

INTRODUCED: July 28, 2025

Expedited Consideration

A RESOLUTION No. 2025-R034

To direct the City Attorney to notify the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of the requirement of Council approval prior to entering into a Master Development Agreement for the redevelopment of Gilpin Court in the city of Richmond.

Patron – Ms. Gibson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUL 28 2025 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, the Chief Executive Officer of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority signed a Master Development Agreement with HRI Communities, LLC for the redevelopment of Gilpin Court in the city of Richmond without authorization from the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as required by Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority governance procedures; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: JUL 28 2025 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, the Master Development Agreement sets forth activities to create a redevelopment plan, referred to as a “Transformation Plan,” and undertake activities to accomplish such redevelopment, without designating a redevelopment area or requiring Council approval; and

WHEREAS, under sections 36-19.2, 36-48, 36-49, and 36-51 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Master Development Agreement effectively designates a redevelopment area, serves as a redevelopment plan, and, therefore, requires Council approval following a public hearing, which has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the absence of both authorization from the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and approval from the Council violates the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and undermines public trust in the redevelopment process; and

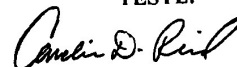
WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council direct the City Attorney to notify the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of the requirement of Council approval prior to entering into a Master Development Agreement for the redevelopment of Gilpin Court in the city of Richmond;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the City Attorney is hereby directed to notify the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of the requirement of Council approval prior to entering into a Master Development Agreement for the redevelopment of Gilpin Court in the city of Richmond.

A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:



City Clerk



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Laura Drewry, City Attorney

FROM RJ Warren, Council Chief of Staff
Office of the Council Chief of Staff

COPY Kenya Gibson, Councilmember, 3rd District
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney

DATE July 25, 2025

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TITLE An expedited Resolution directing the City Attorney to notify the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) of the requirement for City council Approval prior to entering into a Master Development Agreement (MDA) for the redevelopment of Gilpin Court.

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** ☐ **Resolution** ☒

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Kenya Gibson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

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ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

An expedited Resolution directing the City Attorney to notify the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) of the requirement for City council Approval prior to entering into a Master Development Agreement (MDA) for the redevelopment of Gilpin Court.

BACKGROUND

The patron requests that the City Attorney notify the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) of the requirement for City council Approval prior to entering into a Master Development Agreement (MDA) for the redevelopment of Gilpin Court.

The expected date of introduction is July 28, 2025, for expedited consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact		

Attachment/s **No** ☒