



Richmond City Council

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 22, 2026

6:00 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 (early departure)
The Honorable Andrew Breton
The Honorable Kenya Gibson
The Honorable Nicole Jones
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided.

Spanish Interpretation Announcement

City Clerk Candice Reid stated that Spanish interpretation service was available in the Council Chamber and that attendees should speak with a representative to receive the appropriate equipment. She also stated that Spanish interpretation service was available virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Roxana Talavera-Denson, Language Access Coordinator, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement, provided Spanish interpretation of Ms. Reid's announcement.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Dr. Daniel E. Glaze of River Road Church provided the invocation.
Members of Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Deputy City Clerk Kiley Kesecker provided information on the appropriate way to evacuate the Council Chamber in an emergency along with public speaker guidelines.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

There were no appointments or reappointments for consideration.

Awards and Presentations

There were no awards or presentations.

Public Comment

[CD.2026.185](#) June 22, 2026 Public Comment Period Speakers List

Tanetta Caleb expressed concerns regarding the proposed residential development at 874 and 876 Jessamine Street, stating that the number of units is too high for an already heavily populated area.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Amendments to the agenda were presented as follows:

1. [ORD. 2026-102](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3415 Crenshaw Mews Alley for the purpose of up to thirteen attached garages, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 2021-325, adopted Dec. 13, 2021, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2026

2. [ORD. 2026-109](#) To close, to public use and travel, a portion of public right-of-way located south of Brookland Park Boulevard and east of Robin Hood Road, consisting of approximately 11,105± square feet upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2026

3. [ORD. 2026-113](#) To amend City Code § 11-105, concerning weeds and other vegetation, and to amend ch. 11, art. IV, by adding therein a new section numbered 11-101, concerning definitions, for the purpose of establishing exemptions for Virginia Friendly Landscapes.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

Continued to Monday, July 27, 2026

4. [ORD.](#)
[2026-120](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 901 South Meadow Street, 903 South Meadow Street, 905 South Meadow Street, 907 South Meadow Street, 911 South Meadow Street, 915 South Meadow Street, 921 South Meadow Street, and 923 South Meadow Street, for the purpose of up to 31 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2026

32. [RES.](#)
[2026-R024](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Planning and Development Review to (i) collaborate with the residents of and stakeholders in the Westwood neighborhood, bordered by Dunbar Street, Patterson Avenue, and Glenburnie Road, to evaluate and recommend appropriate land use, zoning, and policy tools, and (ii) develop community-informed design guidelines and strategies to preserve the cultural and historic character of the Westwood neighborhood and support neighborhood stability, and (iii) provide a written report of such findings and recommendations. (1st District)

Patrons: Mr. Breton

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2026

35. [ORD.](#)
[2026-081](#) To amend City Code § 12-16, concerning publication of the City's payment register, for the purpose of promoting transparency and accountability in the expenditure of public funds by providing public access to information regarding payments made by the City to vendors for goods and services and reimbursements to employees, while protecting confidential and personal information as required by law.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2026

39. [RES.](#)
[2026-R019](#) To authorize the Council's Organizational Development Standing Committee to investigate the City's failure to publish a monthly payment register as required by City Code § 12-16 and application of exclusions allowed under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Patrons: Ms. Gibson, Ms. Trammell and Ms. Abubaker

To be continued to Monday, July 27, 2026

Vice President Katherine Jordan moved that item 36, ORD. 2026-090 be moved from the Regular Agenda to the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

Councilor Sarah Abubaker moved to approve the remaining agenda amendments as presented, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolution were considered:

5. [ORD.](#)
[2026-125](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of funding the Chamberlayne Avenue Paving Project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

6. [ORD.](#)
[2026-126](#) To designate the 6300 Block of Hull Street Road in honor of Eugene and Vivian Mason.

