 and selecting option 3.*

#### Call to Order

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

#### Public Comment Period

#### Approval of Minutes

[CD.2023.341](#) October 25, 2023 - Governmental Operations Standing Committee Minutes

**Attachments:** [20231025 Gov Ops Mins - DRAFT](#)

#### Presentation(s)

1. Sustainable Design Standards ~ Laura Thomas, Director of the Office of Sustainability

[CD.2023.344](#) November 15, 2023 - Sustainable Design Standards Presentation

**Attachments:** [20231115 Sustainable Design Standards Presentation - Gov Ops](#)

#### Paper(s) for Consideration

1. [ORD. 2023-331](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 8-544, concerning the Urban Forestry Commission, for the purpose of revising the composition, appointment process, and scope and timeline for preparation and submission of reports to Council.

**Patrons:** Ms. Jordan and Ms. Lynch

**Attachments:** [Ord. No. 2023-331](#)

**Legislative History**

11/13/23	City Council	introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee
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2. [RES. 2023-R011](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities to consult with the Office of the City Attorney concerning the development of a plan and the preparation of necessary documents to acquire, preferably by gift, the properties known as Evergreen Cemetery [and], East End Cemetery, and Forest View Cemetery and to present such a plan and documents to the Council. (As Amended)

**Patrons:** Ms. Newbille, Ms. Lambert and Vice President Nye

**Attachments:** [Res. No. 2023-R011 - Amended 20231010](#)  
[20231010 Amendment of Res. No. 2023-R011](#)

**Legislative History**

2/13/23	City Council	introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee
2/22/23	Governmental Operations Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
2/27/23	City Council	continued and referred back to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee
4/26/23	Governmental Operations Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
5/8/23	City Council	continued and referred back to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee
5/24/23	Governmental Operations Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
6/12/23	City Council	continued and referred back to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee
7/26/23	Governmental Operations Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
9/11/23	City Council	continued and referred back to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee
9/27/23	Governmental Operations Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
10/10/23	City Council	amended, continued and referred back to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee

## Board Vacancies

None

## Discussion Item(s)

1. City Charter Next Steps

## Staff Report

[CD.2023.352](#) November 15, 2023 - Governmental Operations Staff Report

**Attachments:** [20231115 Gov Ops Staff Report](#)