



Richmond City Council

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Land Use, Housing, & Transportation Standing Committee

October 21, 2025

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: September 16, 2025

Next Meeting: November 18, 2025

Committee Notes

Presentations:

- Dironna Moore Clarke, Deputy Director of DPW presenting on Fall Line Trail Status Updates.
- Andy Boenau, Program Manager in DPW Traffic Engineering presenting – Richmond Connects - People Riding Bikes
- Chris Frelke, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities – presenting a briefing on the Department's Trails.
- Merrick Malone, Director of Department of Housing and Community Development presenting on Future Affordable Housing: 212 N. 18th Street and 911 & 913 Hull Street.

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration:

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

1. Ordinance No. 2025-239

Patron Mayor Avula

Key Points:

- Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Richmond, as landlord, and Richmond Community ToolBank, as tenant, for the purpose of storing tools, materials, and equipment at Broad Rock Sports Complex located at 4385 Old Warwick Road. (8th District)
- The Toolbank assists not-for profits with equipment, tools, and expertise needed for projects.
- This is a Recreation and Parks Department controlled property.



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- There will be no charge for rent.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes. No fiscal impact anticipated.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

2. Resolution No. 2025-R044

Patron Cmbr. Lynch

Key Points:

- Reverse in part the decision of the Commission of Architectural Review, partially denying an application for a retroactive certificate of appropriateness for the property located at 510 West 20th Street in the city of Richmond, regarding replacement of main and front porch roofs, by fully approving such application. (5th District)
- Applicant relied on their builder in getting repairs and replacement roofs, which were found to be non-compliant.
- A timely appeal was filed and the applicant/appellant notes that there are other non-conforming roofs in the neighborhood.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes. No fiscal impact is anticipated.

3. Resolution No. 2025-R045

Patrons Jordan, Mayor, Newbille

Key Points

- Declaring a public necessity to amend ch. 30 of the City Code and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to make such lawful changes as may be necessary to establish a civil penalty for the razing, demolition, or moving of a building or structure that is located in a City old and historic district in violation of the City's zoning ordinance, as authorized by Va. Code Section 15.2-2306(F).
- Begins zoning code changes to allow for penalties up to twice the value of the structure when there is a demolition of a historic structure.
- Newly expanded penalties are allowed pursuant to authority granted localities by the General Assembly.
- This paper initiates adding the penalty to the City's Code.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

4. Ordinance No. 2025-238

Patron Mayor Avula

Key Points:

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Deed of Temporary Utility Easement between the City of Richmond and the County of Henrico for the purpose of granting non-exclusive easements over, under, through, upon, and across certain portions of the property known as Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, located at 1800 Lakeside Avenue.
- Grants three easements, each for five-year periods.
- Allows for the installation of two water lines and one sewer line.
- The Botanical Garden is City-owned property but located in Henrico County.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Yes.

5. Resolution No. 2025-R046

Patrons Mayor Avula

Key Points

- Declares surplus and authorizes and request the Chief Administrative Officer to seek offers, bids, or proposals by solicitation for the City-owned property located at 8790 Strath Road for the purpose of facilitating the solicitation of offers by invitation for bids or request for proposals pursuant to and in accordance with either City Code Sections 8-61 or 8-62.
- The property was acquired, but never used for gas transmission by DPU in 1994.
- This paper declares the property surplus for purposes of sale.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. Henrico assessed the property at \$6,300.