



Richmond City Council

Formal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, February 9, 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
The Honorable Andrew Breton
The Honorable Kenya Gibson
The Honorable Nicole Jones
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch (early departure)
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. 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 John D. Rohrs of St. Stephen's Episcopal 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

[CD.2026.037](#) Board Appointments and Reappointments - February 9, 2026

Councilor Nicole Jones moved that the consideration of appointments to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the Economic Development Authority be continued to the March 10, 2026 Council meeting, and that the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks:

Cessely Nixon

Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board:

Charles Barker (reappointment)

Mary Mason (reappointment)

Glynis Boyd Hughes (reappointment)

Sara Link

Community Policy and Management Team:

Brian Chizuk

Human Rights Commission:

Thomas Mundy

Maggie L. Walker Initiative Citizens Advisory Board:

Zenobia Cardwell (reappointment)

Clarence McGill

Richmond Behavioral Health Authority:

Shanteny Jackson

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Supervisory Board:

Colby Kay (reappointment)

Safe and Healthy Streets Commission:

Tara FitzPatrick (reappointment)

Urban Design Committee:

Timothy Hamnett (reappointment)

Local Finance Board for Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust:

Letitia Shelton

Participatory Budgeting Steering Commission:

Abigail Delaney (reappointment)

Peter Berry

Lacey Hancher

Jamaal Mitchell

Quawneisha Peoples

Richmond Region Tourism:

Kimberly Love Lindsey

Richmond Retirement System:
Regina Elbert (reappointment)

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Awards and Presentations

[CD.2026.038](#) 20260209 Formal Awards and Recognitions Ceremony Docket

Richmond City Council and Mayor Danny Avula recognized and celebrated the Honorable L. Douglas "Doug" Wilder on the occasion of his 95th birthday and thanked him for his many years of dedicated public service and enduring contributions to the city, the Commonwealth, and the nation. Mr. Wilder shared a few words of wisdom and was presented with a key to the city.

Public Comment

[CD.2026.036](#) February 9, 2026 Public Comment Period Speakers List

Cora Hayes, 5th District resident, spoke about enforcement of the City Code as it relates to snow and ice removal.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Nicole Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

4. [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)

To be continued to Tuesday, March 10, 2026

5. [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. (As Amended) (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, February 23, 2026

7. [ORD. 2025-270](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 217 West Clay Street for the purpose of a restaurant with outdoor dining, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, February 23, 2026

16. [ORD. 2025-287](#) To amend City Code § 27-131, concerning the traffic signal enforcement program, for the purpose of establishing the manner in which civil penalties are allocated.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Tuesday, March 10, 2026

18. [ORD. 2026-003](#) To declare surplus and direct the conveyance of the City-owned real estate known as 301 Boroughbridge Road, consisting of 3.636± acres, 201 Covington Road, consisting of 1.284± acres, 209 Covington Road, consisting of 0.367± acres, 301 Covington Road, consisting of 0.367± acres, 307 Covington Road, consisting of 0.367± acres, and 313 Covington Road, consisting of 0.367± acres and commonly known as Sankofa Community Orchard, for nominal consideration to Central Virginia Agrarian Commons for the purpose of facilitating urban agriculture.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, February 23, 2026

32. [ORD. 2026-019](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 602 West 26th Street for the purpose of no more than two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, February 23, 2026

37. [ORD. 2026-024](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 401 West Marshall Street for the purpose of one single-family detached dwelling and a multifamily dwelling containing no more than three dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, February 23, 2026

39. [ORD. 2026-026](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 715 Mosby Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 2010-128-172, adopted Oct. 11, 2010, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (As Amended) (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, February 23, 2026

