



Richmond City Council

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 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 6:01 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 Michael Carlucci of Sacred Heart Catholic 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, Assistant City Clerk Kimberly Morris 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.2025.311](#) October 14, 2025 Public Comment Period Speakers List

James Stallings discussed a proposal to prevent or mitigate threats to the city's water supply due to the construction of data centers in the area.

Christine Peterson, Richmond Public Library Board Chair, provided updates, information, and statistics regarding the Richmond Public Library and programming.

Ross Crawford, 1st district resident, spoke on the importance of sustainable affordable housing in the city and the thoughtful use of limited real estate for high density housing development.

Cindy Bell, expressed concerns with illegal evictions in the city and landlords routinely acting illegally.

Charles Pearce, 5th district resident, expressed concerns with several reported issues in the district with no response or resolution from the city.

Josue Castillo, New Virginia Majority, expressed concerns with safety in the immigrant community.

Blair Snow-Cave expressed concerns with visual water leaks in an alleyway.

Chad Wells, 3rd district resident, thanked Council for including the anti-rent gouging bill to the legislative agenda, but added that people in the city are still struggling.

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)

To be continued to Monday, November 10, 2025

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4. [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)
To be continued to Monday, November 10, 2025

 5. [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)
To be continued to Monday, November 10, 2025

 6. [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)
To be amended and continued to November 10, 2025

 7. [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 boards and commissions with the power to issue bonds or expend funds in excess of \$10,000 in any fiscal year.
To be continued to Monday, November 10, 2025

 8. [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)
To be amended and continued to November 10, 2025

 9. [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)
To be amended and continued to November 10, 2025

 12. [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)

To be amended and continued to November 10, 2025

13. [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)
- To be continued to Monday, November 10, 2025
20. [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.
- To be continued to Monday, November 10, 2025
24. [RES. 2025-R041](#) To approve the City of Richmond Plan of Services under the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act.
- To be continued to Monday, December 8, 2025
25. [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)
- To be amended and continued to November 10, 2025
29. [ORD. 2025-190](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, 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)
- To be continued to Monday, November 10, 2025

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

2. [ORD. 2025-079](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3801 Hanover Avenue and 3803 Hanover Avenue for the purpose of up to two single-family detached dwellings and [eight] four single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (1st District)
- This ordinance was adopted.

3. [ORD. 2025-081](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2618 Rear West Main Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to [four] three dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (2nd District)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
10. [ORD. 2025-212](#) To rezone the property known as 526 Maury Street from the M-2 Heavy Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit Oriented Nodal District. (6th District)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
11. [ORD. 2025-213](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1008 North 35th Street for the purpose of up to two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
14. [ORD. 2025-216](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 600 Decatur Street, 602 Decatur Street, 604 Decatur Street, 606 Decatur Street, 608 Decatur Street, 610 Decatur Street, 612 Decatur Street, 614 Decatur Street, 616 Decatur Street, 620 Decatur Street, 622 Decatur Street, 624 Decatur Street, 626 Decatur Street, 628 Decatur Street, 630 Decatur Street, 632 Decatur Street, 634 Decatur Street, 110 East 7th Street, 112 East 7th Street, 114 East 7th Street, 116 East 7th Street, 118 East 7th Street, 120 East 7th Street, 110 Manchester Mews, 111 Manchester Mews, 112 Manchester Mews, 113 Manchester Mews, 114 Manchester Mews, 115 Manchester Mews, 116 Manchester Mews, 117 Manchester Mews, 118 Manchester Mews, 119 Manchester Mews, 120 Manchester Mews, 121 Manchester Mews, 111 East 6th Street, 113 East 6th Street, 115 East 6th Street, 117 East 6th Street, 119 East 6th Street, and 121 East 6th Street, for the purpose of up to 40 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
15. [ORD. 2025-217](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 15 East Main Street for the purpose of up to three short-term rental units, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)
- This ordinance was adopted.**
16. [ORD. 2025-218](#) To amend Ord. No. 2005-285-273, adopted Dec. 12, 2005, which authorized the special use of the property known as 2600 West Main Street for the purpose of a restaurant with an enclosed outdoor dining area, to reduce the required parking from eighteen parking spaces to thirteen parking spaces, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd

District)

This ordinance was adopted.

17. [ORD. 2025-219](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2 South Robinson Street for the purpose of an independent cooking facility, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)
This ordinance was adopted.
18. [ORD. 2025-220](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1924 Wood Street for the purpose of up to six single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)
This ordinance was adopted.
19. [ORD. 2025-221](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response called the “FY26 SHSP Radio Repeater 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 Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response’s “FY26 SHSP Radio Repeater Special Fund” by \$250,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing radio repeater equipment.
This ordinance was adopted.
21. [ORD. 2025-223](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$100,000,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Wastewater Utility Budget which appropriated the estimated receipts of the wastewater utility, by increasing estimated receipts and the amount appropriated for the wastewater utility by \$100,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Canoe Run Park Storage Tank project.
This ordinance was adopted.
22. [ORD. 2025-224](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Fiscal Agency Agreement between the City of Richmond and NextUp RVA for the purpose of authorizing NextUp RVA to act as a fiscal agent on behalf of the City to facilitate funding for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities’ 2025 CarMax Basketball Youth Development and Summer Camp program.

This ordinance was adopted.

23. [ORD. 2025-226](#) 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, ECG Semmes, LP, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the construction of an affordable housing development located at 2201 McDonough Street, 2300 Semmes Avenue, 2301 McDonough Street, 322 West 22nd Street, 315 West 22nd Street, 307 West 22nd Street, 301 West 22nd Street, 302 West 22nd Street, 2100 Perry Street, 222 West 21st Street, 215 West 22nd Street, 217 West 22nd Street, 219 West 22nd Street, and 221 West 22nd Street. (5th District)

This ordinance was adopted.

Public Hearing

There was no one present who wished to speak.

There was no discussion and the Consent Agenda was adopted unanimously.

The Regular Agenda

The following ordinances were considered:

31. [ORD. 2025-207](#) To amend City Code § 26-355, concerning the levy of tax on real estate, to establish a tax rate of \$1.20 for the tax year beginning Jan. 1, 2026, pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-3321(b), and increasing such rate from the Rolled Back Tax Rate of \$1.146 as computed in accordance with Va. Code § 58.1-3321(a).
32. [ORD. 2025-208](#) To amend City Code § 26-355, concerning the levy of tax on real estate, to establish a tax rate of \$1.16 for the tax year beginning Jan. 1, 2026, pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-3321(b), and increasing such rate from the Rolled Back Tax Rate of \$1.146 as computed in accordance with Va. Code § 58.1-3321(a).

Public Hearing

Latrice Gregory, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 32BJ member, spoke in opposition to any proposed tax cuts that would limit the city's ability to respond to the housing crisis.

Angela Arrington, SEIU 32BJ member, spoke in opposition to ORD. 2025-208 and any proposed reduction in the real estate tax rate.

Priscilla Peebles, SEIU 32BJ member, spoke in opposition to any proposed reduction in the real estate tax rate as it would lessen the city's ability to invest in affordable housing and housing security.

Katie, Richmond resident, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-208 and lowering the real estate tax rate and stated that the city has the ability to stabilize revenue by collecting the \$31 million in unpaid taxes owed to the city.

Adam Belcastro, Richmond firefighter and International Association of Firefighters Local 995 Executive Board member, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-207, stating that any reduction in the real estate tax rate would do nothing for renters and would only benefit the wealthiest homeowners in the city.

Charles Hall, 7th district resident, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-207, stating that the additional tax revenue received from keeping the tax rate at \$1.20 would go much farther in addressing affordable housing issues than simply lowering taxes for homeowners.

Jason Kamras, 3rd district resident and Richmond Public Schools (RPS) Superintendent, thanked Council for its historic and extraordinary investment in RPS, and asked that the real estate tax rate remain at \$1.20 to allow RPS to continue generating positive academic results in response to those investments.

Kasey Miller, 7th district resident, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-207, stating that tax relief should prioritize the majority of residents, not just the wealthiest homeowners.

Leslie Moore, 7th district resident, spoke in support of ORD 2025-207 and noted that the dollar amount saved from any tax rate reduction would be minimal compared to the negative impact it would have on city services.

Chief Administrative Officer Odie Donald II provided an overview of ORD. 2025-207 from an administrative perspective, stating that cutting the tax rate to \$1.16 would not reduce the city's responsibility to provide services, many of which are mandated. He also noted that home assessments are the main driver of rate increase, not the tax rate, and added that Richmond has the highest dollar tax amount for exempt properties in Virginia.

Councilor Reva Trammell stated that the city assessor is simply doing their job and that the city should be focused on collecting other unpaid taxes.

CAO Donald explained that with the uncertainty surrounding the federal government shutdown, it is important for the city to retain funding reserves to respond to any unforeseen funding cuts.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that she never supported a tax rate reduction until seeing how her neighbors reacted to their assessments, and noted that the city's operating budget continues to increase every year, so some spending rollbacks may be necessary on the part of the city instead of placing the burden on taxpayers.

CAO Donald stated that a large part of operational growth funding is being reinvested into Richmond Public Schools. He added that the goal is to get the fund balance to a place where the city can survive a catastrophe or a catastrophic loss of funding, noting the city's aberrantly large amount of real estate that is exempt from taxation.

Councilor Sarah Abubaker stated that either tax rate will still be an increase for taxpayers due to assessment increases. She also stated that there is an important conversation to be had regarding affordable housing with everyone on board and a clear idea of what the city is investing in.

Councilor Kenya Gibson stated that she could not support either paper without additional information, specifically the pending receipt of information on the fiscal year 2025 surplus, and would be abstaining.

