



Richmond City Council

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 10, 2025

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
The Honorable Andrew Breton
The Honorable Kenya Gibson
The Honorable Nicole Jones
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Ellen Robertson
The Honorable Reva Trammell

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. City Clerk Reid also stated that Spanish interpretation service was available virtually through Microsoft Teams.

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Emily Bagwell of Centenary Downtown United Methodist 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, Council Management Analyst Pamela Nichols provided information on the appropriate way to evacuate the Council Chamber in an emergency along with public speaker guidelines.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

[CD.2025.354](#) Board Appointments and Reappointments - November 10, 2025

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved to refer the recommendations for appointment to the Economic Development Authority and the Commission of Architectural Review back to their assigned standing committee meetings in January for further consideration, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Nicole Jones moved that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks:
Anitra Rochelle Carter

Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board:
Laura Mallinak

Richmond Public Library Board:
Antoine Green

Social Services Advisory Board:
Lisa Specter-Dunaway (reappointment)
Kenrick Cameron, Jr.

Local Finance Board for OPEB Trust:
Michael Nguyen (reappointment)
Tanikia Jackson

Minority Business Enterprise and Emerging Small Business Advisory Board:
Morris Cephas (reappointment)
Shirley Crawford (reappointment)

Richmond Region Tourism:
Paulin Cheatham (reappointment)

Board of Building Code Appeals:
Charles Field (reappointment)

Community Transportation Advisory Committee:
Andrew Bunn (reappointment)
Sera Erickson (reappointment)

PlanRVA:
Priscilla Eddings

Safe and Healthy Streets Commission:
Louise Lockett Gordon (reappointment)
Kirk Millikan (reappointment)

Clean City Commission:
Kenrick Cameron, Jr.
William Webb, II

Community Criminal Justice Board:
TraQuann Buskey
Jordan Waddell

Richmond Ambulance Authority:
Carlos Hopkins (reappointment)
Andrew Walker (reappointment)

Awards and Presentations

There were no awards or presentations.

Public Comment

[CD.2025.351](#) November 10, 2025 Public Comment Period Speakers List

Amoree Speed, New Virginia Majority, spoke in support of adding an anti-rent gouging bill to the city's legislative agenda as a way to help prevent the loss of access to on-campus housing for students.

Martin Ledele-Ensign expressed concerns with the billing processes of the Department of Public Utilities, stating that his bill has not been accurate since January of 2024.

Anna Mackiewicz spoke in support of adding an anti-rent gouging bill to the city's legislative agenda and the urgent need to address the affordable housing crisis.

Maria Duster, Community Climate Collaborative, spoke on energy efficient affordable housing as a way to increase the affordable housing stock.

Kwesi Powell, New Virginia Majority, spoke on struggles with housing displacement and the predicaments of renters in the city.

Keisha Davis expressed concerns with unlivable housing conditions in Southwood Apartments.

Copeland Casati spoke on the use of solar access and carbon tax incentives for energy efficient housing development.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Nicole Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

1. [ORD.
2025-014](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3618 Hawthorne Avenue for the purpose of a four-unit multifamily dwelling and six single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.
(3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

3. [ORD.
2025-150](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3923 Grove Avenue for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling and 16 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.
(1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, January 12, 2026

5. [ORD.
2025-209](#) To amend City Code § 2-772, concerning the filing of statements of economic interests, for the purpose of requiring more detailed disclosure forms of members of certain boards and commissions [with the power to issue bonds or expend funds in excess of \$10,000 in any fiscal year]. (As Amended)

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

To be amended and continued to December 8, 2025

6. [ORD.
2025-211](#) To amend City Code § 2-1352, concerning general requirements of the open data portal, to prohibit charging fees for requesting information required to be posted in the open data portal pursuant to section 2-1360 and to amend ch. 2, art. VII, div. 4 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-1360, concerning required datasets, for the purpose of requiring publication of certain datasets in the open data portal. (As Amended)

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

To be amended and continued to December 8, 2025

8. [ORD.
2025-215](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1705 Commonwealth Avenue for the purpose of a space for outdoor events, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

12. [ORD.](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1103 Carlisle
[2025-228](#) Avenue and 1105 Carlisle Avenue for the purpose of up to four single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be amended and continued to December 8, 2025

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

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, January 12, 2026

25. [RES.](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the
[2025-R043](#) Department of Finance and Department of Housing and Community Development, in coordination with other relevant City departments, to conduct an inventory of existing City programs and initiatives that mitigate displacement, to assess their effectiveness, and to report findings and recommendations to the Council within 120 days.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Jones and Vice President Jordan

To be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025; Referred back to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025

27. [RES.](#) To declare a public necessity to amend ch. 30 of the City Code and
[2025-R045](#) 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 § 15.2-2306(F).

