



City of Richmond

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Agenda

City Council

Monday, March 23, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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Order of Business

Invocation

To be offered by Pastor Christopher Carr of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Roll Call

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

Awards and Presentations (Applause permitted during this portion of the meeting only)

Public Comment

Agenda Review and Amendments

Action Items (Consent Agenda)

Action Items (Regular Agenda and Motions)

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

Adjournment

City Council is Richmond City's local legislative body and is composed of one council representative elected from each of the city's nine voter districts. Council members are elected to serve a four year term of office. Council elects one of its own to serve as the president and presiding officer for a two year term.

Time and Place of Meetings

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the City Council meetings. The City Council meets in the City Hall second floor Council Chamber, in informal work session at 4:00 p.m., and in formal session at 6:00 p.m., on the second and fourth Monday during the months of January, February, March, April, May, June and September and only on the second Monday during the months of October, November and December. In the month of July, one such meeting is held on the fourth Monday of the month and in the month of August, no such meetings are held. All meetings of the Council are open to the public.

Public Comment Period

The Public Comment Period is an opportunity for persons to address Council concerning the services, policies and affairs of the city and to discuss issues not on the agenda for the business meeting.

Guidelines for Public Participation*

The maximum time allotted to persons speaking to any matter under consideration by the Council shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes for proponents and thirty (30) minutes for opponents.

Speakers should state their full legal name, any organization(s) they represent and any economic or professional relationship(s) that would benefit by the adoption of the paper(s) they are addressing.

Speakers are not permitted to address or question the Council Chief of Staff, the City Attorney, the City Clerk, or any staff member directly. Questions should be directed to the President who may, at his/her discretion, solicit a response.

Applause is permitted during the "Awards and Presentations" period only.

Persons speaking regarding agenda items are generally limited to three (3) minutes; however, no individual from the public may speak for more than ten (10) minutes total during the business meeting.

Individuals may express their views in writing in lieu of an oral presentation.

Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with a disability. Individuals are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at 804-646-7955 for a "Request for Reasonable Accommodation" form, which must be completed to receive assistance.

* The full text of the Council's Rules of Procedure is available on the City Clerk's website at www.rva.gov/office-city-clerk or in the Office of the City Clerk located in City Hall at 900 East Broad Street, Suite 200.

THE CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and non-controversial. The Consent Agenda provides a method for the expeditious handling of items that do not require discussion and will be approved unanimously by a single roll-call vote of the Council.

The public may speak to any item on the Consent Agenda when the public hearing is announced by the President.

[ORD.](#)
[2026-051](#)

To authorize the special use of the property known as 4021 Crutchfield Street for the purpose of a home occupation within an accessory structure, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons:

Mayor Avula (By Request)

Legislative History

2/23/26	City Council	introduced and referred to the Planning Commission
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[ORD.](#)
[2026-052](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$69,015.00 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services called the "Virginia Fire Services PPE Grant Special Fund," and increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' "Virginia Fire Services PPE Grant Special Fund" by \$69,015.00 for the purpose of providing funding for firefighter turnout gear and personal protective equipment.

Patrons:

Mayor Avula

Legislative History

2/23/26	City Council	introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
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[RES.](#)
[2026-R003](#)

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.

Patrons:

Ms. Lynch, Mr. Breton, Vice President Jordan, Ms. Abubaker, Ms. Gibson and President Newbille

Legislative History

1/12/26	City Council	introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee
1/20/26	Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council

2/9/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee
2/17/26	Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee	continued to the City Council
2/23/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

THE REGULAR AGENDA

[ORD.
2025-215](#)

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1705 Commonwealth Avenue for the purpose of a space for outdoor events, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons:

Mayor Avula (By Request)

Legislative History

9/8/25	City Council	introduced and referred to the Planning Commission
10/7/25	Planning Commission	recommended for continuance to the City Council
10/14/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Planning Commission
10/21/25	Planning Commission	filed to the Planning Commission
11/3/25	Planning Commission	recommended for continuance to the City Council
11/10/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Planning Commission
12/2/25	Planning Commission	recommended for continuance to the City Council
12/15/25	City Council	continued and referred back to the Planning Commission
1/6/26	Planning Commission	recommendation for denial to the City Council
1/12/26	City Council	continued to the City Council
2/9/26	City Council	amended and continued to the City Council
2/23/26	City Council	continued to the City Council

[ORD.
2025-282](#)

To amend ch. 26, article V, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 26-370, concerning a deferral program for certain real estate taxes pursuant to and in accordance with Code of Virginia § 58.1-3219.

Patrons:

Ms. Abubaker, Ms. Trammell, Mr. Breton and Ms. Lynch

Legislative History

12/15/25	City Council	introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
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1/21/26	Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
2/9/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee