City Charter Review Commission Report September 24, 2009

Council Staff	1	Amend Charter section 4.02 to provide that Council may appoint employees to assist in its legislative, oversight and constituent relations functions, and that Council shall have the power to remove such employees. Amend section 5.03 to clarify that the CAO's power relates to administrative personnel and does not extend to hiring/removal of "legislative" personnel appointed by Council	4.02 Amended. See 4.02 (f). 5.03 amended	
Retirement System Employees	2	Amend section 5B.01 by adding the following sentence: "The council may provide for an executive director appointed, supervised and removed by the Board of Trustees of the Richmond Retirement System and employees appointed, supervised and removed by the executive director to adminster the retirement plan."	5B.01 amended	
City Attorney	3	Amend section 4.17 to provide that (a) the Mayor shall appoint the City Attorney subject to the advice and consent of a majority of Council; and (b) the appointment shall be for an indefinite term; and (c) the City Attorney may be removed from office by concurrence of the Mayor and a majority of Council.	Not amended	
City Auditor	4	Amend section 4.18 (a) to provide that Council shall appoint the City Auditor subject to the concurrence of the Mayor; and (b) the appointment shall be for an indefinite term; and (c) the City Auditor may be removed from office by concurrence of the Mayor and the majority of Council.	Charter states that the Council shall appoint the city auditor and that the city auditor shall serve for an indefinite term. It does not state that the appointment shall be "subject to the concurrence of the major" per give detail about the	
City Assessor	5	Add a new section 8.11 which would provide that: (a) Council shall appoint the City Assessor subject to the concurrence of the Mayor; and (b) the appointment shall be for an indefinite term; and (c) the City Assessor may be removed from office by concurrence of the mayor and a majority of Council.	the mayor" nor give detail about the removal of the citv auditor. Not amended	
CAO Appointment	6	Amend section 5.01.1 to: (a) Establish time limits for the Mayor's designation of CAO and Council's vote to accept/refuse the selection. The amendment would require the Mayor to submit an appointment within 180 days of vacancy and would require Council to approve or reject within 45 days; (b) Provide for a "second try" at the process with a fixed time limit. The mayor would be required a second appointee within 45 days of rejection of the first and Council would be required to approve/reject within 45 days thereafter; and (c) If there remains no agreement, the Acting CAO would become CAO.		

Acting CAO Appointment	7	Amend Chapter 5 to provide that (a) the Mayor shall designate a senior deputy CAO (SDCAO) based upon the same criteria set forth in section 5.01.1 for selection of a CAO, (b) the Mayor shall make such a designation within 180 days of the CAO's taking office; (c) such designation shall require the consent of a majority of Council; (d) the SDCAO shall hold that designation at the pleasure of the Mayor; and (e) upon a vacancy in the office of CAO, the SDCAO would serve as Acting CAO until appointment of a CAO by Mayor and approval by Council.	Not amended
Sale/Lease of Real Property	8	Amend section 5.05 (d) to clarify that the veto power extends to any sale or lease of real property, subject to Council override.	Not amended
Mayor's Veto Power	9	Amend section 5.05 (d) to provide that the Mayor has power to veto any ordinance, subject to the existing override power of Council.	Amended
Boards and Commissions	9	Review of the current appointment and removal authority for city boards and commissions with a view toward considering the appropriate balance between Council and Mayor.	No Amendment required
Dispute Resolution	10	City establish a working group to design volunatry processes for addressing future conflict between mayor and council.	No Amendment required

2020 General Assembly Session

Council Residency Rules	11	Each council member elected in accordance with this section shall reside in the election district from which such member was elected throughout the member's term on the council.
		2021 Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly
City Council Meetings	12	The City requests that the Charter be amended to authorize the City Council to limit attendance at any closed session of Not amended the City Council to only its members and designated staff.
Councilmember Status	13	Request that City Councilmembers serve fulltime and be paid accordingly for fulltime work.
	14	Mayor : serve as chair of Council and vice chair is the longest continual serving CC
Council Committee Appointments	15	Vice Chair of Council appoint committee chairs based on longest years of services and serve as chair of operational development committee

