



City of Roanoke, Virginia

CITY COUNCIL

July 20, 2026

2:00 PM

City Council Chamber
215 Church Avenue, SW

AGENDA

The City of Roanoke is a safe, caring and economically vibrant community in which to live, learn, work, play and prosper. A vibrant urban center with strong neighborhoods set amongst the spectacular beauty of Virginia's Blue Ridge.

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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL.

The Invocation will be delivered by The Reverend Adam Ayers, Middle School Pastor, Valley Church of God.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America will be led by Mayor Joseph L. Cobb.

Welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: None.

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

The City Council sets this time as a priority for citizens to be heard. All matters will be referred to the City Manager for response, recommendation or report to the Council, as she may deem appropriate.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- C-1.** A communication from the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene a closed meeting to consult with legal counsel regarding a certain legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by the City Attorney concerning a code amendment, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(8), Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.

- C-2.** A communication from the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene in a closed meeting to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel concerning the disposition of City real property in the Northwest part of the City, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(8), Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.

- C-3.** A communication from the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene in a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing possible acquisition of property in the Northeast part of the City, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.

- C-4.** A communication from the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene in a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing possible disposal of publicly owned property in the Central part of the City of Roanoke, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.

- C-5.** FY2026 City Manager Transfer Report for the fourth quarter ended June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

- C-6.** A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Catherine Koebel as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission, effective immediately.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation and receive and file the communication.

- C-7.** Annual report of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

- C-8.** Report of qualification of the following individuals:

John Hitchins, Jr., as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029;

Allison Oakey as a member of the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Board of Directors for a one-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; and

MaryJean Levin as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND THE CITY MANAGER:

1. City Manager:

BRIEFINGS: None.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- a. Approval of the Five-year Budget for Opioid Settlement funds.
- b. Acceptance and Appropriation of FY27 Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Funds.
- c. Resolution of Support for Smart Scale 2026 Applications.
- d. Acceptance and Approval of FY27 Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) Grant.
- e. Acceptance and appropriation of the Program Year 2026 Entitlement Funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).
- f. Acceptance of a \$4 million appropriation from the Commonwealth of Virginia for development of lab space to secure an anchor tenant at RoVa Labs located at 1030 South Jefferson Street.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

PUBLIC MATTERS FOLLOW-UP

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- a. Consideration of an Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Roanoke Valley Greenway.

3. DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE VALUATION: None.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- 1. A request of the Roanoke City School Board to reappropriate \$17,874,219 in prior year funding for capital needs expenditures.
- 2. Comments on certain Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions in which City Council serve as liaisons or appointees.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: None.

11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council.
2. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

12. RECESS.

The City Council Meeting will stand in recess; and thereafter reconvene at 7:00 pm, in the City Council Chamber, Room 450, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building.



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13. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL.

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Welcome

Certification of Closed Meeting.

14. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: None.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request of Ricardo Stovall to rename 2nd Street NE (between Madison Avenue NE and Gilmer Avenue NE) to "Bethel-Davis Way NE" in honor of Evelyn Bethel and Helen Davis. The proposed name has further been amended to be "Bethel Davis Street NE."
2. Authorization for Vacation of City Easements Across Private Property located at 2415 Russell Avenue, Bearing Roanoke Official Tax Map No. 1420201, and Amend Ordinance No. 43129-012125 to Provide an Extension of Time to Complete Certain Conditions.

16. RECESS.

17. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive public comment on the City of Roanoke's 2027 Legislative agenda. Vice-Mayor McGuire, Spokesperson.

18. RECESS/RECONVENE.

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