Patrons: Ms. Jones and Ms. Robertson

7. [ORD.](#)
[2026-127](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 902 North 28th Street for the purpose of up to one single-family detached dwelling and one single-family attached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

8. [ORD.](#)
[2026-128](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3012 Grayland Avenue for the purpose of up to two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

9. [ORD.](#)
[2026-129](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2518 Grove Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

10. [ORD.](#)
[2026-130](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$69,920.00 from the

Virginia Department of Historic Resources' African American Cemetery and Graves Fund and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities called the "Historic African American Cemeteries Special Fund," and appropriating the increase to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' "Historic African American Cemeteries Special Fund" by \$69,920.00 for the purpose of providing funding for preservation, maintenance, and stewardship activities at historically African American cemeteries.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

11. [ORD. 2026-131](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$611,807.50 from the National Opioid Settlement Fund, resulting from settlement agreements with Settling Distributors, Walgreens, Walmart, Distributor, CVS, Allergan, Teva, and Kroger, and to amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted a Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and made appropriations thereto, by increasing revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services' National Opioid Settlement Special Fund by \$611,807.50, for the purpose of funding opioid abatement and remediation strategies to combat the opioid crisis.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

12. [ORD. 2026-132](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities entitled "Broad Rock Creek Park Grant Special Fund," and appropriating the increase to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' "Broad Rock Creek Park Grant Special Fund" by \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of providing funding for improving access to and installing amenities at Broad Rock Creek Park.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

13. [ORD. 2026-133](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Right-of-Entry Agreement between the City of Richmond and Capital Trees for the purpose of performing tree

improvements in Byrd Park located at 1401 Pump House Drive, 2601 Police Memorial Way, and 2301 Amelia Street in the city of Richmond. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

14. [ORD. 2026-134](#) To amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the First District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the First District.

Patrons: Mr. Breton

15. [ORD. 2026-135](#) To amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Fourth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Fourth District.

Patrons: Ms. Abubaker

16. [ORD. 2026-136](#) To amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Fifth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Fifth District.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

17. [ORD. 2026-137](#) To amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Sixth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Sixth District.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

18. [ORD. 2026-138](#) To amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Seventh District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Seventh District.

Patrons: President Newbille

19. [ORD. 2026-139](#) To amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring funds in the amount of \$80,000.00 from the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency Venture Richmond, Inc. line item in the Organizational Subsidy category for the Administration and Finance portfolio and to appropriating such transferred funds in the amount of \$80,000.00 to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services for the purpose of funding CARITAS Surge Shelter Operations.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

20. [ORD. 2026-140](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$1,164,547.84 from the National Opioid Settlement Fund, resulting from settlement agreements with Sandoz Group, Kroger, CVS, Allergan, Teva, Walgreens, and Distributor, and to amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Special Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and made appropriations thereto, by increasing the revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services' National Opioid Settlement Special Fund by \$1,164,547.84, for the purpose of funding opioid abatement and remediation strategies to combat the opioid crisis.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

21. [ORD. 2026-141](#) To amend Ord No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the National Opioid Settlement Special Fund for the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services and appropriating such transferred funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 to the Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot Program Special Fund for the City Sheriff for the purpose of funding the Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

22. [ORD.](#)
[2026-142](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a YMCA of Greater Richmond Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Richmond for the purpose of operating low-cost afterschool programming at six elementary schools.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

23. [ORD.](#)
[2026-143](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Second Amendment to Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and The Salvation Army for the purpose of extending the term of the contract through June 30, 2027, with the option to exercise three additional one-year term extensions, for the continued operations of an inclement weather shelter and year-round emergency shelter located at 1900 Chamberlayne Avenue. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

24. [ORD.](#)
[2026-144](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City of Richmond, as tenant, and The Salvation Army, as landlord, for the purpose of leasing a portion of the property located at 1900 Chamberlayne Avenue for the operation of a resource and training center. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

25. [ORD.](#)
[2026-145](#) To designate the 1000 block of North Lombardy Street in honor of Coach Howard D. Hopkins. (3rd District)

Patrons: Ms. Gibson, Ms. Jones and Ms. Robertson

26. [ORD.](#)
[2026-146](#) To designate the 2800 block of Fendall Avenue in honor of Reverend A. Lincoln James, Jr. (3rd District)

Patrons: Ms. Gibson, Ms. Robertson and Ms. Jones

27. [ORD. 2026-147](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$295,267.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation and to amend Ord. No. 2025-058, adopted May 12, 2025, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and determined a means of financing the same, to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Complete Streets project in the Transportation Federal/State/Regional category by \$295,267.00 for the purpose of providing funding for the Chamberlayne Avenue resurfacing project from Walton Avenue to Hammond Avenue.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