Appointment/Dismissal of Admin Staff	16	Appointment and Dismissal of all Department Heads and Acting required majority Council vote and serve at a the pleasure of Mayor and Council
City Budget	17	Budget prepared by CAO and CCOS - and amendments by Council not limited to approval is disapproval
Master Plan	18	Master Plan can be amended before adopted FY majority Council vote
Mayor & Council Term Limits	19	Major and Council can serve unlimited terms and vacancy requirements revised to support changes
Council Composition	20	At least 3 members and the Mayor will be expected at larger and must include a majority of at least 5 district which must include at least 2 minority majority districts
	21	The elected School board
	22	To remove the restrictions on tolls on the Robert E Lee Bridge and change name to Richmond1 Bridge
	23	To forbid trains blocking crossing for more than a set time

Imnate Labor	24	Amend terms and conditions for inmate labor
Marijuana	25	Changes due to the possession of marijuana
Historic Districts	26	To amend the code related to old and historic district to provide protection and prevent abuse and discrimination and force displacement of minorities and low income property owners and residents and sales of properties
Inclusive Zoning	27	To mandate inclusive zoning
	28	The human right commission appeal rights of employees and persons doing license businesses with the City revised
	29	Revenues projections must based on the land book values form Jan 1st- DEC 31 of the preceding year and surplus due to revenues projections must be within xx %s. Or fiscal policies determined by city Council Ordinance
	30	Infrastructure plan for school requiring full funding being not based on new taxes should be revised. Like to revisit 6:15:3
	31	Excess funds are subject to the same amendments throughout the budget year and not limited to vote up-down by Mayors recommendations.

32	Include in land use policies City policies on equity inclusion, fair housing and economic inclusion with out policies which deny rights of all Inclusion in the City.
33	Planning commission membership amended to represent diversity and equity inclusion, changed refer powers to examine, survey, place monuments and markers on any land in the City?
34	Chp.17 - does the zoning leads to more special uses.
35	Chp. 16 on housing need review and additional amendments
36	Do we need an amendment agreement for boundaries on the South bank of the river ?
	City Staff Proposed Changes
37	Section (e) - (e) To assess the whole or part of the cost of making and improving walkways <u>and traffic calming measures</u> on then existing streets, improving or paving existing alleys, or constructing sewers, culverts and drains, upon the updated language related to Public works, utilities, properties. Works. \$2.03 -Powers relating to public works, utilities, properties.

	38	subways or underpasses over or under the James River or any other stream, creek or ravine when any portion of such	Minor language adjustments. Provides updated language related to Public Works.	§2.03 -Powers relating to public works, utilities, properties.
Operations - DPW Transportation	39	Section (k) - (k) To acquire, construct, own, maintain and operate, within and without the city, places for the parking or storage of vehicles by the public or curbside management systems, which shall include but shall not be limited to parking lots, garages, buildings and other land, structures, equipment and facilities,	Minor language adjustments. Provides updated language related to Public Works.	§2.03 -Powers relating to public works, utilities, properties.
Operations - DPW Transportation	40	Section (n) - (n) To acquire, construct, own, maintain and operate, within and without the city, waterworks, gas plants and electric plants with the pipe, conduit, and transmission lines incident thereto, to be managed and controlled as provided in Chapter 13 of this charter, for the purpose of supplying water, gas, fiber optic communications, wireless communications, or other communication technology, and electricity within and without the city, and to charge and collect compensation therefor and to provide penalties for the unauthorized use thereof.	Minor language adjustments. Provides updated language related to Public Works.	§2.03 -Powers relating to public works, utilities, properties.
Operations - DPW Transportation	41	In addition to the powers granted by other sections of this charter, the city shall have the power to acquire, operate, lease, or otherwise provide for the planning, design, operation, construction, and maintenance of a public transportation system, including, by way of illustration but not limitation, the operation of passenger buses, micromobility devices, and passenger rail and their supporting stops and shelters, both within and outside the City of Richmond, including providing for transportation for pupils attending public schools operated by the school board of the City of Richmond; provided, however, that the operation of any such system outside the City of Richmond shall only be with the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision in which such operation is to occur.	Minor language adjustments. Provides updated language related to Public Works.	§2.03.3 -Powers relating to public transportation
Operations - DPW Transportation Operations - DPW Transportation	42	(s) To prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle at a speed of ten miles per hour or more in excess of the applicable maximum speed limit in residential districts and to provide that any person who violates the prohibition shall be subject to a mandatory fine of \$200, not subject to suspension. A state or local law-enforcement agency may place and operate a photo speed monitoring device in any business district or residence district for the purposes of recording violations of § 46.2-874 following the provisions of § 46.2-882.1	New sub-section related to speeding violations	§2.04 -Powers to make regulations for the preservation of the safety, health, peace, good order, comfort, convenience, morals and welfare of the city and its inhabitants.