48. [RES. 2026-R003](#) To commit to working with the City's Administration to development and implement a comprehensive energy efficiency program that reduces the energy burden and cost of living for vulnerable households, supports small businesses, assists in the preservation of housing and the stabilization of neighborhoods, and makes meaningful progress towards the City's climate goals.
- Patrons:** Ms. Lynch, Mr. Breton, Vice President Jordan, Ms. Abubaker and Ms. Gibson
- To be continued to Monday, February 23, 2026**
49. [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. (As Amended) (1st District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- To be amended and continued to Monday, February 23, 2026**
50. [ORD. 2025-282](#) To amend ch. 26, article V, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 26-370, concerning a deferral program for certain real estate taxes pursuant to and in accordance with Code of Virginia § 58.1-3219.
- Patrons:** Ms. Abubaker, Ms. Trammell, Mr. Breton and Ms. Lynch
- To be continued to Monday, March 23, 2026**
51. [ORD. 2026-001](#) To repeal City Code § 12-46, concerning the disposition of revenues derived from expiration of partial exemptions from real estate taxation and from certain sales of tax delinquent properties; to amend City Code § 16-114, concerning regulations for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and to amend ch. 12, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new section numbered 12-14, concerning appropriations to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, all for the purpose of providing for the disposition and evaluation of certain revenues for affordable housing initiatives.
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
- To be continued to Monday, February 23, 2026**
52. [ORD. 2026-017](#) To amend City Code §§ 12-242, concerning the disposition of calculated general fund surplus and reporting, to require that ten percent of each year's surplus amount go to a special purpose reserve to support the Richmond Retirement System Total Retirement Fund to fund bonuses for retired members of the Richmond Retirement System and 12-265, concerning special purpose reserves to establish a special purpose reserve fund to support the Richmond Retirement System Total Retirement Fund.
- Patrons:** Ms. Trammell and Ms. Robertson

To be continued to Tuesday, March 10, 2026

53. [ORD. 2026-018](#) To repeal City Code § 12-46, concerning the disposition of revenues derived from the expiration of partial exemptions from real estate taxation and from certain sales of tax delinquent properties, and to amend ch. 12, art. II, of the City Code by adding therein a new section 12-48, concerning disposition of certain real estate tax revenue, for the purpose of providing for the disposition and evaluation of certain revenues for affordable housing initiatives.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Gibson and President Newbille

To be continued to Monday, February 23, 2026

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolution were considered:

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

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

3. [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)

6. [ORD. 2025-266](#) To declare surplus and direct the conveyance of the City-owned real estate known as 500 North 10th Street, consisting of 3.010± acres, for nominal consideration to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment of such parcel as part of a transit-oriented, mixed-use project known as "City Center."

Patrons: Mayor Avula

8. [ORD. 2025-278](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of

Richmond, as landlord, and Virginia Community Voice, as tenant, for the purpose of leasing certain real property located at 2015 Ruffin Road.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

9. [ORD.](#)
[2025-279](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Master Agreement for Use of Commonwealth Transportation Funds between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the purpose of utilizing grant proceeds from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

10. [ORD.](#)
[2025-280](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Agreement Under the Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program between the City of Richmond and the United States Department of Transportation for the purpose of funding the implementation of Vision Zero safety program activities.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

11. [ORD.](#)
[2025-281](#) 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 Bakery RVA L.L.C., as tenant, for the purpose of overflow parking and creating a designated area for ride share drop-off and pick-up at 212 North 18th Street. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

12. [ORD.](#)
[2025-283](#) To amend City Code § 12-11, concerning the deadline for submission of budget to Council, for the purpose of changing the deadline for submission from March 27 to March 11.

Patrons: President Newbille

13. [ORD.](#)
[2025-284](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Coliseum Parcel Redevelopment Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond, Virginia and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the development of a

mixed-use City Center.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

14. [ORD.
2025-285](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment of the City-owned property located at 500 North 10th Street. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

15. [ORD.
2025-286](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$127,032.00 from the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund, to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Economic Development entitled "PPD 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 Economic Development's PPD Special Fund by \$127,032.00, for the purpose of providing PPD Development L.P. with incentives to establish a bioanalytics laboratory facility at 737 North 5th Street in the city of Richmond. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

17. [ORD.
2026-002](#) 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 to provide funding for the Gillies Creek Greenway Phase IV project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

19. [ORD.
2026-004](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$173,565.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, 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, and 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' Major Bridge Improvement Program project in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional category by \$173,565.00 for the purpose of funding the East Richmond Road Over Stony Run bridge replacement project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

