



Richmond City Council

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Formal Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 23, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Councilmembers Present

The Honorable Cynthia Newbille, President
The Honorable Andrew Breton
The Honorable Sarah Abubaker
The Honorable Kenya Gibson
The Honorable Stephanie Lynch
The Honorable Ellen Robertson (via Microsoft Teams, early departure)
The Honorable Reva Trammell
The Honorable Nicole Jones

Absent

The Honorable Katherine Jordan, Vice President

Call to Order

Council President Cynthia Newbille called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and presided.

Spanish Interpretation Announcement

City Clerk Candice Reid stated that Spanish interpretation service was available in the Council Chamber and that attendees should speak with a representative to receive the appropriate equipment. City Clerk Reid also stated that Spanish interpretation service was available virtually through Microsoft Teams. Roxana Talavera-Denson, Language Access Coordinator, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement, then provided Spanish interpretation of City Clerk Reid's announcement.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch temporarily left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Electronic Participation

President Newbille announced that, pursuant to Rule III (D)(4)(b) of Council's Rules of Procedure, Councilor Ellen Robertson requested to participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams from her home due to a medical condition preventing her physical attendance.

Councilor Nicole Jones moved to allow Councilor Robertson to participate in the meeting by electronic communication means. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 6, Breton, Gibson, Jones, Trammell, Abubaker, Newbille. Noes None. Lynch was excused.

Councilor Robertson joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Sam Luke of Victory Tabernacle Church provided the invocation. Members of Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Upon the President's request, Assistant City Clerk Kimberly Morris provided information on the appropriate way to evacuate the Council Chamber in an emergency along with public speaker guidelines.

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

There were no appointments or reappointments for consideration.

Awards

The Honorable Reva Trammell, 8th District Representative, on behalf of City Council, presented recognition to retired Staff Battalion Fire Chief Tracy A. Thomas and Fire Captain Travis Stokes of the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services, for their leadership and crucial support in providing response planning and preparation for managing and mitigating the outbreak of COVID-19.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch returned to the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Public Comment

Cord'e Hodges, Jr., and Na'Riyah Stith, addressed Council requesting support for a proposed trades program for Gilpin Court youth, emphasizing trade education as a college alternative.

President Newbille directed administration staff to follow up on their proposal.

Jarene Fleming, of the Descendants Council of Greater Richmond, addressed Council supporting adoption of the Cultural Heritage Stewardship Plan (CHSP), citing the organization's involvement in its development and the plan's importance for preserving Richmond's cultural diversity.

President Newbille directed Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities staff to coordinate with Ms. Fleming.

Peighton Young addressed Council criticizing the City Planning Commission's May 20th handling of the Cultural Heritage Stewardship Plan (CHSP), alleging failure to conduct a proper public hearing despite 80+ attendees. Ms. Young requested that Council ensure proper review of the plan.

President Newbille indicated interest in obtaining updates at the July 22, 2025, Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting.

Nancy Lambert, a 40-year Richmond resident and former CHSP Advisory Committee member, addressed Council advocating for the Cultural Heritage Stewardship Plan, comparing cultural heritage preservation to protecting family heirlooms.

Johnny Sizer addressed Council raising concerns about \$16,000 in unclaimed surplus funds from his deceased mother's property tax sale, alleging inadequate notification efforts by the city. A copy of the material provided has been filed.

President Newbille acknowledged receipt of Mr. Sizer's documentation for review.

Agenda Review and Amendments

Councilor Nicole Jones made a motion to amend the agenda as follows:

1. [ORD. 2024-312](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 7100 Jahnke Road for the purpose of a mixed-use building containing up to 14 dwelling units, with off-street parking, upon certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Stoney (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025
2. [ORD. 2025-014](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3618 Hawthorne Avenue for the purpose of a four-unit multifamily dwelling and six single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025
3. [ORD. 2025-032](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond, Refuge Apartments, LP, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of facilitating the construction of an affordable housing development located at 5015

Snead Road, 5009 Rear Snead Road, and 5015 Rear Snead Road, or a site resulting from any such consolidation of the aforementioned parcels. (9th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

To be continued to Monday, September 8, 2025

4. [ORD. 2025-046](#) To amend Ord. No. 2008-270-261, adopted Nov. 10, 2008, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2003-296-255, adopted Sep. 8, 2003, which authorized a Community Unit Plan at 1300 Westwood Avenue for a mixed-use development consisting of a maximum of one hundred forty residential units, a community center with reception facility and non-medical office, a preventative healthcare facility, two private schools, and a fifty unit dormitory, and modified the plan for the fence required between the subject property and 1409 Palmyra Avenue, to modify the plan for the development of tennis courts. (As Amended) (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025

