



City of Richmond

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Summary City Council

Monday, May 11, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

1. [ORD. 2026-074](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 101 Cowardin Avenue for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to 120 dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 85-316-86-1, adopted Jan. 13, 1986, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (As Amended) (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

2. [ORD. 2026-093](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3317 Rear Monument Avenue for the purpose of up to four single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

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3. [ORD. 2026-094](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3119 Napoleon Street for the purpose a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

4. [ORD. 2026-095](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 3401 Rosewood Avenue and 3405 Rosewood Avenue for the purpose of up to three single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

5. [ORD. 2026-097](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3601 Hopkins Road for the purpose of a multifamily development containing up to 172 dwelling units within four residential buildings, upon certain terms and conditions. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

6. [RES. 2026-R003](#) To commit to working with the City's Administration to [development and implement] develop a [comprehensive] City-wide energy efficiency program that [reduces the] advances equitable reductions in 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], accelerates progress [towards the City's climate goals] toward Richmond's 2050 net-zero goals, and institutionalizes interdepartmental coordination across housing, utilities, and community development. (As Amended)

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

This resolution was adopted.

7. [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)

This ordinance was rejected.

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

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

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9. [ORD. 2026-059](#) To amend City Code 2-728, concerning the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, to require the routing of E-911 calls for emergency medical services to the Richmond Ambulance Authority by the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell and Ms. Abubaker

Continued to Monday, June 8, 2026; Referred back to the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Continued to Tuesday, May 26, 2026; Referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

11. [ORD.](#)
[2026-092](#) To establish the Code Refresh Review Commission for the purpose of developing optimal recommendations for a forthcoming rewrite of the City's zoning ordinance, based upon best practices and expert and community input.
- Patrons:** Ms. Trammell
- Continued to Monday, June 8, 2026**
12. [ORD.](#)
[2026-096](#) To establish the Resident Planning Review Commission for the purpose of advising the Council concerning the City's implementation of the Master Plan.
- Patrons:** Ms. Gibson
- Continued to Monday, June 8, 2026**
13. [RES.](#)
[2026-R019](#) To authorize the Council's Organizational Development Standing Committee to investigate the City's failure to publish a monthly payment register as required by City Code § 12-16 and application of exclusions allowed under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
- Patrons:** Ms. Gibson and Ms. Trammell
- Continued to Tuesday, May 26, 2026; Referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**
14. [ORD.](#)
[2026-063](#) To adopt the annual budget, which includes all of the separate current expense budgets for the general operation of the City government and for each utility as defined in ch. 13 of the City Charter and provides for increases to certain fees for the fiscal year commencing Jul.1, 2026, and ending Jun. 30, 2027, and to appropriate the estimated revenues for such fiscal year for the objects and purposes stated in such budget. (As Amended)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
- This ordinance was adopted.**
15. [ORD.](#)
[2026-065](#) To accept a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2026, and for the four fiscal years thereafter; to adopt a Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning Jul. 1, 2026; and to determine the means of financing the same. (As Amended)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
- This ordinance was adopted.**

16. [ORD. 2026-066](#) To adopt a new pay plan for the City for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and to repeal Ord. No. 2025-059, adopted May 12, 2025, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

17. [ORD. 2026-071](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a PY 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan and PY 2026 Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds; to accept funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$12,553,779.59; and to appropriate \$12,553,779.59 for various projects. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

18. [ORD. 2026-064](#) To appropriate and to provide funds for financing the school budget for the fiscal year commencing Jul. 1, 2026, and ending Jun. 30, 2027.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

19. [ORD. 2026-067](#) To authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$135,014,135 to finance the cost of school projects and general capital improvement projects of the City for the following purposes and uses: construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public schools; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for various infrastructure needs, including transit facilities, traffic control facilities, streets, sidewalks and other public ways, bridges, storm sewers, drains and culverts, street lights, floodwall and levee system facilities and refuse disposal facilities; construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for public safety and other governmental purposes; to make grants or loans to assist in financing capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting the development of housing projects for the benefit of persons with low or moderate incomes; participation in redevelopment, conservation and community development programs, including the construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipment for targeted public facilities included in these programs; construction, reconstruction, improvements and equipment for public institutional, operational, cultural, educational and entertainment buildings and facilities, including but not limited to the theaters, parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, libraries and museums; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and the making of appropriations to the City's Economic Development Authority and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to be used to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures or to make loans or grants to finance capital expenditures for the purposes of promoting economic development or promoting the development of housing projects for the benefit of persons with low or moderate incomes; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of such bonds as either federally tax-exempt bonds or federally taxable bonds, or both.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