20. [ORD.](#)
[2026-005](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$325,040.00 from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public 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, by (i) establishing a new project for the Department of Public Works in the Transportation category called the "Pedestrian Beacon-24th and Main Project" and (ii) increasing estimated revenues from the funds received from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Public Works' Pedestrian Beacon-24th and Main Project in the Transportation category by \$325,040.00, all for the purpose of funding the planning, design, construction, and installation of a pedestrian hybrid beacon at the intersection of 24th Street and Main Street.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

21. [ORD.](#)
[2026-006](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$960,896.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, 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' Major Bridge Improvement Program project in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional category by \$960,896.00 for the purpose of funding the East Richmond Road Over Gillies Creek bridge replacement project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

22. [ORD. 2026-007](#) 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 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 entitled “Capital Access Special Fund” and appropriating the increase to the Department of Economic Development’s “Capital Access Special Fund” by \$150,000.00 for the purpose of providing funding to the Metropolitan Business League and Bridging Virginia for the Capital Access Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

23. [ORD. 2026-008](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$619,950.00 from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority; to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating new special funds for the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services called the “VCU Operation STOP Special Fund” and the “Operation STOP Special Fund;” to appropriate a portion of such increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services’ “VCU Operation STOP Special Fund” by \$25,000.00 to fund a government to government purchase with Virginia Commonwealth University; and to appropriate a portion of such increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services’ “Operation STOP Special Fund” by \$594,950.00 to provide sub-grants in the amount of \$594,950 to eligible entities, all for the purpose of implementing the Authority’s Operation Specifically Targeted Overdose Prevention program to combat the opioid crisis.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

24. [ORD. 2026-009](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$2,704,000.00 from the Federal Railroad Administration, to accept funds in the amount of \$540,800.00 from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Public Works called the “Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) - Broad Rock Grade Separation 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' "Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) - Broad Rock Grade Separation Special Fund" by the total amount of \$3,224,800.00 to provide funding for the feasibility analysis, environmental clearance, and preliminary engineering of a grade separation project on Broad Rock Boulevard.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

25. [ORD. 2026-010](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Atlantic Outreach Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Atlantic Outreach Group for the purpose of providing bed fee scholarships for clients with opioid use disorder in their recovery residences.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

26. [ORD. 2026-011](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a ChildSavers Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and ChildSavers - Memorial Child Guidance Clinic for the purpose of providing trauma informed clinical counseling services to youth whose caregiver or family member has experienced overdose in the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

27. [ORD. 2026-012](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Daily Planet Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Daily Planet Inc. for the purpose of providing bed fee scholarships and referrals for clients with opioid use disorder in accredited recovery residences.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

28. [ORD. 2026-013](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Daily Planet Health Services Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Daily Planet Inc. for the purpose of developing and presenting prevention and education services to law enforcement and policy makers addressing the opioid crisis in the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

29. [ORD. 2026-014](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Health Brigade Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Health Brigade for the purpose of supporting harm reduction and outreach efforts for residents suffering from opioid use disorder in the city of Richmond.
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
30. [ORD. 2026-015](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Richmond Behavioral Health Foundation Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and Richmond Behavioral Health Foundation for the purpose supporting quarterly community events and harm reduction supplies in designated “safe zones.”
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
31. [ORD. 2026-016](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Coliseum Parking License Agreement between the City of Richmond, as licensor, and Virginia Commonwealth University, as licensee, for the purpose of leasing 200 parking spaces at the City-owned parking facility located at 501 North 7th Street. (6th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
33. [ORD. 2026-020](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 13 East 33rd Street for the purpose of one two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
34. [ORD. 2026-021](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 4400 West Broad Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
35. [ORD. 2026-022](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2835 Burfoot Street for the purpose of up to three single-family detached dwellings, excepting such property from the terms and conditions of Ord. No. 2023-262, adopted Oct. 10, 2023, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

36. [ORD.](#)
[2026-023](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2228 Cedar Street for the purpose of no more than two single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

