



Richmond City Council

Formal Meeting Minutes

900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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Monday, April 27, 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 (late arrival) (early departure)
The Honorable Reva Trammell

Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:03 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

Pastor Philip Turner of Pine Street Baptist 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.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch arrived at 6:08 p.m. and was seated.

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.2026.123](#) April 27, 2026 Public Comment Period Speakers List

Jesus Carpio expressed concerns with document requests from courts and the Richmond Police Department not being honored.

Aurora Britt spoke in opposition to the city's use of FLOCK security automated license plate readers.

Michael Wyche spoke about the negative community impact of FLOCK security automated license plate readers.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Daniel Tobias spoke in opposition to the city's use of FLOCK security automated license plate readers.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Nicole Jones moved to amend the agenda as follows:

3. [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)

To be amended and continued to Monday, May 11, 2026

5. [ORD.
2026-076](#) To amend City Code §§14-335, concerning the City's Erosion and Stormwater Management Program, 28-780, concerning the City's Pre-treatment Program, and 28-966, concerning penalties for illicit discharge and connection violations.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, June 8, 2026

16. [ORD.
2026-089](#) To amend City Code § 24-34, concerning duty to remove snow from paved sidewalks, to modify responsibilities, penalties, and definitions.

Patrons: Vice President Jordan

To be continued to Monday, June 8, 2026

17. [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

To be continued to Monday, May 11, 2026; Referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

18. [ORD.
2026-091](#) To amend City Code §§ 2-1202.7, concerning duties and reporting of the Public Utilities and Services Commission, and 2-1202.8, concerning the conduct of affairs of the Commission.

Patrons: Vice President Jordan

To be continued to Monday, June 8, 2026

19. [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

To be amended and continued to Monday, May 11, 2026

24. [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)

To be continued to Monday, May 11, 2026

25. [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, Ms. Lynch and Ms. Gibson
- To be continued to Tuesday, May 26, 2026**
26. [ORD. 2026-081](#) To amend City Code § 12-16, concerning publication of the City's payment register, for the purpose of promoting transparency and accountability in the expenditure of public funds by providing public access to information regarding payments made by the City to vendors for goods and services and reimbursements to employees, while protecting confidential and personal information as required by law.
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
- To be continued to Tuesday, May 26, 2026**
27. [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
- To be amended and continued to Monday, May 11, 2026**
28. [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
- To be continued to Monday, May 11, 2026**
29. [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
- To be amended and continued to Monday, May 11, 2026**

30. [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

To be amended and continued to Monday, May 11, 2026

31. [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

To be continued to Monday, May 11, 2026

32. [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

To be continued to Monday, May 11, 2026

33. [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

To be continued to Monday, May 11, 2026

34. [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

To be continued to Monday, May 11, 2026

35. [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

To be amended and continued to Monday, May 11, 2026

Councilor Stephanie Lynch requested to be added as a co-patron to ORD. 2026-088.

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

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances and resolutions were considered:

1. [ORD. 2026-060](#) To authorize the conditional use of the property known as 110 North 18th Street for the purpose of a nightclub, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request) and Ms. Lynch

2. [ORD. 2026-073](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1215 North 29th Street for the purpose of up to one two-family detached dwelling and one dwelling unit within an accessory building, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

4. [ORD. 2026-075](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 80-125-107, adopted Jun. 30, 1980, which authorized the use of the real estate, a parcel containing 2.274 acres, located on the south side of Forest Hill Avenue east of Bliley Road being more completely described as follows: beginning at a point on the south side of Forest Hill Avenue, said point being 670 feet east of the center line of Bliley Road; thence extending 208.41 feet in a southeasterly direction along the south line of Forest Hill Avenue to a point; thence extending 381.23 feet in a southwesterly direction along a line of bearings 54° 03' 10" W to a point; thence extending 232.56 feet in a northwesterly direction along a line of bearing N 43° 26' 40" W to a point; thence extending 77.64 feet in a northwesterly direction along a line of bearing N 42° 11' 05" W to a point; thence extending 410.83 feet in a north-easterly direction along a line of bearing N 68° 12' 25" E to the point of beginning, for multiple-family dwelling (condominium) purposes and to authorize the construction of eighteen townhouse (condominium) dwelling units (for sale), with accessory off-street parking, to allow for accessory structures and additions that are customarily incidental and clearly subordinate to the single-family attached dwellings. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

6. [ORD. 2026-077](#) 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 Eighth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Eighth District.