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

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025

7. [ORD. 2025-080](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 418 Hunt Avenue for the purpose of up to one two-family detached dwelling and one single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be amended and continued to Monday, July 28, 2025

8. [ORD. 2025-081](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2618 Rear West Main Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to four dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025

10. [ORD. 2025-113](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3200 2nd Avenue for the purpose of up to one single-family detached dwelling, two two-family detached dwellings, and four single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025

11. [ORD.](#)
[2025-120](#) To conditionally rezone the properties known as 603 Rear North 35th Street, 609 Rear North 35th Street, 619 North 36th Street, 3510 Glenwood Avenue, and 3516 Glenwood Avenue from the R-5 Single-Family Residential District to the R-63 Multifamily Urban Residential District, upon certain proffered conditions. (As Amended) (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

To be continued to a special meeting on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

27. [ORD.](#)
[2025-136](#) To repeal City Code §§ 2-29, 2-31, 2-32, and 2-33, concerning the classifications of Council liaison, Council Policy Analyst, Council Budget Analyst, and the Council Public Relations Specialist, respectively, and to amend City Code § 2-30, concerning the Council Chief of Staff appointment and duties, for the purpose of providing for the appointment of employees in such classifications by the Council Chief of Staff.

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

To be continued to Monday, July 28, 2025

29. [ORD.](#)
[2025-138](#) To amend City Code § 2-1204, concerning the residency of certain officers and employees, to modify the City's residency requirement for certain officers and employees. (As Amended)

Patrons: Ms. Abubaker, Ms. Gibson, Ms. Jones, Ms. Trammell, Mr. Breton and Ms. Lynch

To be continued to a special meeting on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

35. [RES.](#)
[2025-R023](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be established a work group to work in collaboration with Richmond Public Schools to develop a funding formula for allocating General Fund revenues annually for school operating expenses and a plan for implementation in the Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Budget. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula and City Council

To be amended and considered

40. [RES.](#)
[2024-R041](#) To express support for the study and installation of photo speed monitoring devices in high-risk intersection segments[, including the 600 and 700 blocks of South Belvidere Street and certain other locations,] pursuant to Va. Code § 46.2-882.1 and [through the City of Richmond's Department of Police "Safety Camera Program" and] to request that the Chief Administrative Officer consider identifying

additional locations for the installation of photo speed monitoring devices and increasing the number of photo speed monitoring devices deployed by the City. (As Amended) (5th District)

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Jordan and Ms. Robertson

To be amended and considered

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Consent Agenda

The following ordinances were considered:

5. [ORD. 2025-078](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1843 West Grace Street for the purpose of one dwelling unit within an accessory building to a [single-family] two-family attached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

9. [ORD. 2025-084](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1707 Tyler Street for the purpose of one two-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

12. [ORD. 2025-121](#) To amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by (i) transferring \$96,250.00 from the Non-Departmental agency, The Literacy Lab line item, (ii) appropriating \$66,250.00 of such transferred funds to the Non-Departmental agency, Reserve for Children's Fund (Early Childhood, Positive Youth Development, Postsecondary Success) line item, and (iii) appropriating \$30,000.00 of such transferred funds to the Challenge Discovery Projects, Inc. (Behavioral Health Clinic) line item in the Non-Departmental agency, all for the purpose of providing funds for emergent needs related to children.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

13. [ORD. 2025-122](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$11,573.50 from the Library of Virginia, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues

and the amount appropriated to the Circuit Court Special Fund by \$11,573.50 for the purpose of records preservation.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

14. [ORD. 2025-123](#) To amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by changing the uses and allocation of the Council District Funds for the Fourth District pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2503 for the use of the Council Member in the representation of the Fourth District.

Patrons: Ms. Abubaker

This ordinance was adopted.

15. [ORD. 2025-124](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Opioid Funds Agreement between the City of Richmond and the City Sheriff for the purpose of continuing the Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

16. [ORD. 2025-125](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a City of Richmond Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and the James River Association for the purpose of implementing green infrastructure practices to increase stormwater detention as part of the Greening Richmond Public Libraries project at the Ginter Park Branch.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

17. [ORD. 2025-126](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Programmatic Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the State Historic Preservation Office for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in the performance of programs funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

18. [ORD. 2025-127](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 7 North 18th Street for the purpose of a one-story building and a parking garage,

upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

19. [ORD.
2025-128](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1824 North 28th Street for the purpose of one two-family detached dwelling and one dwelling unit within an accessory structure, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

20. [ORD.
2025-129](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1426 North 30th Street for the purpose of up to two two-family detached dwelling units and two accessory dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

21. [ORD.
2025-130](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1404 North 32nd Street for the purpose of up to four single-family attached dwellings and one dwelling unit within an accessory structure, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

22. [ORD.
2025-131](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 101 South Colonial Avenue for the purpose of outdoor dining accessory to a restaurant, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

23. [ORD.
2025-132](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 5201 Sylvan Court for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (4th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was adopted.