38. [ORD.](#)
[2026-025](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1007 Melrose Avenue for the purpose of a commissary kitchen, an office use, and a library serving the existing nonconforming seminary, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 87-305-88-9, adopted Jan. 11, 1988, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

40. [ORD.](#)
[2026-027](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2708 Nine Mile Road, 2718 Nine Mile Road, and 2720 Nine Mile Road for the purpose of a mixed-use building, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

41. [ORD.](#)
[2026-028](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 103 South Shields Avenue for the purpose of up to two two-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

42. [ORD.](#)
[2026-029](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 100 North Thompson Street, 102 North Thompson Street, 104 North Thompson Street, 106 North Thompson Street, 101 Berrington Court, 103 Berrington Court, 107 Berrington Court, 109 Berrington Court, 3600 Floyd Avenue, and 3602 Floyd Avenue for the purpose of up to 17 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

43. [ORD.](#)
[2026-030](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2017-180, adopted October 9, 2017, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 3801

Seminary Avenue (and alternatively as 1010 West Laburnum Avenue), 3800 Chamberlayne Avenue, and 3802 ½ Chamberlayne Avenue for the purpose of a vocational school accessory to a church, upon certain terms and conditions, to modify the permitted uses and operational hours. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

44. [ORD.](#)
[2026-031](#) To amend and reordain Ordinance No. 2019-039, adopted Mar. 25, 2019, which authorized the special use of the property known as 6807 Midlothian Turnpike for the purpose of permitting certain signs, upon certain terms and conditions, to authorize the special use of the property known as 6707 Rear Midlothian Turnpike for the purpose of a parking area located between the main building and the street line, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

45. [ORD.](#)
[2026-032](#) To amend Ord. No. 2023-174, adopted June 26, 2023, which authorized the special use of the property known as 3601 Seminary Avenue for the purpose of a day nursery for up to 64 children, within a church, to allow for up to 74 children, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

46. [ORD.](#)
[2026-033](#) To amend and reordain Ordinance No. 2024-036, adopted Feb. 26, 2024, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 2900 Rady Street and 2733 5th Avenue for the purpose of up to 83 permanent supportive housing units, upon certain terms and conditions, to modify certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

47. [RES.](#)
[2026-R002](#) To request that the Virginia Department of Transportation amend the street mileage inventory for the City of Richmond.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

Public Hearing

Maria, no last name given, stated her opposition to ORD. 2026-028, stating that the proposed construction would make it unsafe and impossible for her to access her garage.

Lenora McQueen expressed concerns with ORD. 2025-266 and ORD. 2025-284, stating that the Coliseum building is located on the historic site of the estate of Christopher McPherson, an important figure in the history of Richmond.

Councilor Kenya Gibson stated that she would like ORD. 2025-284 and ORD. 2025-285 to be continued to allow time to address certain contract labor agreements and to ensure that workers are being fairly compensated.

Chief Administrative Officer Odie Donald II provided a brief update regarding contract labor and union agreements, and the ongoing work being done to address those items.

There were no further comments and the Consent Agenda, except for the following ordinances, was adopted unanimously.

ORD. 2025-284 was adopted: Ayes 8, Breton, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 1, Gibson.

ORD. 2025-285 was adopted: Ayes 8, Breton, Jones, Robertson, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 1, Gibson.

The Regular Agenda

The following resolution was considered:

54. [RES. 2025-R050](#) To request that the Mayor (i) propose an annual budget for Fiscal Year [2026-2027] 2027-2028 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, and (ii) provide estimates of additional revenue and planned expenditures if the real estate tax levy for Fiscal Year 2027-2028 were \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed value. (As Amended)

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

Councilor Stephanie Lynch briefly introduced the proposed resolution and outlined its function and the intent behind it.

Public Hearing

There were no speakers.

