



# Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Land Use, Housing, & Transportation Standing Committee

March 17, 2026

### Legislative Summary

**Previous Meeting:** February 17, 2026  
2026

**Next Meeting:** April 21,  
2026

**Legistar Link:** [City of Richmond - Meeting of Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee on 3/17/2026 at 3:00 PM](#)

### Committee Notes

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#### Presentations:

- None.

#### Discussion Items:

- None.

#### Papers for Consideration:

- **Res. 2026-R003** (Lynch, Breton, Jordan, Abubaker, Gibson, and Newbille, 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)
- **Ord. 2026-056** (Avula, Honorary Street Naming in Honor of Sister Rosetta Tharpe)

#### Next Meeting Preview (Tues, 4/21):

- **Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC) presentation:** long-range financial outlook and North/South BRT expansion
- **Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) presentation:** redevelopment plans and other topics



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### Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration:

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### 1. Ordinance No. 2026-056

**Patron** Cmbrs. Lynch, Breton,  
Jordan, Abubaker, Gibson & Newbille

#### Key Points

- To commit to working with the City's Administration to develop 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.
- Given the Council expressed concerns about the climate crises in 2023 and the City's roll in providing various utilities there is a need to establish efforts to address the negative impacts of increasing utility costs to Richmonders. This paper commits the City to developing a comprehensive approach to addressing costs concerns.
- Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

##### 2. Ordinance No. 2026-056

**Patron** Mayor Avula

#### Key Points

- Designate the 2300 block of Barton Avenue in honor of Sister Rosetta Tharpe (3rd District).
- "A gospel singer and electric guitar pioneer, "Sister" Rosetta Tharpe changed the sound of American pop music. A bisexual Black woman and an icon to the LGBTQ community, Tharpe made her musical home in Richmond as a home base for touring the East Coast. Credited with helping to create rock 'n' roll music and influencing a generations of guitarists, she was elected to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Her contributions to music are still waiting to be rediscovered in her adoptive hometown of Richmond."
  - The Library of Virginia 200 years, 200 Stories
- *Note* – As a Mayor-introduced paper, this will not count against the Council's new policy of limiting itself to 10 honorary street signs per fiscal year ([Res. 2025-R016](#)).
- Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes.