



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, VA 23219
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Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 6, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Council Members Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Katherine Jordan, Vice President
The Honorable Andrew Breton
The Honorable Kenya Gibson
The Honorable Nicole Jones
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Sarah Abubaker
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Ellen Robertson

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement

Upon the President's request, Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton provided information on the appropriate way to evacuate the Council Chamber in an emergency.

Motion

Vice President Katherine Jordan made a motion to suspend Rule VI(B)(1) of Council's Rules of Procedure, and to remove the following ordinance from the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee's October 15, 2025, agenda and place such ordinance on the Council's October 14, 2025, formal meeting agenda for consideration:

[ORD.](#)
[2025-226](#)

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, ECG Semmes, 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 2201 McDonough Street, 2300 Semmes Avenue, 2301 McDonough Street, 322 West 22nd Street, 315 West 22nd Street, 307 West 22nd Street, 301 West 22nd Street, 302 West 22nd Street, 2100 Perry Street, 222 West 21st Street, 215 West 22nd Street, 217 West 22nd Street, 219 West 22nd Street, and 221 West 22nd Street. (5th District)

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Trammell, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0. Robertson, Lynch, and Abubaker were absent.

Introduction of Legislation

[CD.2025.304](#) October 6, 2025 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.:

1. [ORD.](#)
[2025-232](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Energy, to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Office of Sustainability called the "Virginia Energy Resilience Study (VERS), Virginia Energy Resilience Planning Grant Special Fund," and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of Sustainability's "Virginia Energy Resilience Study (VERS), Virginia Energy Resilience Planning Grant Special Fund" by \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding the implementation of energy resilience planning in the city's East End.

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

2. [ORD.](#)
[2025-233](#) To authorize a proposed tourism project at 921 Myers Street pursuant to the Virginia Tourism Authority's Tourism Development Financing Program in accordance with state law. (2nd District)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

**3. [ORD.
2025-234](#)**

To authorize a proposed tourism project at 1600 Roseneath Road pursuant to the Virginia Tourism Authority's Tourism Development Financing Program in accordance with state law. (2nd District)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

**4. [ORD.
2025-235](#)**

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3609 Cottrell Road, 3616 Cottrell Road, 4611 Walmsley Boulevard, and 4705 Walmsley Boulevard for the purpose of up to two multifamily dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (8th District)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.