There was no discussion, and RES. 2025-R050 was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was considered:

55. [RES. 2026-R004](#) To request that the Mayor (i) propose an annual budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 that recommends \$1,131,800 in funding to increase wages and benefits for contracted janitorial workers and (ii) pursue an amendment of the City's Janitorial Services contract during Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to add a requirement that the City's janitorial services contractor pay its employees at least the City's minimum wage and to request that the Chief Administrative Officer, upon the approval of the aforementioned budget appropriation, pursue an amendment of the City's janitorial services contract to include a requirement that the City's janitorial services contractor pay the City's minimum wage to its employees who are performing services under the City's janitorial services contract beginning Jul. 1, 2026.

Patrons: Ms. Lynch and Ms. Robertson

Councilor Stephanie Lynch briefly introduced the proposed resolution and outlined its function and the intent behind it.

Public Hearing

Tremayne Johnson, representing Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 32BJ, spoke in support of the proposed resolution and stated that city contractors need to be paid at least \$20 per hour with paid time off.

Latrice Gregory, SEIU 32BJ member, spoke in support of the proposed resolution and stated that her mother has been a contracted city worker for 34 years and deserves to earn a dignified, living wage, as do all city contract workers.

Councilor Nicole Jones asked if administration had received any new information from the contractor.

Chief Administrative Officer Odie Donald II stated that they had spoken with the contractor but it is not fully clear yet what the impacts would be in pursuing the directive in the proposed resolution. He also stated that administration will continue to examine the issue and possibly consider including it in the proposed budget for Council's review.

Councilor Ellen Robertson asked that administration continue to look into bringing contracted workers on as city employees as well.

There was no further discussion, and RES. 2025-R050 was unanimously adopted.

Motions

Councilor Kenya Gibson moved that the ordinance entitled:

5. [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. (As Amended) (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

be amended and continued to February 23, 2026, to modify the plans.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Vice President Katherine Jordan moved that the ordinance entitled:

37. [ORD. 2026-024](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 401 West Marshall Street for the purpose of one single-family detached dwelling and a multifamily dwelling containing no more than three dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

be amended and continued to February 23, 2026, to modify certain terms and conditions.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Nicole Jones moved that the ordinance entitled:

39. [ORD. 2026-026](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 715 Mosby Street for the purpose of a mixed-use building, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 2010-128-172, adopted Oct. 11, 2010, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (As Amended) (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

be amended and continued to February 23, 2026, to modify certain terms and conditions.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Councilor Sarah Abubaker moved that the ordinance entitled:

49. [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. (As Amended) (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

be amended and continued to February 23, 2026, to modify certain terms and conditions.

The motion was seconded and approved: **Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.**

Councilor Sarah Abubaker moved to expedite consideration of the resolutions entitled:

[RES. 2026-R005](#) To consent to the Director of Emergency Management's declaration that a local emergency exists in the city of Richmond beginning on January 23, 2026, due to the effects of a winter storm.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

[RES. 2026-R006](#) To consent to the Director of Emergency Management's declaration that a local emergency exists in the city of Richmond beginning on January 30, 2026, due to the effects of a winter storm.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0. Res. 2026-R005 and Res. 2026-R006 were considered.

Stephen Willoughby, Director of Emergency Communications, briefly introduced the proposed resolutions, stating that the Code of Virginia requires that City Council confirm any emergency declaration made by the Mayor, and in this case, there were two such declarations made since the last City Council meeting.

Public Hearing

There were no speakers.

There was no discussion, and RES. 2026-R005 and RES. 2026-R006 were adopted: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

Councilor Andrew Breton moved to expedite consideration of the resolution entitled:

[RES. 2026-R007](#) To repeal Res. No. 2026-R005, adopted February 9, 2026, concerning the effects of a winter storm and Res. No. 2026-R006, adopted February 9, 2026, concerning the effects of a winter storm, because the states of emergency have ended.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0. Res. 2026-R007 was considered.

Stephen Willoughby, Director of Emergency Communications, stated that City Council is the authority that undeclares an emergency, and since there had not been a Council meeting since the emergencies were declared, Council is reaffirming those declarations and undeclaring the emergencies in the same meeting.

Public Hearing

There were no speakers.

