



# City of Richmond

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## Agenda

### City Council

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Monday, July 27, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

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### DRAFT

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#### Order of Business

Invocation

To be offered by Pastor Peter DuMont of Eternity Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Roll Call

Action on Appointments and Reappointments

Awards and Presentations (Applause permitted during this portion of the meeting only)

Public Comment

Agenda Review and Amendments

Action Items (Consent Agenda)

Action Items (Regular Agenda and Motions)

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Reports or Announcements by Members of the Council

Adjournment

City Council is Richmond City's local legislative body and is composed of one council representative elected from each of the city's nine voter districts. Council members are elected to serve a four year term of office. Council elects one of its own to serve as the president and presiding officer for a two year term.

### **Time and Place of Meetings**

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the City Council meetings. The City Council meets in the City Hall second floor Council Chamber, in informal work session at 4:00 p.m., and in formal session at 6:00 p.m., on the second and fourth Monday during the months of January, February, March, April, May, June and September and only on the second Monday during the months of October, November and December. In the month of July, one such meeting is held on the fourth Monday of the month and in the month of August, no such meetings are held. All meetings of the Council are open to the public.

### **Public Comment Period**

The Public Comment Period is an opportunity for persons to address Council concerning the services, policies and affairs of the city and to discuss issues not on the agenda for the business meeting.

### **Guidelines for Public Participation\***

The maximum time allotted to persons speaking to any matter under consideration by the Council shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes for proponents and thirty (30) minutes for opponents.

Speakers should state their full legal name, any organization(s) they represent and any economic or professional relationship(s) that would benefit by the adoption of the paper(s) they are addressing.

Speakers are not permitted to address or question the Council Chief of Staff, the City Attorney, the City Clerk, or any staff member directly. Questions should be directed to the President who may, at his/her discretion, solicit a response.

Applause is permitted during the "Awards and Presentations" period only.

Persons speaking regarding agenda items are generally limited to three (3) minutes; however, no individual from the public may speak for more than ten (10) minutes total during the business meeting.

Individuals may express their views in writing in lieu of an oral presentation.

Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with a disability. Individuals are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at 804-646-7955 for a "Request for Reasonable Accommodation" form, which must be completed to receive assistance.

\* The full text of the Council's Rules of Procedure is available on the City Clerk's website at [www.rva.gov/office-city-clerk](http://www.rva.gov/office-city-clerk) or in the Office of the City Clerk located in City Hall at 900 East Broad Street, Suite 200.

## THE CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and non-controversial. The Consent Agenda provides a method for the expeditious handling of items that do not require discussion and will be approved unanimously by a single roll-call vote of the Council.

The public may speak to any item on the Consent Agenda when the public hearing is announced by the President.

1. [ORD.](#)  
[2026-093](#)  
  
**Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)  
  
**Legislative History**  

4/13/26	City Council	introduced and referred to the Planning Commission
5/5/26	Planning Commission	recommended for continuance to the City Council
5/11/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Planning Commission
6/2/26	Planning Commission	recommended for continuance to the Planning Commission
6/8/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Planning Commission
  
2. [ORD.](#)  
[2026-102](#)  
  
**Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)  
  
**Legislative History**  

4/27/26	City Council	introduced and referred to the Planning Commission
5/19/26	Planning Commission	recommended for approval to the City Council
5/26/26	City Council	continued to the City Council
6/8/26	City Council	continued to the City Council
6/22/26	City Council	continued to the City Council
  
3. [ORD.](#)  
[2026-109](#)  
  
**Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)  
  
**Legislative History**

4/27/26	City Council	introduced and referred to the Planning Commission
5/19/26	Planning Commission	recommended for approval to the City Council
5/26/26	City Council	continued to the City Council
6/22/26	City Council	continued to the City Council

4. [ORD. 2026-113](#) To amend City Code § 11-105, concerning weeds and other vegetation, and to amend ch. 11, art. IV, by adding therein a new section numbered 11-101, concerning definitions, for the purpose of establishing exemptions for Virginia Friendly Landscapes.

**Patrons:**

Mayor Avula

**Legislative History**

5/11/26	City Council	introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee
5/19/26	Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
5/26/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee
6/16/26	Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
6/22/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

5. [ORD. 2026-120](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 901 South Meadow Street, 903 South Meadow Street, 905 South Meadow Street, 907 South Meadow Street, 911 South Meadow Street, 915 South Meadow Street, 921 South Meadow Street, and 923 South Meadow Street, for the purpose of up to 31 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (5th District)

**Patrons:**

Mayor Avula (By Request)

**Legislative History**

5/11/26	City Council	introduced and referred to the Planning Commission
6/2/26	Planning Commission	recommended for approval to the City Council
6/8/26	City Council	continued to the City Council
6/22/26	City Council	continued to the City Council

6. [ORD. 2026-152](#) To close, to public use and travel, an unimproved portion of Lafayette Street, located north of Sterling Street and south of Grove Avenue, consisting of approximately 5,159± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- Legislative History**
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| 6/8/26 | City Council | introduced and referred to the Planning Commission |
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7. [ORD. 2026-153](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 2502 4th Avenue for the purpose of a day nursery for up to 12 children, upon certain terms and conditions. (6th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- Legislative History**
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| 6/8/26 | City Council | introduced and referred to the Planning Commission |
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8. [ORD. 2026-154](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1235 North 36th Street for the purpose of up to two single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- Legislative History**
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| 6/8/26 | City Council | introduced and referred to the Planning Commission |
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9. [ORD. 2026-155](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 5 North Colonial Avenue Rear for the purpose of up to six attached garages, which may be rented to persons who reside outside of the same entire block as the Property, upon certain terms and conditions. (1st District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- Legislative History**
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| 6/8/26 | City Council | introduced and referred to the Planning Commission |
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10. [ORD. 2026-156](#) To authorize the special use of the properties known as 5219 Euclid Avenue, 5221 Euclid Avenue, and 5221 ½ Euclid Avenue for the purpose of up to six single-family detached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- Legislative History**
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| 6/8/26 | City Council | introduced and referred to the Planning Commission |
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11. [ORD. 2026-157](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2021-018, adopted Feb. 22, 2021, as previously amended by Ord. No. 2022-052, adopted Mar. 28, 2022, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 5300 Rear Hull Street Road, 5311 Warwick Road, 5315 Warwick Road, and 5323 Warwick Road for the purpose of up to 65 single-family attached dwellings, to instead authorize up to 73 single-family attached dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions, to modify the addresses included in the special use and certain terms and conditions, upon certain terms and conditions. (9th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)

**Legislative History**

6/8/26 City Council introduced and referred to the Planning Commission

12. [ORD. 2026-158](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$15,987.00 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources 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 "Forest View Cemetery Special Fund," and appropriating the increase to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' "Forest View Cemetery Special Fund" by \$15,987.00 for the purpose of funding preservation, maintenance, and stewardship activities at Forest View Cemetery.

**Patrons:** Mayor Avula

**Legislative History**

6/22/26 City Council introduced and referred to the City Council

13. [ORD. 2026-159](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$36,000.00 from the Church Hill Association of RVA and to amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities entitled "Libby Hill Park House Special Fund," and appropriating the increase to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' "Libby Hill Park House Special Fund" by \$36,000.00 for the purpose of restoring the Libby Hill Park House.

