



Richmond City Council

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Informal Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 10, 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 Sarah Abubaker (late arrival)
The Honorable Andrew Breton
The Honorable Kenya Gibson
The Honorable Nicole Jones
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (late arrival)
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Staff Present

Lisa Braxton, Council Management Analyst, Principal
Laura Drewry, City Attorney
Kiley Kesecker, Deputy City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney
RJ Warren, Council Chief of Staff
2.2-3711(A)(3) ~ Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation 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.

Docket Review

Council Management Analyst Lisa Braxton reviewed the following agenda items as indicated:

Consent Agenda:

1. Ord. 2025-014 – to be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025
2. Ord. 2025-113 – retained on Consent Agenda

3. Ord. 2025-150 – to be continued to Monday, January 12, 2026
4. Ord. 2025-174 – retained on Consent Agenda

Councilor Stephanie Lynch arrived at 4:05 p.m. and was seated.

5. Ord. 2025-209 – to be amended and continued to Monday, December 8, 2025
6. Ord. 2025-211 – to be amended and continued to Monday, December 8, 2025
7. Ord. 2025-214 – retained on Consent Agenda
8. Ord. 2025-215 – to be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025
9. Ord. 2025-222 – retained on Consent Agenda
10. Ord. 2025-225 – retained on Consent Agenda
11. Ord. 2025-227 – retained on Consent Agenda
12. Ord. 2025-228 – to be amended and continued to Monday, December 8, 2025
13. Ord. 2025-229 – retained on Consent Agenda
14. Ord. 2025-230 – retained on Consent Agenda
15. Ord. 2025-231 – to be continued to Monday, January 12, 2026
16. Ord. 2025-232 – retained on Consent Agenda
17. Ord. 2025-233 – retained on Consent Agenda
18. Ord. 2025-234 – retained on Consent Agenda
19. Ord. 2025-235 – retained on Consent Agenda
20. Ord. 2025-236 – retained on Consent Agenda
21. Ord. 2025-237 – retained on Consent Agenda
22. Ord. 2025-238 – retained on Consent Agenda
23. Ord. 2025-239 – retained on Consent Agenda

24. Ord. 2025-241 – retained on Consent Agenda

25. Res. 2025-R043 – retained on Consent Agenda

Per a prior request from Councilor Ellen Robertson, it was the consensus of Council to continue Res. 2025-R043 to the December 8th Council meeting and refer the legislation back to the November 19th Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee for consideration of an amendment.

26. Res. 2025-R044 – retained on Consent Agenda

27. Res. 2025-R045 – to be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

28. Res. 2025-R047 – retained on Consent Agenda

29. Res. 2025-R048 – retained on Consent Agenda

30. Res. 2025-R049 – retained on Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda:

31. Ord. 2025-161 – retained on Regular Agenda

32. Ord. 2025-180 – to be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

33. Ord. 2025-190 – to be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

34. Ord. 2025-210 – to be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

35. Ord. 2025-240 – to be amended and continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

36. Res. 2025-R046 – to be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

There were no further comments or discussions concerning Consent and Regular Agenda items reviewed.

Other Discussion Item(s)

Update on Homeless Services and the Strategic Plan to End Homelessness

Amy Popovich, deputy chief administrative officer – Human Services, introduced Alyson Saylor, Neighborhood and Community Services human services manager, who provided an update regarding homeless services and the city's strategic plan to end homelessness, which she stated she expects will be completed late Spring 2026. The update included the Greater Richmond Region's current homelessness data and trends, and the city's shelter and housing capacity as well as information regarding the impact of the federal government shutdown

and potential changes to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A copy of the presentation provided has been filed.

[CD.2025.357](#) Office of Homeless Services Update Presentation

Councilor Stephanie Lynch commented on the Greater Richmond Region's lower per capita rate of homelessness compared to other cities and suggested that there was a discrepancy with the number of unhoused individuals captured in the analysis. Councilor Lynch inquired regarding the intake process of the Salvation Army inclement weather shelter and asked that there be better communication surrounding resources for unhoused families. Ms. Lynch requested additional information pertaining to permanent supportive housing and its funding.

Councilor Sarah Abubaker arrived at 4:31 p.m. and was seated.

Ms. Saylor provided an update regarding the encampment on Grace Street.

Councilor Ellen Robertson, inquiring regarding fiscal year 2025 homeless services analysis and the anticipated reduction in permanent supportive housing funding from HUD, asked for the city's response to the potential shortfall.

DCAO Amy Popovich clarified the city's role and its partnership with the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care for ensuring the preservation of existing permanent supportive housing and shelter options.

Councilor Kenya Gibson, commenting on a recent embezzlement case of city funds by a homeless services provider, asked for an update and specific details surrounding the case, and the city's efforts to combat potential offenses by other providers.

Adjournment

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Council Chief of Staff RJ Warren provided Council with the final draft of the City of Richmond Legislative Agenda for the 2026 General Assembly session and stated that legislation will be drafted for introduction and adoption. A copy of the information provided has been filed.

[CD.2025.362](#) Draft COR Legislative Agenda 2026 General Assembly Session Handout

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

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