Patrons: Ms. Trammell

7. [ORD. 2026-078](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$249,917.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated

revenues and the amount appropriated to the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency YWCA Richmond line item by \$117,257.00 of the accepted funds and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services' OIRE Youth and Family Violence Prevention Special Fund by the remaining \$132,660.00 of the accepted funds, all for the purpose of providing violence prevention and intervention services to newcomer, immigrant, and refugee youth.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

8. [ORD. 2026-079](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$344,100.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Justice Services entitled "Operation Ceasefire Program Special Fund," and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Justice Services' "Operation Ceasefire Program Special Fund" by \$344,100.00 for the purpose of funding the City's Operation Ceasefire Program for the Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

9. [ORD. 2026-080](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities entitled "Pump House Roof Replacement Special Fund," and appropriating the increase to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' "Pump House Roof Replacement Special Fund" by \$500,000.00 for the purpose of providing funding for the Pump House Roof Replacement project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula and Ms. Lynch

10. [ORD. 2026-082](#) To amend City Code § 12-48, concerning disposition of certain real estate tax revenue, for the purpose of requiring additional annual reporting on loans awarded from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Patrons: Ms. Abubaker, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Jones and Ms. Lynch

11. [ORD. 2026-083](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$10,369,508.00 from the Central Virginia Transportation Authority and to amend Ord. 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 - Federal/State/Regional category entitled "Diamond District Transportation Infrastructure Project" and (ii) increasing estimated revenues from the funds received from the Central Virginia Transportation Authority and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Public Works' "Diamond District Transportation Infrastructure Project" in the Transportation - Federal/State/Regional category by \$10,369,508.00 for the purpose of funding the Diamond District Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

12. [ORD. 2026-084](#) 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 Central Virginia Transportation Authority for the purpose of administering the Diamond District Transportation Infrastructure Project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

13. [ORD. 2026-085](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$275,000.00 from the Virginia Transit Association and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Shared Mobility Special Fund by \$275,000.00 for the purpose of funding a Free Rides to Work program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

14. [ORD. 2026-086](#) To designate the 1000 block of East Clay Street in honor of Bill Martin.

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

15. [ORD. 2026-088](#) To amend City Code § 27-197, concerning parking prohibitions in specified places, for the purpose of clarifying the definition of the term “bicycle lane” and authorizing certain emergency medical services providers to move vehicles from prohibited areas.

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

20. [RES. 2026-R013](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer amend Administrative Regulation 4.8, concerning the City’s leave policy, to modify the maximum carryforward policy and procedures for paying out vacation leave balances for unclassified employees as a one-time occurrence during the transition to implement a maximum carryforward procedure and to request that the Chief Administrative Officer submit a written report of the operational and fiscal impacts of implementing such amendments and any additional proposed amendments no later than June 30, 2026.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Trammell, Ms. Jones and Ms. Lynch

21. [RES. 2026-R015](#) To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount up to \$17,000,000 for the acquisition, construction and equipping of the approximately 230-unit Commerce Heights multifamily residential rental housing project at 1410 Ingram Avenue in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

22. [RES. 2026-R016](#) To approve the issuance by the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in an amount up to \$11,000,000 for the acquisition, construction, and equipping of the approximately 69-unit multifamily residential rental housing project at 400 East Grace Street in the city of Richmond.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

23. [RES. 2026-R017](#) To provide for the issuance of public utility revenue refunding bonds of the City of Richmond, Virginia, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$225,000,000 to refund all or portions of certain public utility revenue 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, to approve 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

Public Hearing

Emma Hartman spoke in opposition to ORD. 2026-088, noting accidents in front of her home caused by bike lanes and narrow travel lanes.

Patrick Ford spoke in opposition to RES. 2026-R016 and stated that the building is poorly managed.

Kasey Miller spoke in support of ORD. 2026-082 and increased transparency.

Sherrill Hampton, Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA), spoke in support of RES. 2026-R016 and provided an overview of the project.

Vincent Venuti, co-owner of DreamHaus, spoke in support of ORD. 2026-060 and provided information on DreamHaus and the Shockoe Shine community arts and engagement initiative.

Armando Lugo, DreamHaus, spoke in support of ORD. 2026-060 and explained their efforts to change the narrative of Shockoe Bottom via the Shockoe Shine initiative.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch asked how RRHA collaborates with city administration before affordable housing projects are brought forward for Council's consideration.

Sherrill Hampton stated that the project is first brought before the Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure compliance with the five year Consolidated Plan.

Councilor Kenya Gibson expressed concerns with the amount of information available to support ORD. 2026-088.

Vice President Katherine Jordan explained that the intention of ORD. 2026-088 is to align existing city code with federal and state sign guidance, essentially treating the buffer zone between the bike lane and travel lane as part of the bike lane. She stated that the proposed ordinance would also provide clarity for enforcement and get vehicles to start parking in a way that slows down traffic.

Councilor Gibson stated that she would be abstaining from voting on ORD. 2026-088, as she did not feel there was enough data available to make an informed decision.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch requested to be added as a co-patron to ORD. 2026-060.

The Consent Agenda, except for the following ordinance, was adopted: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

ORD. 2026-088 was adopted: Ayes 7, Breton, Jones, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0. Abstentions 1, Gibson.

The Regular Agenda

There were no Regular Agenda items.

Motions

Councilor Nicole Jones moved that the ordinance entitled:

3. [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)

be amended and continued to May 11, 2026, to provide for new and modified plans.

