



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, VA 23219
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Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 7, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Katherine Jordan, Vice President
The Honorable Andrew Breton
The Honorable Kenya Gibson
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch

Absent

The Honorable Sarah Abubaker
The Honorable Nicole Jones
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement

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

Action Items - Motions to Amend

Councilor Kenya Gibson moved that the ordinance entitled:

1. [ORD. 2025-120](#) To conditionally rezone the properties known as 603 Rear North 35th Street, 609 Rear North 35th Street, 619 North 36th Street, 3510 Glenwood Avenue, and 3516 Glenwood Avenue from the R-5 Single-Family Residential District to the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District, upon certain proffered conditions. (As Amended) (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

be amended and continued to July 28, 2025, to provide for revised proffered conditions.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Andrew Breton moved that the ordinance entitled:

2. [ORD. 2025-138](#) To amend City Code § 2-1204, concerning the residency of certain officers and employees, to modify the City's residency requirement for certain officers and employees. (As Amended)

Patrons: Ms. Abubaker, Ms. Gibson, Ms. Jones, Ms. Trammell, Mr. Breton and Ms. Lynch

be amended and continued to July 28, 2025, to further modify the waiver requirements.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Introduction of Legislation

[CD.2025.251](#) July 7, 2025 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.:

1. [ORD. 2025-162](#) To grant a conservation and open-space easement on the property known as 501 South 14th Street, 501 1R South 14th Street, 505 South 14th Street, 508 South 14th Street, and a portion of 503 South 14th Street, each a portion of the property known as Mayo's Island, to the Capital Region Land Conservancy, Inc. and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

2. [ORD. 2025-163](#) To amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget and made appropriations thereto, by (i) transferring \$200,000.00 from the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency Heart of Richmond line item, (ii) transferring \$109,000.00 from the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, (iii) creating a new line item in

the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency called "CARITAS (Surge Shelter Operations)" and (iv) appropriating such transferred funds in the amount of \$309,000.00 to such new line item in the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency for the purpose of providing surge overflow shelter operations during inclement winter weather season.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

3. [ORD.](#)
[2025-164](#)
- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$2,119.00 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget adopted by Ord. No. 2024-184, adopted Jul. 22, 2024, for CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development by recapturing Emergency Solutions Grant funds in the total amount of \$50,666.00; and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget adopted by Ord. No. 2025-063, adopted May 12, 2025, for CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development by (i) allocating funds in the total amount of \$31,145.00 from the ESG Undesignated Reserve; (ii) creating a new project line item in the ESG funding called "St. Joseph's Villa"; and (iii) appropriating funds in the total amount of \$83,930.00 to the new "St. Joseph's Villa" line item for the purpose of providing funding for rapid rehousing programming.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

4. [ORD.](#)
[2025-165](#)
- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Richmond and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the purpose of allowing New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC, to continue to maintain and operate a telecommunications facility at 3518 North Hopkins Road. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

5. [RES.](#)
[2025-R032](#)
- To support an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of

funding the installation of pedestrian safety improvements along Patterson Avenue from Maple Avenue to Libbie Avenue and to commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

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