24. [ORD.
2025-133](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Financing Agreement between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Resources Authority for the purpose of funding the Almond Creek Interceptor Creek Crossing and Stream Stabilization project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

25. [ORD. 2025-134](#) To amend City Code §§ 28-54, concerning deposits and refunds on gas and water utilities accounts, 28-57, concerning disconnection of gas, water and wastewater service for nonpayment of service charges and notice, and 28-58, gas service to residential customers billed under RS rate schedule, disconnection for nonpayment of gas, water and wastewater services for nonpayment and notice, all for the purpose of aligning the City Code with state law.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

26. [ORD. 2025-135](#) 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 facilitating the performance of public health services by the Richmond Henrico Health District.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

28. [ORD. 2025-137](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 21-4, concerning definitions related to public procurement, and to amend ch. 21, art. II, by adding therein new section 21-75, concerning reverse auctioning, authorized by Va. Code § 2.2-4303(I).

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

30. [ORD. 2025-139](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute an UpTogether Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and FII - National for the purpose of implementing the Richmond Resilience Initiative guaranteed income program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

31. [ORD. 2025-140](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to acquire by gift, purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, certain fee simple interests and temporary construction easements for the purpose of facilitating the construction of the Courtland Street Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement project. (8th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

32. [ORD.](#)
[2025-141](#)
- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the total amount of \$1,385,900.00 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, to amend Ord. No. 2024-100, adopted May 13, 2024, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and determined a means of financing the same, to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Works' Complete Streets project in the Transportation - G.O. Bonds category by \$1,385,900.00, for the purpose of funding the Complete Streets project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

33. [ORD.](#)
[2025-142](#)
- To amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to (i) create certain new line items in the Non-Departmental agency, (ii) transfer \$250,000.00 from the Office of Sustainability, and (iii) appropriate such \$250,000.00 to such new line items in the Non-Departmental agency, all for the purpose of providing grants to certain entities to facilitate the implementation of neighborhood climate resilience projects.

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

This ordinance was adopted.

34. [ORD.](#)
[2025-143](#)
- To amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by (i) increasing revenues from estimated personal property taxes, prepared food taxes, betting parlor fees, and cigarette taxes by \$4,032,431.00, (ii) reducing total appropriations by \$5,663,464.00, (iii) increasing total appropriations by \$9,695,895.00, and (iv) transferring funds from various agencies and appropriating the increased revenues and transferred funds to various agencies.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was adopted.

36. [RES.](#)
[2025-R024](#)
- To support an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of funding the installation of a five-foot wide sidewalk westbound along German School Road from Glenway Drive to Blakemore Road and to

commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was adopted.

37. [RES. 2025-R025](#) To support an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of funding the installation of five-foot wide sidewalk along Carnation Street from Hioaks Road to Warwick Road and to commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was adopted.

38. [RES. 2025-R026](#) To support an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of funding the installation of pedestrian crossing improvements along Forest Hill Avenue from Westover Hills Boulevard to Taylor Avenue and 48th Street and to commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was adopted.

39. [RES. 2025-R029](#) To support an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of funding the installation of protected bike lanes on Franklin Street from Belvidere Street to Lombardy Street and to commit to the required agreements of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was adopted.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

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

Motions

Councilor Kenya Gibson moved that the ordinance entitled:

7. [ORD. 2025-080](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 418 Hunt Avenue for the purpose of up to one two-family detached dwelling and one single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended) (3rd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

be amended and continued to July 28, 2025, to modify the Plans and terms and conditions.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch moved that the resolution entitled:

35. [RES. 2025-R023](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause to be established a work group to work in collaboration with Richmond Public Schools to develop a funding formula for allocating General Fund revenues annually for school operating expenses and a plan for implementation in the Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Budget. (As Amended)

Patrons: Mayor Avula and City Council

be amended to change the date by which the plan for implementation is provided to the Mayor, the Council, and the School Board of the City of Richmond.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved, and Res. No. 2025-R023, as amended, was considered.

Megan Brown, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning, explained the need for additional time due to the timing of the resolution's introduction.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

Councilor Stephanie Lynch praised the collaborative effort among the administration, City Council, and school board for sustainable and predictable school funding.

Councilor Ellen Robertson expressed support for the paper.

There was no further discussion and Res. No. 2025-R023 was unanimously adopted.