43 Section (d) - (d)To grant or authorize the issuance of permits under such terms and conditions as the council may Minor language adjustments. Provides §2.04 -Powers to make regulations impose for the use of streets, alleys and other public places of the city by railroads, street railways, buses, taxicabs, updated language related to Public for the preservation of the safety, micromobility devices, and other vehicles for hire; Works. health, peace, good order, comfort, convenience, morals and welfare of the city and its inhabitants. Operations - DPW Transportation 44 (e)To prevent any obstruction of or encroachment over, under or in any street, alley, entrance, sidewalk or other public Minor language adjustments. Provides §2.04 -Powers to make regulations place; provide penalties for maintaining any such obstruction or encroachment; remove the same and charge the cost updated language related to Public for the preservation of the safety, thereof to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of the property so obstructing or encroaching, and collect the health, peace, good order, comfort, sum charged in any manner provided by law for the collection of taxes; require the owner or owners or the occupant or convenience, morals and welfare of occupants of the property so obstructing or encroaching to remove the same; pending such removal charge the owner the city and its inhabitants. or owners of the property so obstructing or encroaching compensation for the use of such portion of the street, alley, entrance, sidewalk or other public place obstructed or encroached upon the equivalent of what would be the tax upon the land so occupied if it were owned by the owner or owners of the property so obstructing or encroaching, and, if such removal shall not be made within the time ordered, impose penalties for each and every day that such obstruction or encroachment is allowed to continue thereafter; authorize encroachments upon streets, alleys, entrance, sidewalks or other public places, subject to such terms and conditions as the council may prescribe, but such authorization shall not relieve the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of the property encroaching, of any liability for negligence on account of such encroachment; and recover possession of any street, alley, entrance, sidewalk or other public place or any other property of the city by suit or action in ejectment. Operations - DPW Transportation (g)To regulate the operation of motor vehicles, exercise control over traffic in the streets, alleys, sidewalks, and other Minor language adjustments. Provides §2.04 -Powers to make regulations updated language related to Public public place, of the city and provide penalties for the violation of such regulations; provided, that ordinances or for the preservation of the safety, administrative regulations adopted by virtue of this subsection shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Works. health, peace, good order, comfort, Motor Vehicle Code of Virginia. All fines imposed for the violation of such ordinances and regulations shall be paid into convenience, morals and welfare of the city and its inhabitants. the city treasury.

Operations - DPW Transportation

	46	(m)To compel the removal of weeds from private and public property and snow from sidewalks; the covering or removal of offensive, unwholesome, unsanitary or unhealthy substances allowed to accumulate in or on any place or premises; the filling in to the street level of the portion of any lot adjacent to a public way where the difference in level between the lot and the public way constitutes a danger to life and limb; the raising or draining of grounds subject to be covered by stagnant water; the razing or repair of all unsafe, dangerous or unsanitary public or private buildings, walls or structures which constitute a menace to the health and safety of the occupants thereof or the public; and to compel the abatement or removal of any and all other nuisances whatsoever to transportation safety including the removal of inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles or parts thereof from public or private property	§2.04 -Powers to make regulations for the preservation of the safety, health, peace, good order, comfort, convenience, morals and welfare of the city and its inhabitants.
Operations - DPW Transportation Operations - DPW Transportation	47 48	(s) To prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle at a speed of ten miles per hour or more in excess of the applicable New sub-section related to speeding maximum speed limit in residential districts and to provide that any person who violates the prohibition shall be subject violations to a mandatory fine of \$200, not subject to suspension. A state or local law-enforcement agency may place and operate a photo speed monitoring device in any business district or residence district for the purposes of recording violations of \$ 46.2-874 following the provisions of \$ 46.2-882.1 (a)Prepare the annual budget for submission to the council by the mayor and enter into appropriate agreements with the Language adjustments	§2.04 -Powers to make regulations for the preservation of the safety, health, peace, good order, comfort, convenience, morals and welfare of the city and its inhabitants.
Operations - DPW Transportation	49	In addition to the powers granted elsewhere in this charter the council shall have the power to adopt by ordinance a comprehensive zoning plan designed to lessen congestion in streets, secure safety from fire, panic and other danger, promote health, sanitation and general welfare, provide adequate light and air, prevent the overcrowding of land, avoid undue concentration of population, facilitate public and private transportation and the supplying of public utility services and sewage disposal, and facilitate provision for schools, parks, playgrounds, and other improvements and requirements. The comprehensive zoning plan shall include the division of the city into districts with such boundaries as the council deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this charter and shall provide for the regulation and restriction	administrative officer. § 17.10 Zoning powers.

of the use of land, buildings and structures in the respective districts and may include but shall not be limited to the

following:

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- (a) It may permit specified uses of land, buildings and structures in the districts and prohibit all other uses.
- (b) It may restrict the height, area and bulk of buildings and structures in the districts.
- (c) It may establish setback building lines and prescribe the area of land that may be used as front, rear and side yards and courts and open spaces.
- (d) It may restrict the portion of the area of lots that may be occupied by driveway entrances, buildings and structures.
- (e) It may prescribe the area of lots and the space in buildings that may be occupied by families.
- (f) It may require that <u>curbside management</u>, spaces and facilities deemed adequate by the council shall be provided on lots for parking of vehicles in conjunction with permitted uses of land and that spaces and facilities deemed adequate by the council shall be provided on lots for off-street loading or unloading of vehicles.
- (g) It may permit the use and development of land not less than ten acres in extent in a manner that does not conform in all respects with the regulations and restrictions prescribed for the district or districts in which such land is situated; provided, that such use shall be approved by the city planning commission and the council.
- (h) It may provide that land, buildings and structures and the uses thereof which do not conform to the regulations and restrictions prescribed for the district in which they are situated may be continued so long as the then existing or more restricted use continues and so long as the buildings or structures are maintained in their then structural condition; and may require that such buildings or structures and the use thereof shall conform to the regulations and restrictions prescribed for the district or districts in which they are situated whenever they are enlarged, extended, reconstructed or structurally altered; and may require that such buildings or structures and the use thereof shall conform to the regulations and restrictions prescribed for the district or districts in which they are situated, in any event within a reasonable period of time to be specified in the ordinance