28. [ORD. 2026-148](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Richmond Recovery Court entitled "Byrne State Criminal Justice Improvement Program (SCIP) 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 Richmond Recovery Court's "Byrne State Criminal Justice Improvement Program (SCIP) Grant Special Fund" by \$150,000.00 for the purpose of providing funding to combat the public health crisis caused by escalating substance use, opioid use disorders, and opioid-related overdose.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

29. [ORD. 2026-149](#) To amend City Code § 21-4, concerning definitions related to public procurement.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

30. [ORD. 2026-150](#) To amend City Code § 21-40, concerning joint and cooperative procurement, for the purpose of conforming the City's cooperative procurement laws to the optional provisions of Va. Code § 2.2-4304.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

31. [ORD.](#)
[2026-151](#) To amend City Code § 26-610, concerning the evaluation and expiration of the partial exemption of certain rehabilitated commercial or industrial structures from real estate taxation, for the purpose of extending the expiration date from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

33. [RES.](#)
[2026-R025](#) To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$10,163.68 from the Council District Funds for the Third District to pay Gibson Universal, LLC for direct mail and postage to distribute an informational mailer to Third District residents.

Patrons: Ms. Gibson

36. [ORD.](#)
[2026-090](#) To amend City Code §§2-1301.4, concerning the City's rights and authority, and 2-1301.14, concerning labor-management dispute and impasse resolution, to modify collective bargaining procedures. (As Amended)

Patrons: City Council and Mayor Avula

Public Hearing

Bill Pantele spoke in support of ORD. 2026-090 and thanked all those involved with bringing the legislation before Council.

Brendan Leavy, Richmond Coalition of Police President, spoke in support of ORD. 2026-090 and thanked all those involved with bringing the legislation before Council.

Keith Andes, National Firefighters Association Local 995, spoke in support of ORD. 2026-090 and thanked all those involved with bringing the legislation before Council.

Letissa Williams, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) member, spoke in support of ORD. 2026-090 and thanked all those involved with bringing the legislation before Council.

Felicia Boney, SEIU 512 Richmond Chapter Chair, spoke in support of ORD. 2026-090 and thanked all those involved with bringing the legislation before Council.

Juan Braxton, Trinity Baptist Church Deacon, spoke in support of ORD. 2026-146 and thanked Council for recognizing Reverend James.

Eric Ragland, Teamsters Local 322, spoke in support of ORD. 2026-090 and thanked all those involved with bringing the legislation before Council.

Council members thanked city administration and Mayor Avula for their work and collaboration on ORD. 2026-090.

The Consent Agenda was adopted: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

The Regular Agenda

The following ordinance was considered:

34. [ORD. 2025-231](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3219 Tuxedo Boulevard for the purpose of up to [five] four single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District) (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

Kevin Vonck, Director of Planning and Development Review, provided an introduction and brief overview of the proposed special use of the property at 3219 Tuxedo Boulevard.

Public Hearing

Michael Berlotas spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance, citing parking limitations and issues with neighborhood fit and affordability.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Laura Stephens spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance, stating that the properties are all delinquent, no other houses in the area are assessed under \$200,000, and the proposed units are not affordable enough.

Councilor Kenya Gibson stated that she wanted to understand why the Planning Commission denied the original proposal.

President Newbille explained that changes were made to the proposal based on input from area residents, but that version did not go before the Planning Commission after the initial denial.

There was no further discussion and ORD. 2025-231 was adopted: Ayes 6, Breton, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0. Abstentions 2, Gibson, Abubaker.

The following ordinances were considered:

37. [ORD. 2026-092](#) To establish the Code Refresh Review Commission for the purpose of developing optimal recommendations for a forthcoming rewrite of the City's zoning ordinance, based upon best practices and expert and community input.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell

38. [ORD. 2026-096](#) To establish the Resident Planning Review Commission for the purpose of advising the Council concerning the City's implementation of the Master Plan.

Patrons: Ms. Gibson

Councilor Reva Trammell provided a brief introduction and background information on ORD. 2026-092. She stated that residents want a stronger voice in zoning decisions than developers or city staff, and added that the proposed commission would help ensure citizens are not left out of a sweeping zoning overhaul of the entire city.

