



Richmond City Council

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City of Richmond Governmental Operations Committee

November 20, 2024

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: October 24, 2024

Next Meeting: December 11, 2024

Presentations, Discussions and Papers for Consideration

Presentations and Discussion Items

1. None

Discussion Items

1. Honorary Street Sign Moratorium and Process Update

Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Res. No. 2024-R038

Patrons: All Members of Council

Key Points:

To endorse, for the City of Richmond, legislative proposals set forth within the document entitled "City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly 2025 Regular Session;" to request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to take legislative action consistent with and in vigorous support of such recommendations; to support other legislative action recommendations; and to encourage other organizations and individuals to support such recommendations.

- o This Resolution is for Council to endorse the legislative proposals established by the Council, the Mayor and City Administration for the 2025 Virginia General Assembly Regular Session. There are five requests for legislation and 9 support items for policies and legislation to improve practices.

The five items for legislation focus on the following:

1. Affordable Housing Long-term Occupancy program
2. Expansion of the authority to use speed cameras on the campuses of higher education.
3. Requests legislation to renew specified localities' ability to collect all sales tax revenue from public facilities, including convention centers and hotels integral to them.



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4. Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO)- The cost of the CSO Final Plan as approved by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on August 8, 2024, is \$565 million. The city will need \$500 million in state funds set-aside for the project by FY29 in order to initiate contracts to meet the requirements mandated by the General Assembly.
5. Richmond requests additional state funding of \$100 million in FY25 and \$150 million in FY26 to support the implementation of the city's Final Plan.

Fiscal Impact: None Yes, and with comments as follows:

There is a fiscal impact if the requests for the legislative proposals are approved, which consists of requests for state funding or other proposals with costs for implementation of the initiatives.

Discussion Item: Honorary Street Sign Moratorium and Process Update

The discussion item, "Honorary Street Sign Moratorium and Process" will include comments from Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst and Sylvio Lynch, the Director of the History and Culture Commission. In previous meetings, an interest was to receive information of how this Commission could be involved in the honorary street naming process. The discussion will assist the Governmental Operations Standing Committee members in finalizing its recommendations to Council for an improved process.