Operations - DPW Transportation

50 Whenever any piece, parcel or strip of land shall have been opened to and used by the public as a street, sidewalk, trail, Language adjustments

shared use path, alley, lane or other public place or part thereof for the period of five years, the same shall thereby become a street, sidewalk, trail, shared use path, alley, lane, public place or part thereof for all purposes and the city shall have the same authority and jurisdiction over and right and interest therein that it has by law over the streets, sidewalk, trail, shared use path, alleys, lanes and public places laid out by it and thereafter no action shall be brought to recover such piece, parcel or strip of land so opened to and used by the public as aforesaid. Any street, sidewalk, trail, shared use path, alley, lane or other public place reserved in the division or subdivision into lots by a plat or plan of record shall be deemed and held to be dedicated to the public use and the council shall have authority upon the petition of any person or corporation interested therein to open such street, sidewalk, trail, shared use path, alley, lane or other public place or any portion of the same. No agreement between, or release of interest by, persons or corporations owning the lands immediately contiguous to any such street, sidewalk, trail, shared use path, alley, lane or other public place, whether the same has been opened or used by the public or not, shall avail or operate to abolish such street, sidewalk, trail, shared use path, alley, lane or other public place, whether the same has been opened or used by the public or not, shall avail or operate to abolish such street, sidewalk, trail, shared use path, alley, lane or other public place or to divest the interest of the public therein or the authority of the council over the same.

§§ 17.36. - Use of streets for five years; dedication.

	51	Though much of the work product of the City Attorney (contracts, agreement and legal advise) relate to the daily administration of the City while the City Charter give sole accountability to the the city council, leaving the administration with little ability to prioritize work and no authority to hold the City Attorney accountable for work product and productivity.		
Charter changes related to City Attorneys Office	52	The mayor shall cause the budget message to be printed, mimeographed or otherwise reproduced for general distribution at the time of its submission to the council and sufficient copies of the general fund, school and utility budgets to be made to supply copies to each member of the council and each newspaper published or in general circulation in the city and two copies to be deposited in the office of the city clerk where they shall be open to public inspection during regular business hours.		§ 6.080 - Distribution of copies of budget message and budgets
Budget	53	At the same time he/she submits the current expense budgets, the mayor shall submit to the council a program which he/she shall previously have submitted to the city planning commission of proposed capital improvement projects for the ensuing fiscal year and for the four fiscal years thereafter, with his/her recommendations as to the means of financing the improvements proposed for the ensuing fiscal year.	Change the date on CIP Presentations	§ 6.19 - Capital Budget
Budget	54	Ability to make interdepartmental General Fund transfers, Charter language requires an agency level budget, which has been interpreted to disallow these transfers.		§ 6.16 (d) - Amendments after adoption
Budget	55	The electric utility, including streetlighting, shall be implemented by ordinance, and shall be effective as of the effective date of that ordinance. Notwithstanding other provisions of this charter, the electric utility program may be administered by either the Department of Public Works or the Department of Public Utilities. Electric utility charges shall be assessed to all property owners and shall be based upon a rate fixed by the director of public utilities or the director of public works. If electric utility charges are not paid when due, interest thereon shall at that time accrue at the rate determined by council, not to exceed any maximum allowed by law. The city may collect charges and interest by action at law or suit in equity, and such unpaid charges and interest shall constitute a lien against the property. of	Updated language	§ 13.12 Implementation of electric utility. New Section
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	56	Charter change to remove the sale or lease of the electric utility assets from the requirement of referendum at a general election. There shall be no sale or lease of the water, wastewater, gas or electric utilities unless the proposal for such sale or lease shall first be submitted to the qualified voters of the city at a general election and be approved by a majority of all votes cast at such election. (Acts 1998, Ch. 711)	true enterprise fund utility. It is a cost center in the Department of Public Works for operating cost and all capital dollars	§ 13.10 No sale or lease of utilities except when approved by referendum.
DPU	57	City of Richmond is interested in creating a Parking Utility to provide a means of addressing the current and future parking demands of the City including the preparation of a comprehensive and coordinated plan for the development, financing, construction, operations and/or management of parking resources and certain specific parking facilities located within the City as the city is experiencing repaid growth.		New Section
DPW Parking	58	It shall be the function of the Utility to budget and account for the parking operations undertaken by the City; to preserve. care for. lav out. construct. maintain. improve and operate lands. buildings. and facilities used for the All City/State Agreements on Council approved projects should not require Council Ord for execution.		
DPW Transportation	59	Strike marijuana from this section B.Any officer, appointee of the council or employee of the city who shall be convicted by a final judgment of any court from which no appeal has been taken or which has been affirmed by a court of last resort on a charge involving moral turpitude or any felony or any misdemeanor involving possession of marijuana or any controlled substances shall forfeit his/her office or employment.	Administration is finalizing updated Substance Abuse Policy.	Forfeiture - Section 4.15 B as it pertains to Administrative Regulation #4053 - Substance Abuse Policy
Human Resources Operations - DPW Transportation	60	Section (e) - (e) To assess the whole or part of the cost of making and improving walkways and traffic calming measures on then existing streets, improving or paving existing alleys, or constructing sewers, culverts and drains, upon the owners of land abutting thereon or on the street or alley in which such sewer, culvert or drain is laid in the manner provided in § 12.06 of this charter;		§2.03 -Powers relating to public works, utilities, properties.