**Patrons:** Mayor Avula

**Legislative History**

6/22/26 City Council introduced and referred to the City Council

14. [ORD. 2026-160](#) To adopt a new Code of the City of Richmond, Virginia; to repeal the Code of the City of Richmond, Virginia, 2020; to prescribe the effect of such repeal; and to provide for the manner of amending the new City Code.
- Patrons:** President Newbille
- Legislative History**
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| 6/22/26 | City Council | introduced and referred to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee |
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15. [ORD. 2026-161](#) To amend Ord. No. 2026-063, adopted May 11, 2026, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Special Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring \$480,000.00 from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Special Fund, and to amend Ord. No. 2026-065, adopted May 11, 2026, which accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and the four fiscal years thereafter, adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and determined a means of financing the same, by appropriating \$480,000.00 of such transferred funds to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' "Fire Training Facility Burn Tower Replacement" project in the Capital Investment Opportunities category for the purpose of constructing the City's burn building to enhance the safety of fire service personnel while conducting live fire training.
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
- Legislative History**
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| 6/22/26 | City Council | introduced and referred to the Planning Commission |
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16. [ORD. 2026-162](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition by gift, purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, certain fee simple interests, temporary construction easements, and permanent easements for the public purpose of facilitating the construction of the Hobby Hill Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project.
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
- Legislative History**
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| 6/22/26 | City Council | introduced and referred to the Planning Commission |
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17. [ORD. 2026-163](#) To declare a public necessity for and to authorize (i) the acquisition of the real property known as 5624 Campbell Avenue and (ii) the grant and acceptance of certain easements relating to the acquisition of such real property, for the purpose of implementing the combined sewer overflow mitigation project known as the CSO-012 Storage Tank project.
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
- Legislative History**
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| 6/22/26 | City Council | introduced and referred to the Planning Commission |
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18. [ORD. 2026-164](#) To amend City Code §§ 16-51, concerning the creation of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and 16-113, concerning the administration of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, to ensure all receipts derived from principal, interest, penalties, and fees received for the repayment and management of loans or grants from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund are reserved for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
- Legislative History**
- 6/22/26 City Council introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
19. [ORD. 2026-165](#) To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment to Grant Agreement between the City of Richmond, 512 Hull Street, LLC, and the Economic Development Authority of the City of Richmond for the purpose of clarifying the affordable housing requirements applicable to the residential development located at 512 Hull Street. (6th District)
- Patrons:** Ms. Robertson
- Legislative History**
- 6/22/26 City Council introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
20. [ORD. 2026-166](#) To approve an amendment to the Master Plan for the City of Richmond, adopted by the City Planning Commission on Oct. 5, 2020, and approved by the City Council by Ord. No. 2020-236, adopted Dec. 14, 2020, to incorporate the Oak Grove Hillside Bellemeade Community Plan detailing the vision, guiding principles, goals, strategies, and big moves for development of and public investment in the Oak Grove, Hillside, and Bellemeade neighborhoods.
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula
- Legislative History**
- 6/22/26 City Council introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee
21. [ORD. 2026-167](#) To authorize the special use of the property known as 1110 Oakwood Avenue for the purpose of transitional housing, upon certain terms and conditions. (7th District)
- Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)
- Legislative History**
- 6/22/26 City Council introduced and referred to the Planning Commission

22. [ORD. 2026-168](#) To amend and reordain Ord. No. 2025-152, adopted July 28, 2025, which authorized 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, to modify the addresses included in the special use and the plans. (8th District)

**Patrons:** Mayor Avula (By Request)

**Legislative History**

6/22/26 City Council introduced and referred to the Planning Commission

23. [RES. 2026-R024](#) To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Department of Planning and Development Review to (i) collaborate with the residents of and stakeholders in the Westwood neighborhood, bordered by Dunbar Street, Patterson Avenue, and Glenburnie Road, to evaluate and recommend appropriate land use, zoning, and policy tools, , and (ii) develop community-informed design guidelines and strategies to preserve the cultural and historic character of the Westwood neighborhood and support neighborhood stability, and (iii) provide a written report of such findings and recommendations. (1st District)

**Patrons:** Mr. Breton

**Legislative History**

5/26/26 City Council introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

6/16/26 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee recommended for continuance to the City Council

6/22/26 City Council continued and referred back to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

24. [RES. 2026-R026](#) To express the City Council's support for and request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funding for Chesterfield County's SMART SCALE Round 7 candidate projects for 2026.

**Patrons:** Mayor Avula

**Legislative History**

6/22/26 City Council introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

25. [RES. 2026-R027](#) To express the City Council's support for and request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funding for Henrico County's SMART SCALE Round 7 candidate projects for 2026.

**Patrons:** Mayor Avula

**Legislative History**

6/22/26 City Council introduced and referred to the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

### THE REGULAR AGENDA

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

**Legislative History**

4/13/26	City Council	introduced and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
4/16/26	Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
4/27/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
5/20/26	Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
5/26/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
6/17/26	Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
6/22/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee

27. [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, Ms. Trammell and Ms. Abubaker

**Legislative History**

4/27/26	City Council	introduced and referred to the Organizational Development Standing Committee
5/11/26	City Council	continued and referred to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee

5/20/26	Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
5/26/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee
6/17/26	Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee	recommended for continuance to the City Council
6/22/26	City Council	continued and referred back to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee