



# Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

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### Land Use, Housing, & Transportation Standing Committee

September 17, 2024

### Legislative Summary

**Previous Meeting:** July 16, 2024

**Next Meeting:** October 15, 2024

#### **Committee Notes**

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Presentation(s):

- None

Discussion Item(s):

- None

#### **Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration**

##### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **1. Ordinance No. 2024-205**

**Patron** Cmbr. Addison

Key Points:

- To erect all-way stop signs at the intersections of Cutshaw Avenue and Roseneath Road, Cutshaw Avenue and Tilden Street, Cutshaw Avenue and Cleveland Street, and Cutshaw Avenue and North Belmont Avenue (1st District)
- Area residents and community members encouraged the installation of the signage to improve pedestrian safety and lessen auto speeding in this increasingly densely populated area that includes the Scotts Addition BRT stop which is heavily trafficked by pedestrians trying to access it.

Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes. Exact costs of signage and installation are not known at present writing.

#### **2. Ordinance No. 2024-214**

**Patron** Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Standard Project Administration Agreement



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between the City of Richmond and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing funding for the installation of 300 traffic signal controllers and the modernization of 70 cabinets.

- DPW plans to improve signaling in the “high injury network,” bus rapid transit, and GRTC routes in order improve traffic safety in City.

Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes. The City will receive \$7,194,836. No cost to the City are anticipated by the Administration.

### 3. Ordinance No. 2024-215

**Patron** Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- 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 funding the Hull Street Phase II project.
- The funding provided will allow for expansion of equitable transportation programs and improve safety and provide greater opportunity for improved walkability and cycling access in the area.

Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes. City will receive \$6,291,851

### 4. Ordinance No. 2024-216

**Patron** Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- 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 to provide funding for the North South BRT project.
- Begins expansion or Bus Rapid Transit to provide for a North/South route. Currently the system runs only East/West.

Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes. City receives \$8,000,000.

### 5. Ordinance No. 2024-218

**Patron** Mayor Stoney

Key Points:



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- To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of a franchise for the management of the Hopkins Road Transfer Station located at 3506 Hopkins Road and the East Richmond Road Convenience Center located at 3800 East Richmond Road in accordance with a certain Franchise Agreement. (8th District/7<sup>th</sup> District)
- Hopkins Road Convenience Center manages and collects solid waste and refuse.
- The Agreement allows a third-party vendor to use and operate the facility and offset costs.

Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes. The Administration's O&R indicates that the City will not incur costs or fiscal impact.

### DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

#### 6. Ordinance No. 2024-212

**Patron** Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To amend Ch. 2, Art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 22, consisting of §§ 2-1202.9-2-1202.14, for the purpose of establishing the Public Art Commission.
- The Public Art Commission manages the City Public Art program.

Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes. The Administration O&R indicates that \$200,000 from the FY25 Budget will be used to support the Commission.

#### 7. Ordinance No. 2024-213

**Patron** City Council

Key Points:

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Mitigation Plan Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Richmond; the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the State Historic Preservation Office of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and Canterbury Development Group LLC, for the purpose of ensuring City compliance with that certain Programmatic Agreement



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between the City and the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office, dated Jun. 24, 2019, and most recently amended Jun. 18, 2024, through establishment of an agreement to mitigate an adverse effect related to the development of Swansboro Place located at 2008 Hull Street. (8th District)

- The agreements are being instituted because federal funds are being used through RRHA requiring a Section 106 Review.
- Programming will be planned to acknowledge historic ethnic and cultural heritage of the area.

Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes. No fiscal impact is expected.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### 8. Ordinance No. 2024-217

**Patron** Mayor Stoney

Key Points:

- To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of an easement upon, over, under, and across certain property located in Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens at 1800 Lakeside Avenue for the construction, maintenance, and operation of improvements and associated appurtenances for the generation, distribution, and transmission of electricity in accordance with a certain Right of Way Agreement.
- Authorizes the CAO to sign agreements granting easement to Dominion Energy for 40 years so that there can be electric charging stations at the Botanical Gardens, which are owned by the City.

Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes. No costs or expenditures are being incurred or made.



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### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

#### 9. Ordinance No. 2024-219

**Patron** Mayor Stoney

##### Key Points:

- To amend Ord. No. 2023-181, adopted Jun. 26, 2023, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a PY 2023 / FY 2024 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 \$9,085,062.00; and to appropriate \$9,085,062.00 for various projects, to modify a certain HOME project name and subrecipient.
- Previously approved agreement included a different name for the company involved. Council approval is required for the correctly named recipient. This Ordinance contains the correctly named recipient.

Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes. No costs are anticipated by the Administration's O&R.

#### 10. Resolution No. 2024-R027

**Patron** Mayor Stoney

##### Key Points:

- To declare evictions without legal representation as a public crisis and to support right-to-counsel programs and programs increasing access to counsel for residents of the city of Richmond facing eviction as a critical necessity.
- The City has experienced approximately 14,000 eviction filings and VCU Eviction labs and most tenants were not represented by legal counsel.
- Current City budget has approximately \$500,000 allocated to support eviction counseling for tenants.

Fiscal Impact:  None  Yes. Declaration of the emergency does not require funds.