Councilor Nicole Jones stated that she knew what the tax rate and assessments were in January, and she made her choice when she voted for the budget. She added that she is not willing to bet on which services would be cut as a result of a tax rate decrease, and the city needs to get serious about what its priorities are.

President Newbille stated that Council agrees with the reasons given for reducing the tax rate, but that the city still has major financial obligations to address and uncertainty on the horizon, so she could not see a path to a reduction in the tax rate at that moment.

There were no further comments or discussions, and ORD. 2025-208 was not adopted: Ayes 3, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker. Noes 5, Breton, Jones, Robertson, Jordan, Newbille. Gibson abstained.

ORD. 2025-207 was adopted: Ayes 6, Breton, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 2, Trammell, Abubaker. Gibson abstained.

The following ordinances were considered:

26. [ORD. 2025-184](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of an easement upon, over, under, and across certain property known as Thomas B. Smith Community Center and located at 2009 Ruffin Road 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.

27. [ORD. 2025-185](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of an easement upon, over, under, and across certain property known as Lucks Field Community Center located at 1925 U 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.

28. [ORD. 2025-186](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of an easement upon, over, under, and across certain property known as St. Mary's Hospital located at 5801 Monument Avenue 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.

President Newbille stated that bids were received for items 26, 27, and 28 from Dominion Energy of Virginia and asked if there were any persons present who wished to offer a bid.

There were no further bids offered.

Cordell Hayes, Jr., CAO Policy Advisor, stated that administration recommended accepting the three bids as presented.

Public Hearing

There was no one present who wished to speak.

Councilor Nicole Jones moved to accept the bid from Dominion Energy of Virginia and to adopt ORD. 2025-184. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 9, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

Vice President Katherine Jordan moved to accept the bid from Dominion Energy of Virginia and to adopt ORD. 2025-185. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 9, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

Councilor Reva Trammell moved to accept the bid from Dominion Energy of Virginia and to adopt ORD. 2025-186. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 9, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

The following ordinance was considered:

30. [ORD. 2025-191](#) To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of the

franchise, right, and privilege to install and maintain a solar farm and pollinator meadow located at 3800 East Richmond Road in accordance with a certain Ground Lease. (7th District)

President Newbille stated that one bid was received for item 30, ORD. 2025-191 from Ameresco, Inc. and asked if there were any persons present who wished to offer a bid.

There were no further bids offered.

Laura Thomas, Director of the Office of Sustainability, stated that staff recommended accepting the bid as presented. She also provided clarification on the bidding process at the request of Councilor Andrew Breton.

Public Hearing

Kasey Miller, 7th district resident, spoke in support of ORD. 2025-191 but noted that it would be beneficial for the public if the requisite bid process was more open and transparent.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice President Jordan moved to accept the bid from Ameresco, Inc. and to adopt ORD. 2025-191. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 9, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

Motions

Councilor Nicole Jones moved that the ordinance entitled:

[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)

be amended and continued to November 10, 2025, to modify certain considerations and limitations for district designation.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Vice President Jordan moved that the ordinance entitled:

[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)

be amended and continued to November 10, 2025, to modify certain terms and conditions.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Kenya Gibson moved that the ordinance entitled:

[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)

be amended and continued to November 10, 2025, to modify certain exceptions.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Andrew Breton 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)

be amended and continued to November 10, 2025, to modify the requirements of posting information related to purchase contracts to the open data portal.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Reva Trammell moved that the ordinance entitled:

[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)

be amended and continued to November 10, 2025, to modify certain terms and conditions.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Vice President Jordan moved to expedite consideration of the resolution entitled:

33. [RES.](#)
[2025-R042](#)

To provide for the nomination of Odie Donald II, Nicole Jones, and Ellen F. Robertson as the City of Richmond's three Directors and the election of the Board of Directors of the Greater Richmond Transit Company for the period commencing upon election and qualification of these nominees as Directors and terminating on the date of the 2026 annual

meeting of shareholders upon the election and qualification of the successors to these Directors.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

President Newbille provided a brief overview of the resolution and the reason for its expedition.

Public Hearing

There was no one present who wished to speak.

There was no discussion, and RES 2025-R042 was adopted: Ayes 9, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

[CD.2025.301](#) September 22, 2025 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2025.316](#) September 22, 2025 Formal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2025.317](#) October 6, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2025.336](#) October 14, 2025 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.:

34. [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)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

35. [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.

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

36. [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.

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

37. [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)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

38. [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.

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

39. [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)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

40. [RES.](#)
[2025-R043](#)

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the 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.

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

41. [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)

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

42. [RES.](#)
[2025-R045](#)

To declare 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 § 15.2-2306(F).

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

43. [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.

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 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.

Councilor Reva Trammell and Councilor Sarah Abubaker left at 8:32 p.m.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch left at 8:34 p.m.

Vice President Katherine Jordan left at 8:36 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

CITY CLERK