There was no discussion, and RES. 2026-R007 was adopted: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Robertson, 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.2026.024](#) January 12, 2026 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2026.026](#) January 12, 2026 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2026.042](#) February 9, 2026 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.:

59. [ORD. 2026-034](#) 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 Family and Children's Trust Fund of Virginia 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 Social Services Special Fund by \$10,000.00 for the purpose of providing funding for the Healthy Families program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

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

60. [ORD. 2026-035](#) 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

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

61. [ORD. 2026-036](#) 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 \$50,000.00 from the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency Reserve for Council Amendment line item and appropriating such transferred funds to the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency Presbyterian Homes & Family Services, Inc. line item for the purpose of providing funding to support a family crisis fund.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

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

62. [ORD. 2026-037](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$41,240.00 from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority 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 Neighborhood and Community Services' OAA Harm Reduction Vending Machines Special Fund by \$41,240.00 for the purpose of providing funding for harm reduction vending machines to combat the opioid crisis.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

63. [ORD. 2026-038](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services entitled "OAA Mini Grants Special Fund" and appropriating the increase to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services' "OAA Mini Grants Special Fund" by \$100,000.00 for the purpose of providing grants to community partners to combat the opioid crisis.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

64. [ORD.](#)
[2026-039](#)

To amend City Code §§ 14-181, concerning definitions related to land use and development performance criteria in Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas, 14-263, concerning general performance criteria, and 14-264, concerning criteria for resource protection areas for the purpose of aligning the City Code with state law.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

65. [ORD.](#)
[2026-040](#)

To amend § 14-336, concerning Richmond Erosion and Stormwater Management Program fees, for the purpose of aligning such section with recent amendments to state law and regulations approved by the State Water Control Board.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

66. [ORD.](#)
[2026-041](#)

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 \$14,700,000.00 from the Contingency Reserve; (ii) creating a new line item in the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency entitled "EDA - Diamond District;" and (iii) appropriating such transferred funds to such new line item in the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency, all for the purpose of providing funding to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the redevelopment of the area known as the Diamond District.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

67. [ORD.](#)
[2026-045](#)

To repeal City Code § 12-46, concerning the disposition of revenues derived from the expiration of partial exemptions from real estate taxation and from certain sales of tax delinquent properties, and to amend ch. 12, art. II, of the City Code by adding therein a new section 12-48, concerning disposition of certain real estate tax revenue, for the purpose of providing for the disposition and evaluation of certain revenues for affordable housing initiatives.

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

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

68. [RES.](#) To name the alley located in the block bounded by T Street, North 31st Street, Kuhn Street and North 32nd Street as “Strong Oak Alley.” (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

69. [RES.](#) To designate the property known as 4611 Walmsley Boulevard as a revitalization area pursuant to Va. Code § 36-55.30:2. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

70. [RES.](#) To express the City Council's support for and request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funding for the City'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, February 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

71. [RES.](#) To provide for the issuance of general obligation public improvement refunding bonds of the City of Richmond, Virginia, in the maximum principal amount of \$42,085,000 to refund all or portions of certain general obligation bonds previously issued by the City, and to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such refunding bonds for such purpose, to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds, and to authorize the issuance of such bonds as either federally tax-exempt or federally taxable bonds, or both.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

72. [RES.](#) To provide for the issuance of public utility revenue refunding bonds of the City of Richmond, Virginia, in the maximum principal amount of

\$294,280,000 to refund all or portions of certain public utility revenue bonds previously issued by the City, to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such refunding bonds for such purposes, providing for the form, details and payment of such bonds and approving the form of supplemental indenture of trust, and to authorize the issuance of such bonds as either federally tax-exempt or federally taxable bonds, or both.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.:

73. [ORD. 2026-042](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 1994-219-209, adopted Oct. 10, 1994, which authorized the special use of the property known as 2107-2117 West Cary Street, for the purpose of the construction of a twelve-unit multi-family dwelling and six single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions, to modify the terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

74. [ORD. 2026-043](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2024-116, adopted May 13, 2024, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1515 Chamberlayne Parkway for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing up to 91 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions, to modify the plans and the terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

75. [ORD. 2026-044](#) To rezone the property known as 1240 Ingram Avenue from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit-Oriented Nodal District. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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