Councilor Kenya Gibson introduced ORD. 2026-096 and stated that the intention is to create a commission to evaluate how the city is implementing Richmond 300, including Code Refresh, to ensure compliance with the adopted master plan. She added that it is important that the commission reflects the demographics of the city, with an equal number of renters and homeowners with fewer professional conflicts of interest.

Public Hearing

Patricia Merrill, Westhampton Citizens Association, spoke in support of the proposed commissions, stating that they are needed to rebuild public trust and clarify the impact of Code Refresh.

Betsy Gardner spoke in support of the proposed commissions, stating that citizen review is important as only two to three percent of citizens understand Code Refresh.

Earl Somay spoke in support of the proposed commissions and stated that the first draft of Code Refresh created unnecessary division, which would be remedied by increased citizen input.

Pierce Homer spoke in support of the proposed commissions, noting that the extensive by-right zoning enabled by Code Refresh would reduce Council oversight via the special use permitting process.

Donna Hughes, Sherwood Park Civic Association, spoke in support of ORD. 2026-096, stating that increased public outreach and education about Code Refresh is needed.

John Gass spoke in support of the proposed commissions and expressed concerns with potential conflicts of interest with developers or financially interested parties sitting on land use advisory boards. He added that ordinary residents must have a seat at the table to balance out professional interests.

David Mayer spoke in support of ORD. 2026-096 and stated that current zoning proposals from the Planning Commission have moved away from the full set of Richmond 300 principals.

Robert Hood spoke in support of the proposed commissions, stating that renters and homeowners should have representation and emphasized the need for transparency.

Maria Düster, Community Climate Collaborative, spoke in opposition to both proposed commissions, stating that their structure would limit membership to wealthy property owners and amplify the voices of those who are already at the table, while also delaying urgently needed housing reform.

Tavarris Spinks spoke in opposition to both proposed commissions, stating that they would not be representative of lower income residents and added that there is strong support for Code Refresh among non-homeowners.

Kevin Randizzi spoke in support of both proposed commissions, noting the importance of resident participation in the decision making process. He further suggested that the final Code Refresh proposal should be put to voters via a referendum.

Jacob Peters spoke in support of ORD. 2026-096 and stated that renters' voices need to be heard, and the proposed commission would add accountability to Richmond 300 implementation.

Flora Worthington spoke in opposition to both proposed commissions, stating that renters are generally excluded from such conversations and adding another commission would only serve to belabor the same viewpoints already represented.

Miles Kozial spoke in opposition to both proposed commissions, which he stated would only worsen the imbalance already favoring property owners. He added that renters are the majority and need more representation.

Tanetta Caleb spoke in support of both proposed commissions and expressed concerns with poorly managed affordable housing developments.

Rev. Jeanette Brown, Westwood Civic Association, spoke in support of both proposed commissions and stated that development pressures are harming the Westwood neighborhood.

Tammy Rose spoke in support of both proposed commissions and stated that affordability is misunderstood or misrepresented, and suggested suspending Code Refresh until engagement improves.

Juan Braxton spoke in support of both proposed commissions and stated that people most affected by density, i.e., low income families and multigenerational households, are not present.

Councilor Nicole Jones stated that while she agrees with the intent, the commissions are unnecessary and duplicative as the city already has established engagement tools at its disposal. She added that current outreach efforts have not been adequate and called for proactive, equitable engagement citywide.

Councilor Sarah Abubaker stated that she conceptually supports the intentions of the proposed commissions, but believes they may complicate the process. She agreed that current outreach efforts were lacking and stated her support for leveraging existing city engagement infrastructure.

Vice President Jordan echoed Councilor Jones' support for strengthening the city's current outreach tools and stated her opposition to the formation of new commissions which would only create additional layers and potentially confuse residents.

Councilor Andrew Breton stated that Council already has the responsibility and authority to oversee Code Refresh, and city administration already has the necessary engagement tools. He agreed that the correct answer should be more outreach, not more bureaucracy, but noted that Council should remain the "watchdog" over the zoning code rewrite.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated that the existing Zoning Advisory Board has already incorporated community input and made substantial changes. She added that she would like to see measurable engagement goals and structured next steps instead of the creation of new commissions.