Councilor Nicole Jones moved that the resolution entitled:

40. [RES. 2024-R041](#) To express support for the study and installation of photo speed monitoring devices in high-risk intersection segments[, including the 600 and 700 blocks of South Belvidere Street and certain other locations,] pursuant to Va. Code § 46.2-882.1 and [through the City of Richmond’s Department of Police “Safety Camera Program” and] to request that the Chief Administrative Officer consider identifying additional locations for the installation of photo speed monitoring devices and increasing the number of photo speed monitoring devices deployed by the City. (As Amended) (5th District)

Patrons: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Jordan and Ms. Robertson

be amended to modify the scope of the study.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved and Res. No. 2024-R041, as amended, was considered.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearing speakers.

There was no discussion and Res. No. 2024-R041 was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of the Informal and Formal Council meetings held on Monday, June 2, 2025, and Monday, June 9, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., respectively, and Council approved the minutes as presented.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

[CD.2025.223](#) June 23, 2025 Introduction Papers List

City Council will hold a public hearing on the following ordinances and resolutions on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.:

41. [ORD. 2025-149](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1720 North 29th Street for the purpose of one two-family detached dwelling and one dwelling unit 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, July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

42. [ORD. 2025-150](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 3923 Grove Avenue for the purpose of a single-family detached dwelling and 16 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**
43. [ORD. 2025-151](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1114 Hull Street for the purpose of a six-story mixed-use building, 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, July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**
44. [ORD. 2025-152](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2300 Ingram Avenue for the purpose of up to seven single-family attached 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, July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**
45. [ORD. 2025-153](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 304 Oak Lane for the purpose of an accessory structure, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**
46. [ORD. 2025-154](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 75-309-302, adopted Dec. 15, 1975, as most recently amended by Ord. No. 2024-182, adopted July 22, 2024, pertaining to the “Stony Point Community Unit Plan,” for the purpose of amending the development standards as they pertain to Map Section K of the Northern Portion of the Plan, regarding permitted principal and accessory uses, signage, hours of operation, and developable building area, to amend the development standards as they pertain to Map Section F of the Southern Portion of the Plan, to allow a commissary kitchen as a permitted use on the property known as 9221 Forest Hill Avenue.
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

47. [ORD.](#)
[2025-155](#) To authorize the conditional use of the property known as 505 West Leigh Street for the purpose of a lodginghouse, 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, July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

48. [ORD.](#)
[2025-156](#) To rezone the properties known as 1220 Ingram Avenue and 1260 Ingram Avenue from the M-1 Light Industrial District to the TOD-1 Transit Oriented Nodal District and the B-5 Central Business District. (6th District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula (By Request)

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

49. [ORD.](#)
[2025-157](#) To amend City Code §§ 30-433.3, 30-433.11.1, 30-436.2, 30-438.2, 30-440.2, 30-442.1:1, 30-444.2:1, 30-447.2:1, 30-447.11:1, 30-448.3, 30-449.4, 30-451.2:1, 30-452.1:1, all concerning principal uses permitted by conditional use permit, 30-454.1 concerning permitted principal and accessory uses, 30-1045.6, concerning specific conditions applicable to particular uses, and 30-1220, concerning definitions, for the purpose of establishing “retail sales of tobacco and hemp” as a defined use in the City’s zoning ordinance and regulating where such uses can occur.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

50. [ORD.](#)
[2025-158](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$15,733,481.00 from the United States Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Gas Utility Budget, which appropriated the estimated receipts of the gas utility, by increasing estimated receipts and the amount appropriated for expenditures of the gas utility by \$15,733,481.00, for the purpose of providing funding to repair, rehabilitate, and replace natural gas pipelines and related equipment.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

51. [ORD.](#)
[2025-159](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$39,158,844.00 from the United States Department of Transportation, Pipeline and

Hazardous Material Safety Administration, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Gas Utility Budget, which appropriated the estimated receipts of the gas utility, by increasing estimated receipts and the amount appropriated for expenditures of the gas utility by \$39,158,844.00, for the purpose of providing funding for the repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of natural gas pipelines and related equipment.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

52. [ORD.](#)
[2025-160](#)

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Performance Agreement between the City of Richmond, VPM Media Corporation, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of providing performance grants to VPM Media Corporation to establish, equip, and operate a new headquarters located at 13 East Broad Street in the city of Richmond. (2nd District)

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

53. [ORD.](#)
[2025-161](#)

To amend ch. 5 of the City Code by adding therein a new art. VI, consisting of §§ 5-160 - 5-167, for the purpose of establishing a residential rental inspection program.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

54. [RES.](#)
[2025-R030](#)

To support an application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of participating in the Virginia Main Street Program as an Exploring Main Street community.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

55. [RES.](#)
[2025-R031](#)

To authorize the utilization of the design-build procurement method for the construction of the Canoe Run Park CSO Storage Tank project.

Patrons: Mayor Avula

This resolution was introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

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

Councilor Ellen Robertson left the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 7:11 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

CITY CLERK