Operations - DPW Transportation Operations - DPW Transportation	61	Section (i) - (i) To acquire, construct and maintain or authorize the construction and maintenance of bridges, viaducts, subways or underpasses over or under the James River or any other stream, creek or ravine when any portion of such bridge, viaduct, subway or underpass is within the city limits, and to charge or authorize the charging of tolls for their use by the public, and to require compensation for their use by public utility, transmission or transportation companies, except as the right to require such compensation is affected by any contract heretofore or hereafter made with the company concerned; provided, that no tolls or compensation shall ever be imposed or collected for the use of "Robert E. Lee Bridge" by any vehicle or pedestrian. Section (k) - (k) To acquire, construct, own, maintain and operate, within and without the city, places for the parking or storage of vehicles by the public or curbside management systems, which shall include but shall not be limited to parking lots, garages, buildings and other land, structures, equipment and facilities,	§2.03 -Powers relating to public works, utilities, properties. §2.03 -Powers relating to public works, utilities, properties.
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Operations - DPW Transportation	66	Section (d) - (d)To grant or authorize the issuance of permits under such terms and conditions as the council may impose for the use of streets, alleys and other public places of the city by railroads, street railways, buses, taxicabs, micromobility devices, and other vehicles for hire;	§2.04 -Powers to make regulations for the preservation of the safety, health, peace, good order, comfort, convenience, morals and welfare of the city and its inhabitants.
Operations - DPW Transportation Operations - DPW Transportation	67	(e)To prevent any obstruction of or encroachment over, under or in any street, alley, entrance, sidewalk or other public place; provide penalties for maintaining any such obstruction or encroachment; remove the same and charge the cost thereof to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of the property so obstructing or encroaching, and collect the sum charged in any manner provided by law for the collection of taxes; require the owner or owners or the occupant or occupants of the property so obstructing or encroaching to remove the same; pending such removal charge the owner or owners of the property so obstructing or encroaching compensation for the use of such portion of the street, alley, entrance, sidewalk or other public place obstructed or encroached upon the equivalent of what would be the tax upon (g)To regulate the operation of motor vehicles, and exercise control over traffic in the streets, alleys, sidewalks, and other public place, of the city and provide penalties for the violation of such regulations; provided, that ordinances or administrative regulations adopted by virtue of this subsection shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code of Virginia. All fines imposed for the violation of such ordinances and regulations shall be paid into the city treasury.	§2.04 -Powers to make regulations for the preservation of the safety, health, peace, good order, comfort, convenience, morals and welfare of the city and its inhabitants. §2.04 -Powers to make regulations for the preservation of the safety, health, peace, good order, comfort, convenience, morals and welfare of the city and its inhabitants.

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