Patrons: Vice President Jordan, Mayor Avula, President Newbille, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Abubaker and Mr. Breton

To be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

32. [ORD.](#) To declare surplus and direct the conveyance of City-owned real
[2025-180](#) estate known as 8790 Strath Road in Henrico County, consisting of 0.899± acres, for \$6,500.00 to Jonathan McQuinn and Delores McQuinn for private use.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

33. [ORD.](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person,
[2025-190](#) firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law

of an easement upon, over, under, and across certain property known as 510 East 4th Street for the construction, maintenance, and operation of improvements and associated appurtenances for the generation, distribution and transmission of electricity in accordance with a certain Right of Way Agreement. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

34. [ORD.](#)
[2025-210](#) To amend City Code § 2-1351, concerning definitions related to open data and a transparency program, and to amend ch. 2, art. VII, div. 4 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-1361, concerning a Freedom of Information Act request library, for the purpose of establishing an online Freedom of Information Act library. (As Amended)

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

To be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

35. [ORD.](#)
[2025-240](#) To amend City Code § 2-1351, concerning definitions related to open data and a transparency program, and to amend ch. 2, art. VII, div. 4 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-1361, concerning a Freedom of Information Act request library, for the purpose of establishing an online Freedom of Information Act library. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula, Ms. Jones, Ms. Abubaker, Vice President Jordan and President Newbille

To be amended and continued to December 8, 2025

36. [RES.](#)
[2025-R046](#) To declare surplus, and to authorize 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 §§ 8-61 or 8-62.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

2. [ORD.](#)
[2025-113](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3200 2nd Avenue for the purpose of up to [one] two single-family detached

[dwelling] dwellings, [two] one two-family detached [dwellings] dwelling, and four single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

4. [ORD. 2025-174](#) To authorize the conditional use of the property known as 16 East Marshall Street for the purpose of a nightclub, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

7. [ORD. 2025-214](#) To authorize the conditional use of the property known as 1407 East Cary Street for the purpose of a nightclub, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

9. [ORD. 2025-222](#) To amend City Code § 27-302, concerning towing and storage fees, for the purpose of modifying the limits on fees charged for the towing, storage, and safekeeping of certain vehicles removed from private property.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

10. [ORD. 2025-225](#) To amend Ord. No. 2025-057, adopted May 12, 2025, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations thereto, by transferring \$2,000,000.00 from the “Delinquent Tax Sales” special fund and appropriating such transferred funds to the “Affordable Housing Trust Fund” special fund for the purposes set forth in City Code § 16-53.

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

11. [ORD. 2025-227](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3100 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard for the purpose of electric vehicle charging stations, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

13. [ORD. 2025-229](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2111 Fairfax Avenue for the purpose of up to one single-family detached dwelling and one two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and

conditions. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

14. [ORD.](#)
[2025-230](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2106 Redd Street for the purpose of up to four two-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

16. [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.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

17. [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)

Patrons: Mayor Avula, Vice President Jordan, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Jones and Ms. Lynch

18. [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)

Patrons: Mayor Avula, Vice President Jordan, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Jones and Ms. Lynch

19. [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)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

20. [ORD.](#)
[2025-236](#) 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, Bellevue Gardens VA LLC, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the construction of an affordable housing development located at 3940 Rosedale Avenue. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

21. [ORD.](#)
[2025-237](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute The Third Enterprise Zone Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of administering the Enterprise Zone Program to stabilize and revitalize enterprise zone areas by stimulating private investment through financial incentives.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

22. [ORD.](#)
[2025-238](#) 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.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

23. [ORD.](#)
[2025-239](#) 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, 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. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

24. [ORD.](#)
[2025-241](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3021 East Franklin Street, 3023 East Franklin Street, and 3025 East Franklin Street for the purpose of no more than two single-family attached dwellings and one multifamily dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