President Newbille stated that the city already has the infrastructure for engaging residents, and the process would require a joint effort between Council and city administration.

There were no further questions or discussions and ORD. 2026-092 was rejected: Ayes 2, Trammell, Abubaker. Noes 6, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Jordan, Newbille.

ORD. 2026-096 was rejected: Ayes 2, Gibson, Abubaker. Noes 6, Breton, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Jordan, Newbille.

Councilor Sarah Abubaker left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the following meeting minutes, which were approved as presented.

[CD.2026.177](#) June 8, 2026 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2026.183](#) June 8, 2026 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2026.188](#) June 22, 2026 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.:

40. [ORD. 2026-158](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$15,987.00 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities entitled "Forest View Cemetery Special Fund," and appropriating the increase to the

Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' "Forest View Cemetery Special Fund" by \$15,987.00 for the purpose of funding preservation, maintenance, and stewardship activities at Forest View Cemetery.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

41. [ORD. 2026-159](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$36,000.00 from the Church Hill Association of RVA and to amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities entitled "Libby Hill Park House Special Fund," and appropriating the increase to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' "Libby Hill Park House Special Fund" by \$36,000.00 for the purpose of restoring the Libby Hill Park House.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and committee referral waived pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

42. [ORD. 2026-160](#) To adopt a new Code of the City of Richmond, Virginia; to repeal the Code of the City of Richmond, Virginia, 2020; to prescribe the effect of such repeal; and to provide for the manner of amending the new City Code.

Patrons: President Newbille

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

43. [ORD. 2026-161](#) To amend Ord. No. 2026-063, adopted May 11, 2026, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring \$480,000.00 from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Special Fund, and to amend Ord. No. 2026-065, adopted May 11, 2026, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and determined a means of financing the same, by appropriating \$480,000.00 of such transferred funds to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' "Fire Training Facility Burn Tower Replacement" project in the Capital Investment Opportunities category for the purpose of constructing the City's burn building to enhance the safety of fire service personnel while conducting live fire training.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

44. [ORD. 2026-162](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition by gift, purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, certain fee simple interests, temporary construction easements, and permanent easements for the public purpose of facilitating the construction of the Hobby Hill Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

45. [ORD. 2026-163](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize (i) the acquisition of the real property known as 5624 Campbell Avenue and (ii) the grant and acceptance of certain easements relating to the acquisition of such real property, for the purpose of implementing the combined sewer overflow mitigation project known as the CSO-012 Storage Tank project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

46. [ORD. 2026-164](#) To amend City Code §§ 16-51, concerning the creation of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and 16-113, concerning the administration of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, to ensure all receipts derived from principal, interest, penalties, and fees received for the repayment and management of loans or grants from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund are reserved for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Patrons: Mayor Avula, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Jones and Ms. Lynch

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

47. [ORD. 2026-165](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond, 512 Hull Street, LLC, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of clarifying the affordable housing requirements applicable to the residential development located at 512 Hull Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Ms. Robertson and Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

48. [ORD. 2026-166](#) To approve an amendment to the Master Plan for the City of Richmond, adopted by the City Planning Commission on Oct. 5, 2020, and approved by the City Council by Ord. No. 2020-236, adopted Dec. 14, 2020, to incorporate the Oak Grove Hillside Bellemeade Community Plan detailing the vision, guiding principles, goals, strategies, and big moves for

development of and public investment in the Oak Grove, Hillside, and Bellemeade neighborhoods.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

49. [ORD. 2026-167](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1110 Oakwood Avenue for the purpose of transitional housing, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

50. [ORD. 2026-168](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2025-152, adopted July 28, 2025, which authorized the special use of the property known as 2300 Ingram Avenue for the purpose of up to seven single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions, to modify the addresses included in the special use and the plans. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

51. [RES. 2026-R026](#) To express the City Council's support for and request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funding for Chesterfield County's SMART SCALE Round 7 candidate projects for 2026.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

52. [RES. 2026-R027](#) To express the City Council's support for and request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funding for Henrico County's SMART SCALE Round 7 candidate projects for 2026.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of Council

Members of Council provided reports and announcements regarding respective district meetings and activities.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CITY CLERK