



City of Roanoke, Virginia
ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

September 8, 2026
9:00 AM

William B. Robertson Administration Building
201 Campbell 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.

NOTICE:

Today's City Council meetings will **not** be televised live, but will be replayed on RVTV Channel 3 on Thursdays at 7:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and video streamed through YouTube Live at youtube.com/RoanokeVa. Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the deaf or hard of hearing.

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL.

City Council

Roanoke City School Board

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS:

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY THE CITY COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES.

Opening Reflection

Opening of Schools Prelude

RCPS Budget Report from RCPS CFO

RCPS and City of Roanoke Capital Realities Overview

1% Sales Tax Referendum: Overview and Discussion

City Council/School Board Buddy System

RECESS/ADJOURN.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 9:00 am, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD.

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL RECONVENE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A communication from Mayor Joseph L. Cobb requesting that the Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by the Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-

3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

- Architectural Review Board
- City Planning Commission
- Roanoke Arts Commission
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Economic Development Authority
- Fair Housing Board
- Gun Violence Prevention Commission
- Human Services Advisory Board
- Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates
- Roanoke Public Library Board
- Towing Advisory Board

A communication from Mayor Joseph L. Cobb requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the Council's Code of Conduct and Ethics, and a personnel matter, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene in a closed meeting to consult with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation regarding potential settlement, where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), Code of Virginia, as amended.

A communication from the City Attorney requesting that City Council convene in 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.

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.

A communication from the City Manager requesting that City Council convene in 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 prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in a regional park in which the City is a partner, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(5), Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended.

Topics for discussion by the Mayor and Members of City Council. (5 MINUTES)

Items listed on the 2:00 pm City Council docket requiring discussion/clarification and addition/deletions to the 2:00 pm agenda. (5 MINUTES)

BRIEFINGS: None.

City of Roanoke, Virginia
CITY COUNCIL



2:00 pm
City Council Chamber
215 Church Avenue, SW

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL.

The Invocation will be delivered by The Reverend Joanna Paysour, Pastor, Greene Memorial United Methodist Church.

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

Welcome

Certification of Closed Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Presentation by the Virginia Tech Foundation on the RoVA Labs facility.

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. Minutes of the regular meetings of City Council held on Friday, July 24, 2026, Monday, August 3, 2026; and Monday, August 17, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as recorded.

C-2. A communication from the City Clerk advising of the resignation of Nicole M. Dempah as a member of the City Planning Commission, effective August 7, 2026.

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

C-3. Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Thomas Carr and Karen Michalski-Karney as members of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority for four-year terms of office, each, commencing September 1, 2026, and ending August 31, 2030; and

Cassy Ammen as a member of the Roanoke Public Library Board for a three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Acceptance and Appropriation of Funding for a Drug Prosecutor.

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND THE CITY MANAGER:

1. City Manager:

BRIEFINGS:

2026 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report - 15 minutes.

Planning, Building and Development Assessment — 15 minutes.

July Monthly Budget Report - 15 minutes.

Davenport Plan of Finance 2026 General Obligation Bonds — 15 minutes.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- a. Authorization to Request Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Funds – Salem Turnpike 36th Street to Westwood Boulevard.
- b. Acceptance and Appropriation of the Fiscal Year 2027 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Annual Street Payments for the City of Roanoke.
- c. Authorization to Accept and Rescind Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Revenue Sharing and Execution of Agreements for Multiple Projects.
- d. Acceptance and Allocation of a Cost-of-Living Adjustment from the Virginia Department of Social Services.
- e. Acceptance and Allocation of Funding for the Pay Band Salary Increase for Family Services Specialists from the Virginia Department of Social Services.
- f. Acceptance and Allocation of a One-Time Bonus from the Virginia Department of Social Services.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER.

2. CITY ATTORNEY:

- a. Code Amendment Briefing (Section 2-316, Youth Athletics Review Board) — 10 minutes.

3. DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE VALUATION:

- a. Real Estate Update - 15 minutes.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

1. A report of the Roanoke City School Board requesting appropriation of funds for various educational programs; and a report of the City Manager recommending that City Council concur in the request.
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. **ADJOURN.**