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

Councilor Stephanie Lynch moved that the resolution entitled:

19. [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

be amended and continued to May 11, 2026, to modify the requirements of the energy efficiency program and implement a timeframe within which such program must be established.

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

Vice President Katherine Jordan moved that the ordinances entitled:

27. [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

be amended and continued to May 11, 2026, to modify and amend the proposed annual budget.

29. [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

be amended and continued to May 11, 2026, to modify the Capital Improvement Program for FY 2027-2031.

30. [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

be amended and continued to May 11, 2026, to modify the pay plan.

35. [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

be amended and continued to May 11, 2026, to modify Attachment B.

The motion was seconded.

Councilor Reva Trammell stated that she was disappointed with the way that the Mayor handled the cost of living adjustment (COLA) for city retirees, noting that what was originally supposed to be a true COLA had turned into a one-time payment in the equivalent amount of a one year adjustment.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch stated that she would be working with Councilor Trammell on a resolution to establish a work group charged with creating a time frame and delivering a COLA funding formula in time for the FY 2028 budget cycle.

There was no further discussion, and the motion was approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0.

Councilor Kenya Gibson moved to expedite consideration of the resolution entitled:

36. [RES. 2026-R018](#) To approve of the City's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies), J M Smith Corporation, Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., Morris and Dickson Co., North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics), and their related corporate entities, and to direct the City Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against the settling entities.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Lynch, Trammell, Abubaker, Jordan, Newbille. Noes 0. Res. 2026-R018 was considered.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There was no discussion, and RES. 2026-R018 was adopted: Ayes 8, Breton, Gibson, Jones, 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.2026.113](#) April 13, 2026 Informal Meeting Minutes

[CD.2026.121](#) April 13, 2026 Formal Meeting Minutes

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2026.125](#) April 27, 2026 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolution on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.:

37. [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

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

38. [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 introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

39. [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

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

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

40. [ORD. 2026-098](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Sixth Amendment to Lease between the City of Richmond, as lessee, and Saul Subsidiary I Limited Partnership, as lessor, for the purpose of enabling the City to continue using 52,411± square feet of the property located at 4100 Hull Street Road for the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services and other City functions.

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.

41. [ORD. 2026-099](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 310 North 25th Street for the purpose of up to one two-family attached dwelling and two dwelling units within an accessory structure, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
42. [ORD. 2026-100](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 908 North 30th Street for the purpose of up to six single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
43. [ORD. 2026-101](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 4201 Corbin Street for the purpose of a day nursery for up to 12 children within an accessory structure, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
44. [ORD. 2026-102](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3415 Crenshaw Mews Alley for the purpose of up to thirteen attached garages, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 2021-325, adopted Dec. 13, 2021, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (1st District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
45. [ORD. 2026-103](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3300 Delano Street for the purpose of up to two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (8th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
46. [ORD. 2026-104](#) To authorize the special use of a portion of the property known as 1117 West Franklin Street for the purpose of up to two single-family detached dwellings and two dwelling units within an accessory structure, 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, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

47. [ORD. 2026-105](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2208 Y 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)

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

48. [ORD. 2026-106](#) To authorize a Mosby Court South Redevelopment preliminary community unit plan permitting the development of a residential community of up to 500 dwelling units and up to 25,000 square feet of ground floor commercial area on approximately 12.84 acres of land located at 1804 P Street and 1930 P Street, upon certain terms and conditions, and to repeal Ord. No. 1961-164-144, and all amendatory ordinances thereto. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

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

49. [ORD. 2026-107](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2017-073, adopted Apr. 10, 2017, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1117 West Franklin Street for the purpose of an expansion of an existing institutional use, upon certain terms and conditions, to authorize a reduction in size of an existing institutional use. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

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

50. [ORD. 2026-108](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2024-259, adopted Nov. 12, 2024, which authorized the special use of the property known as 1301 North 27th Street for the purpose of up to one single-family detached dwelling and one single-family attached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions, to include 2720 S Street and to modify the Plans and certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

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

51. [ORD. 2026-109](#) To close, to public use and travel, a portion of public right-of-way located south of Brookland Park Boulevard and east of Robin Hood Road, consisting of approximately 11,105± square feet upon certain terms and conditions.

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

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

52. [ORD.](#) To amend City Code § 8-555, concerning fees for temporary use of
[2026-110](#) Main Street Station, to modify the fee schedule.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

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.

53. [RES.](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit four separate
[2026-R020](#) applications to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to (i) amend the boundaries of Enterprise Zone 19 and Enterprise Zone 28A within the city of Richmond and (ii) modify the local enterprise zone incentive package for the amended Enterprise Zones.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

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

54. [RES.](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department
[2026-R021](#) of Planning and Development Review, in coordination with other relevant City departments, to conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing a registration system for non-profit housing providers to register housing units reserved for affordable housing tenants and purchasers within the city for the purpose of identifying such units and recognizing affordability restrictions in the valuation of such properties for taxation purposes and to provide the Council with recommendations for implementing such system.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson

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

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

Councilor Stephanie Lynch left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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