26. [RES. 2025-R044](#) To 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)

Patrons: Ms. Lynch

28. [RES. 2025-R047](#) To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in amount up to \$40,000,000 for the acquisition, construction, and equipping of the approximately 288-unit multifamily residential rental housing project to be known as Rady Flats at 2811 Rady Street in the city of Richmond. (6th District)

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

29. [RES. 2025-R048](#) To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in amount up to \$45,000,000 for the acquisition, construction, and equipping of the approximately 234-unit multifamily residential rental housing project to be known as Joyfield at German School Road located at 250 East German School Road in the city of Richmond. (9th District)

Patrons: Ms. Jones

30. [RES. 2025-R049](#) To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in amount up to \$9,000,000 for the acquisition, construction, and equipping of the approximately 77-unit multifamily residential rental housing project at 101 West Commerce Road in the city of Richmond. (6th District)

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

Public Hearing

Caleb Stewart, 5th district resident, spoke in opposition to ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed fee increase for towing from private property in the city.

Marvin Gilliam, Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities (RISC) Co-President, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-225 and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Barbara Thomas, RISC, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-225 and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Martin Wegbreit, RISC, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-225 and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Alex Krieger, RISC, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-225 and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Derek Starr Redwine, RISC, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-225 and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Brenda Hawkins, RISC, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-225 and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Beverley Ross, RISC, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-225 and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Martha Harper, RISC, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-225 and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Ralph Hodge, RISC Vice President, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-225 and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Charles Willis, Richmond Highway Neighborhood Civic Association President, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-235 and the developer of the Walmsley Boulevard property.

Michael Croak, Owner of Shanks Towing South, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed towing fee increase.

Zach White, Shanks Towing South Operations Manager, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed towing fee increase.

Bernard Reeves, Shanks Towing South employee, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed towing fee increase.

Mary Michaels, Shanks Towing South employee, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed towing fee increase, stating that it would greatly assist their company with employee compensation packages.

Brad Purrone, Shanks Towing South employee, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed towing fee increase.

Robin Clark, Shanks Towing South employee, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed towing fee increase.

Brian Cannedy, Shanks Towing South employee, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed towing fee increase.

Parker O'Keefe, Shanks Towing South employee, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed towing fee increase.

Raheem Richardson, On Time Towing employee, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed towing fee increase.

Joey Newburger, On Time Towing employee, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed towing fee increase.

Jana Hobbs, New Virginia Majority, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-225, noting that she is cautiously optimistic.

Kasey Miller, New Virginia Majority, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-225 and expressed frustration with where the funds for the restitution payment to Marvin Grimm, Jr. came from.

Torae Jackson spoke in support of ORD. 2025-222 and the proposed towing fee increase, noting that it would apply to tows from private property only.

Councilor Ellen Robertson thanked those who spoke in support of affordable housing initiatives and added that there is still much work to be done.

Councilor Kenya Gibson stated the importance of ensuring that legislation related to affordable housing will actually help the problem. She also stated that she would like to receive more information on ORD. 2025-222 and to continue the discussion of the proposed towing fee increase.

Councilor Reva Trammell stated her support for ORD. 2025-222, adding that the proposed towing fee increase would help those employed by towing companies provide for their families.

There were no further comments and the Consent Agenda was adopted unanimously.

The Regular Agenda

The following ordinance was considered:

31. [ORD. 2025-161](#) To amend ch. 5 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. VI, consisting of §§ 5-160 - 5-167, for the purpose of establishing a residential rental inspection program. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Breton, Ms. Jones, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Gibson, Vice President Jordan, President Newbille and Ms. Abubaker

This ordinance was adopted.

Kevin Vonck, Director of Planning and Development Review, outlined the residential rental inspection program as proposed in ORD. 2025-161.