20. [ORD. 2026-068](#) To authorize the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$9,778,140 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the stormwater utility of the City for the following purposes and uses: replacement of and upgrades to the stormwater facilities, including but not limited to, construction, reconstruction, improvements, rehabilitation and upgrades of stormwater sewers and associated facilities; new and replacement infrastructure of the storm sewer system, drainage structures, catch basins, ditches, storm sewer pipes, culverts, green infrastructure; acquisition of real property therefor as appropriate; and equipment for various infrastructure needs; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of such bonds as either federally tax-exempt bonds or federally taxable bonds, or both.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

21. [ORD. 2026-069](#) To authorize the issuance of public utility revenue bonds of the City of Richmond in the maximum principal amount of \$314,003,404 to finance the cost of capital improvement projects of the gas, water and wastewater utilities and public utility buildings and facilities for the following purposes and uses: enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the gas plant, gate stations, transmission, distribution and service lines and associated metering equipment; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the waterworks plant, pump stations, transmission, distribution and service lines and associated metering equipment; enlargement, extension, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of the wastewater plant and intercepting lines; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, and improvement of sanitary and storm water sewers, pumping stations, drains and culverts; construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, improvement and equipping of public utility buildings and facilities therefor, including but not limited to the stores division; and acquisition of real property and real property rights (including without limitation easements and rights-of-way) therefor as appropriate; to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to sell such bonds for such capital improvement projects; to provide for the form, details and payment of such bonds; to approve the form of supplemental indenture of trust; to authorize the issuance of notes of the City in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds; and to authorize the issuance of such bonds as either federally tax-exempt bonds or federally taxable bonds, or both.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

22. [ORD. 2026-070](#) To authorize the issuance of general obligation equipment notes of the City of Richmond in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$11,000,000 to finance the costs of equipment and vehicles for the various departments, bureaus and agencies of the City and the Richmond Ambulance Authority; and to authorize the Director of Finance, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City, to issue and sell equipment notes to finance the acquisition of such equipment and vehicles; to provide for the form, details and payment of such notes; and to authorize the issuance of such notes as either federally tax-exempt notes or federally taxable notes, or both.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.:

23. [ORD. 2026-111](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Agreement between the Virginia Department of Health and the City of Richmond for the purpose of funding public health services provided by the Richmond City Health Department.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

24. [ORD. 2026-112](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$2,002,659.00 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality 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 Utilities' Stormwater Facilities Improvements project in the Utilities category by \$2,002,659.00 for the purpose of funding the Broad Rock Creek Stream Restoration project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

26. [ORD. 2026-114](#) To approve the Work Plan and Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the provision of services in the Downtown Special Service and Assessment Districts.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

27. [ORD. 2026-115](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an Eighth Amendment to the Agreement for the Provision of Services in the Downtown Richmond Special Service and Assessment Districts between the City of Richmond and Venture Richmond, Inc., for the purpose of extending the term of the agreement to June 30, 2031.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

28. [RES. 2026-R022](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Housing and Community Development, in coordination with other relevant City departments, to conduct a feasibility and potential methods study by which the City may purchase real property within the city of Richmond for the development of affordable housing and to provide the Council with written recommendations for implementing the findings of the study.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.:

29. [ORD. 2026-116](#) To amend ch. 2, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 23, consisting of §§ 2-1202.15-2-1202.18, for the purpose of establishing the Sister Cities Commission, and to repeal Res. No. 91-R180-207, adopted Jul. 22, 1991, and all amendatory resolutions thereto.

Patrons: Ms. Jones

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

30. [ORD. 2026-117](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 607 Arnold Avenue for the purpose of up to two single-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, June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

31. [ORD. 2026-118](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2720 Clearfield Street for the purpose of no more than one single-family detached dwelling, 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, June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

32. [ORD. 2026-119](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1710 Mactavish Avenue for the purpose of a motor vehicle sales, rental, and service facility, 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, June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.