

2010 Richmond City Council

RICHMOND OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET/TAX RATE PROCESS

For FY 2011 Richmond Government Budget and 2010 Richmond Real Estate Tax Rate

As Richmond Citizens, we pool our resources to own and operate our government and decide what public services we want to invest in; the priority (investment levels) for these services; and, how we pay for them. Examples of our services include the management, oversight and delivery of such things as clean/safe water; streets/parks; firefighting/rescue; trash/sewage removal; laws, police/courts; public transportation; and, public education. Together, we own, operate, use and benefit from these services every day.

Richmond Government operates on a two-year (biennial) fiscal plan (budget) and is currently working under the second year of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010/2011 Richmond Official Government Budget. The Budget is typically amended in the second year, before the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30 annually. Council sets a Richmond Real Estate Tax Rate by April 15 each year.

As part of this process the Mayor submits a proposed budget draft to Council. Council reviews this draft, and prepare the Richmond Official Government Budget.

Council's budget review and deliberations span three months, mid-March through May, during two dozen public meetings/special work sessions, which includes adopting a Richmond Real Estate Tax Rate and the Richmond Official Government Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY).

The Richmond City Government Budget includes the City General Fund, Capital Improvement Plan, Special Funds, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, Richmond Public Schools. The City's two-year fiscal plan (Budget) is amended every year.

Richmond citizens are encouraged to attend all Council meetings and budget work sessions and invited to contact their Councilmember and publicly address Council during scheduled Public Hearings.

The final budget takes the form of Council Ordinances, which, when approved by Council become law. These Ordinances will be available from the Richmond City Council website, at www.council.richmondva.gov. Copies will also be available for review in the Richmond City Council Office of the City Clerk, Richmond City Hall, 900 E. Broad Street, Suite 200.

The following are tentatively scheduled dates that will include Budget discussions or action. This schedule is subject to changes and updates. For the latest times and locations, please call 804.646.7955.

Richmond City Council

FY 2011 Richmond Official Government Budget and Real Estate Tax Rate Meetings

All meetings held in Richmond City Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall, 2nd floor; 900 E. Broad Street

March 2010

Monday, March 8, 2010; 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Informal Council Meeting - Regularly scheduled meeting to prepare for the Formal meetings, which may include budget discussions.

Monday, March 8, 2010; 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Formal Council Meeting (Possible 2010 Richmond Real Estate Tax Rates Introduced)

Regularly scheduled meeting that will include introduction of possible Richmond Real Estate Tax Rates, Public and other budget discussion/public business. Each year a number of different real estate tax rates are introduced as possibilities, which include some lower and some higher. If no new tax rate is adopted, it remains the same. The tax rate applies to the previous year's real estate tax assessment.

Monday, March 22, 2010; 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Informal Council Meeting (Proposed/Draft FY 2011 Richmond Government Budget Submitted to Council)

Regularly scheduled meeting that will include official submission of the Mayor's proposed FY 2011 Richmond Government Budget and may include budget discussions. Informal meetings are held to prepare for Formal meetings. Note: On February 22, 2010, Richmond City Council (Ordinance # 2010-34-40) extended deadline for Mayor to submit a proposed budget; from March 6 to March 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 22, 2010; 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Formal Council Meeting (Proposed/Draft FY 2011 Richmond Government Budget Presented to Council)

Regularly scheduled meeting that will include Mayor's presentation of proposed FY 2011 Budget/other budget discussion/business.

Tuesday, March 30, 2010; 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Council Budget Work Session - Work session to hear presentations from departments, receive budget updates and review information.

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April 2010

Thursday, April 1, 2010; 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Council Budget Work Session - Work session to hear presentations from departments, receive budget updates and review information.

Monday, April 5, 2010; 6:00-9:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2011 RICHMOND OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

Residents interested in signing-up to speak at the Public Hearing are to call 804.646.7955

Tuesday, April 6, 2010; 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Council Budget Work Session - To hear presentations from departments, receive budget updates and review information.

Thursday, April 8, 2010; 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Council Budget Work Session - To hear presentations from departments, receive budget updates and review information.

Monday, April 12, 2010; 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Informal Council Meeting - Regularly scheduled meeting to prepare for the Formal meetings, which may include budget discussions.

Monday, April 12, 2010; 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Formal Council Meeting (PUBLIC HEARING on ADOPTION of 2010 Richmond Real Estate Tax Rate)

Regularly scheduled meeting that will include 2010 Richmond Real Estate Tax Rate Adoption/budget discussion/public business.

Tuesday, April 13, 2010; 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Council Budget Work Session - To hear presentations from departments, receive budget updates and review information.

Thursday, April 15, 2010; 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Council Budget Work Session - To hear presentations from departments, receive budget updates and review information.

Tuesday, April 20, 2010; 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Council Budget Work Session - To hear presentations from departments, receive budget updates and review information.

Thursday, April 22, 2010; 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Council Budget Work Session - To hear presentations from departments, receive budget updates and review information.

Monday, April 26, 2010; 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Informal Council Meeting - Regularly scheduled meeting to prepare for the Formal meetings, which may include budget discussions.

Monday, April 26, 2010; 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Formal Council Meeting (PUBLIC HEARING on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds)

Regularly scheduled meeting that will include a public hearing on CDBG funds/other budget discussions/public business.

Tuesday, April 27, 2010; 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Council Budget Work Session - To hear presentations from departments, receive budget updates and review information.

Thursday, April 29, 2010; 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Council Budget Work Session - To hear presentations from departments, receive budget updates and review information.

May 2010

Monday, May 3, 2010; 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Council Organizational Development Standing Committee Meeting (Council Reviews Amended Budget)

Regularly scheduled meeting that May include a Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2011 Budget/budget discussions.

Monday, May 10, 2010; 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Informal Council Meeting - Regularly scheduled meeting to prepare for the Formal meetings, which may include budget discussions.

Monday, May 10, 2010; 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Formal Council Meeting (Approval of Community Development Block Grant funds Introduction of proposed FY 2011 Richmond Government Budget Amendments) Regularly scheduled meeting that will include the approval of Community Development Block Grant funds; the introduction of Council's Amended FY 2011 Richmond Government Budget; and, other budget discussion/public business.

Monday, May 24, 2010; 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Informal Council Meeting - Regularly scheduled meeting to prepare for the Formal meetings, which may include budget discussions.

Monday, May 24, 2010; 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Formal Council Meeting (Council Official Adoption of FY 2011 Richmond Government Budget)

Regularly scheduled meeting that will include the Official Adoption of the FY 2011 Richmond Government Budget/other public business.