Public Hearing

Gwen Otwell, Richmond For All, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Danny Smith, 7th District resident, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Jana Hobbs, New Virginia Majority, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Sleeves Barnesafunks, 2nd District resident, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Geno White spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Kasey Miller, New Virginia Majority, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Penny Paige, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Bob Becker, Richmond/Henrico Health District, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Gustavos Espinosa, Legal Aid Justice Center, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Thomas King, Democratic Socialists of America Richmond Chapter Chair, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Rachel Hefner, New Virginia Majority and Richmond Housing Justice Collective, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Amoree Speed, New Virginia Majority, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Anna Mackiewicz, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Rosmeri Castillo, New Virginia Majority, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Claudia Delgado, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Josue Castillo, New Virginia Majority, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Fern Diaz-Castro, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Erin Trimmer, Richmond For All, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-161 and the proposed residential rental inspection program.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that the implementation of a rental inspection program in the city is long overdue, but a step in the right direction after years of issues with the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Councilor Reva Trammell stated that the issues with the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority took place years ago and are not reflected in the work of the organization today.

Councilor Nicole Jones stated that while the legislative process took longer than one would hope, it was necessary to ensure that the ordinance will properly address the issues that the rental inspection program is intended to mitigate.

Councilor Ellen Robertson stated that the rental inspection program should be implemented carefully so as to ensure the protection of tenants' rights.

Councilors Jones, Robertson, Gibson, and President Newbille asked to be added as co-patrons to ORD. 2025-161.

There were no further discussions, and ORD. 2025-161 was adopted: Ayes 9, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

Motions

Councilor Kenya Gibson moved that the ordinance entitled:

[ORD.
2025-209](#)

To amend City Code § 2-772, concerning the filing of statements of economic interests, for the purpose of requiring more detailed disclosure forms of members of certain boards and commissions [with the power to issue bonds or expend funds in excess of \$10,000 in any fiscal year]. (As Amended)

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

be amended and continued to December 8, 2025, to modify which members of certain boards and commissions are required to file statements of economic interests.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Sarah Abubaker moved that the ordinance entitled:

[ORD.
2025-211](#)

To amend City Code § 2-1352, concerning general requirements of the open data portal, to prohibit charging fees for requesting information required to be posted in the open data portal pursuant to section 2-1360 and to amend ch. 2, art. VII, div. 4 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-1360, concerning required datasets, for the purpose of requiring publication of certain datasets in the open data portal. (As Amended)

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

be amended and continued to December 8, 2025, to modify where and how information related to purchase contracts shall be published.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Ellen Robertson moved that the ordinance entitled:

[ORD.
2025-228](#)

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1103 Carlisle Avenue and 1105 Carlisle Avenue for the purpose of up to four single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

be amended and continued to December 8, 2025, to modify the Plans and the number of off-street spaces required for the Special Use.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Nicole Jones moved that the ordinance entitled:

[ORD.
2025-240](#)

To amend City Code § 2-1351, concerning definitions related to open data and a transparency program, and to amend ch. 2, art. VII, div. 4 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-1361, concerning a Freedom of Information Act request library, for the purpose of establishing an online Freedom of Information Act library. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula, Ms. Jones, Ms. Abubaker, Vice President Jordan and President Newbille

be amended and continued to December 8, 2025, to (i) modify certain definitions and the requirements related to the Library Notice and (ii) include a reporting requirement.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

[CD.2025.343](#) October 14, 2025 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2025.353](#) October 14, 2025 Formal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2025.356](#) November 3, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2025.366](#) November 10, 2025 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.:

37. [ORD. 2025-242](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Maymont Foundation Operating Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Maymont Foundation for the purpose of allowing the Maymont Foundation to continue managing, maintaining, operating, and improving Maymont Park in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

38. [ORD. 2025-243](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Non-Exclusive License Agreement between the City of Richmond and FlixBus, Inc. for the purpose of granting FlixBus, Inc. permission to use a portion of Main Street at 1500 East Main Street as a bus stop, passenger boarding, and waiting area. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

39. [ORD. 2025-244](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition by gift of the parcels of real property known as 313 South Harrison Street and 1112 Idlewood Avenue from the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purpose of creating a permanent public park. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

40. [ORD. 2025-245](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$728,695.00 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 Bike Lanes/Boulevard (Street Conversions) project in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional category by \$728,695.00 for the purpose of funding the Bike Lanes/Boulevard (Street Conversions) project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**41. [ORD.](#)
[2025-246](#)**

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$3,817.00 from the National Recreation and Park Association and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities' Grant - Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative Special Fund by \$3,817.00 for the purpose of providing services to youth impacted by and at risk for substance misuse.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

**42. [ORD.](#)
[2025-247](#)**

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$15,000,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic Development called "CoStar Special Fund," and appropriating the increase to the Department of Economic Development's CoStar Special Fund by \$15,000,000.00, for the purpose of funding the development of infrastructure at CoStar Realty Information, Inc.'s existing and planned facilities located at 501 South 5th Street and 600 Tredegar Street in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

**43. [ORD.](#)
[2025-248](#)**

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 from AARP, to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Public Works called the "AARP Community Challenge 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 Department of Public Works' "AARP Community Challenge Special Fund" by \$25,000.00, for the purpose of funding the planning, design, construction, and implementation of a bus boarding platform.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 19,

2025, at 2:00 p.m.

44. [ORD.](#)
[2025-249](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to enter into the Twenty-Eighth Commercial Area Revitalization Effort Program Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of providing for the operation of the Commercial Area Revitalization Effort ("CARE") Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

45. [ORD.](#)
[2025-250](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$18,319.00 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' State Fire Programs Special Fund by \$18,319.00 for the purpose of providing funding for training, training centers, equipment, and protective clothing for firefighters.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

46. [ORD.](#)
[2025-251](#) 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 transferring \$284,175.00 from the Council Chief of Staff, and appropriating such transferred funds to the Chief Administrative Offices for the purpose of supporting the participatory budgeting process.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

47. [ORD.](#)
[2025-252](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 75-309-302, adopted Dec. 15, 1975, as most recently amended by Ord. No. 2025-154, adopted July 28, 2025, pertaining to the "Stony Point Community Unit Plan," for the purpose of amending the development standards as they pertain to Map Section F of the Southern Portion of the Plan, which allowed a commissary kitchen as a permitted use on the property known as 9221 Forest Hill Avenue, to amend the development standards as they pertain to Map Section D of the Northern Portion of the Plan, to allow up to 28 single-family attached dwellings as a

permitted use on the property known as 9040 Stony Point Parkway.
(4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

48. [ORD.](#)
[2025-253](#)

To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2018-012, adopted Feb. 12, 2018, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2019-206, adopted Sept. 9, 2019, which authorized the special use of the property known as 10 West Leigh Street for the purpose of permitting a multifamily dwelling with up to 14 dwelling units, modified the parking requirements for 10 West Leigh Street, and excepted the properties known as 12 West Leigh Street, and 14 ½ West Leigh Street from certain lot area and width and open space requirements, upon certain terms and conditions, to eliminate the parking requirements. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

49. [ORD.](#)
[2025-254](#)

To amend Ord. No. 2023-266, adopted Oct. 10, 2023, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 2500 North Lombardy Street, 2510 North Lombardy Street, 2516 North Lombardy Street, 2530 North Lombardy Street, 2532 North Lombardy Street, 2534 North Lombardy Street, and 2536 North Lombardy Street for the purpose of exceeding the inclined plane height for a mixed- use building, upon certain terms and conditions, to extend the date by which an application for the building permit shall be made. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

50. [ORD.](#)
[2025-255](#)

To authorize the special use of the property known as 1915 5th Avenue, for the purpose of up to two two-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

51. [ORD.](#)
[2025-256](#)

To authorize the special use of the properties known as 1300 North 32nd Street, 1300 1/3 North 32nd Street, and 1300 2/3 North 32nd Street for the purpose of up to one two-family detached dwelling and five single-family attached dwellings, 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, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

52. [ORD.
2025-257](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 813 Catherine Street for the purpose of a two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

53. [ORD.
2025-258](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 6320 Daytona Drive, 6330 Daytona Drive, and 6340 Daytona Drive for the purpose of up to eight single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

54. [ORD.
2025-259](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2315 Floyd Avenue for the purpose of a two-family attached dwelling with an accessory dwelling unit, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

55. [ORD.
2025-260](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 9 South Meadow Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building with outdoor dining, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

56. [ORD.
2025-261](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2702 Selden Street for the purpose of one single-family detached dwelling, 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, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

57. [RES.
2025-R050](#) To request that the Mayor propose an annual budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 that recommends a real estate tax levy of \$1.16 per \$100 of assessed value as a means of tax relief for residents who pay real estate taxes and as affirmation of the City's commitment to live within its fiscal means.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch and Ms. Trammell

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of Council

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

Councilor Reva Trammell left at 8:33 p.m.

Councilor Sarah Abubaker left at 8:42 p.m.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch left at 8:43 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.