



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 | 4:00 PM
2nd Floor Training Room - City Hall
900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

AGENDA

- I. Welcome** *Larry Taylor, Mayor*
- II. Work Session Agenda Overview** *Wynter C. Benda, City Manager*
- III. Business Item Briefing(s)**
 - III.1.** Council Meeting Calendar CY 2027
- IV. Work Session Agenda Items**
 - IV.2.** Downtown Safety: Main Street Citizen Concern (Status Update)
 - IV.3.** Notable Local Government Highlights of the 2026 Legislative Update
 - IV.4.** Public Transit Study Update
 - IV.5.** Councilmember Faraldi: Snow Removal Ordinance
- V. Roll Call**
- VI. Closed Session**
 - VI.6.** Consideration of a closed meeting to discuss appointments for vacancies to the following Boards and Commissions: Central Virginia Community College Board of Directors, Historic Preservation Commission, Martin Luther King, Jr./Lynchburg Community Council, Museum Advisory Board, Economic Development Authority, Building Code of Appeals Board, and Business Development Centre, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A.)(1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE

July 14, 2026

PRESENTED BY

Alicia Finney-Andrews, Clerk of Council

AGENDA ITEM # III.1

Council Meeting Calendar CY 2027

RECOMMENDATION

This item will come before Council for action the same night, July 14, under General Business. Adopt a resolution setting the City Council's regular meetings for calendar year 2027.

SUMMARY

Section § 15.2-1416 of the Code of Virginia and Section § 2-6 of the City Council's Rules of Procedure provide that each year the local governing body shall prescribe by resolution the schedule of meeting dates, times, and places for the upcoming year.

Regular meetings of the City Council are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., with the following exceptions:

- No regular meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday in July or December, and
- No regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in August.

The 4:00 p.m. work sessions of the Council will take place in the 2nd Floor Training Room of City Hall, located at 900 Church Street. The 7:00 p.m. regular meetings of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber at the same address.

PRIOR ACTION(S)

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

CONTACT(S)

Alicia Finney-Andrews, Clerk of Council

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution
2. Council Meeting Calendar_2027

REVIEWED BY

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Alicia Finney-Andrews, Clerk of Council

Date: July 09, 2026

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA:

1. That the regular meetings of the Lynchburg City Council, for Calendar Year 2027 (January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027), shall be held as follows:

Meetings shall be held in the City Hall, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504 as follows: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; except, (i) there will be no regular meeting on the fourth Tuesdays during the months of July and December, and (ii) there will be no regular meeting on the second Tuesday during the month of August. The Council Work Session portion of the Council's regular meetings will be held in the training room of the second floor of the City Hall, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504. Except as previously noted, all regular meetings of the Council shall be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504.

2. That this Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

2027 CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR

July 14, 2026





CITY COUNCIL 2027 MEETING DATES

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month *Exceptions Below

***4:00 pm Work Session (2nd Floor Training Room)**

*** 7:00 pm City Council Meeting (Council Chamber)**

Please note: The City Council follows this meeting schedule unless otherwise noted.

***Exception #1:** in the months of July and December Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, **only**.

****Exception #2:** in the month of August, Council meets the 4th Tuesday of the month, **only**.

- **January 12:** 4PM and 7PM
- **January 26:** 4PM and 7PM
- **February 9:** 4PM and 7PM
- **February 23:** 4PM and 7PM
- **March 9:** 4PM and 7PM
- **March 23:** 4PM and 7PM
- **April 13:** 4PM and 7PM
- **April 27:** 4PM and 7PM
- **May 11:** 4PM and 7PM
- **May 25:** 4PM and 7PM
- **June 8:** 4PM and 7PM
- **June 22:** 4PM and 7PM
- **July 13*:** 4PM and 7PM
- **August 24**:** 4PM and 7PM
- **September 14:** 4PM and 7PM
- **September 28:** 4PM and 7PM
- **October 12:** 4PM and 7PM
- **October 26:** 4PM and 7PM
- **November 9:** 4PM and 7PM
- **November 23:** 4PM and 7PM
- **December 14*:** 4PM and 7PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: WWW.LYNCHBURGVA.GOV/843/MEETING-DATES

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**MEETING DATE**

July 14, 2026

PRESENTED BY

Matthew Freedman, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM # IV.2

Downtown Safety: Main Street Citizen Concern (Status Update)

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only

SUMMARY

As directed by the City Council, City staff (through the City Attorney) will provide a very brief status update concerning a matter brought forward by a citizen on June 23, 2026. A more detailed presentation will be provided by the Chief of Police on August 25, 2026.

PRIOR ACTION(S)

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

TBD by City Staff

CONTACT(S)

Matthew Freedman, City Attorney
Kennith Edwards, Chief of Police

ATTACHMENT(S)

None

REVIEWED BY

Alicia Finney-Andrews, Clerk of Council

Date: July 09, 2026

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**MEETING DATE**

July 14, 2026

PRESENTED BY

Matthew Freedman, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM # IV.3

Notable Local Government Highlights of the 2026 Legislative Update

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only

SUMMARY

The City Attorney will present a brief presentation describing some of the notable legislative changes from the 2026 GA Session(s). Due to time constraints, this presentation will not be exhaustive and limited to legislative changes relevant to municipal operations.

PRIOR ACTION(S)

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

TBD by City Staff (as some of the legislative changes may have a fiscal impact on the City).

CONTACT(S)

Matthew Freedman, City Attorney

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. 2026 Legislative Update (Local Government Highlights) - July 14, 2026

REVIEWED BY

Alicia Finney-Andrews, Clerk of Council

Date: July 09, 2026

2026 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

* NOTABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS*

July 14, 2026



2026 GENERAL SESSION

([HTTPS://LIS.VIRGINIA.GOV/SESSION-DETAILS/20261/STATISTICS/STATUS](https://lis.virginia.gov/session-details/20261/statistics/status))

Type	Introduced	Passed House	Passed Senate	Passed	Incorporated	Failed	Pending	Approved	Vetoed	Continued to Next Session
H.B	1530	852	735	728	54	495	254	710	16	257
H.J.R	317	287	286	286	0	18	13	4	0	12
H.R	495	477	0	477	0	6	11	0	0	0
S.B	836	440	523	429	32	203	174	414	15	176
S.J.R	296	289	281	289	0	6	1	3	0	1
S.R	172	0	171	171	0	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	3646	2345	1996	2380	86	728	454	1131	31	447

AMENDS VA. CODE § 46.2-1233.2 TOWING ADVISORY BOARD CHANGES

- **Requires Towing Advisory Boards to now consist of an equal number of representatives from law-enforcement agencies, representatives from licensed towing and recovery operators, and members of the public.**
- **Vacancies in members of public will not prevent the board from meeting or taking action.**

HB1404
CREATES VA. CODE § 15.2-1400.1
APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE
TO LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES

- **A governing body may adopt procedures to appoint a youth representative to serve as a nonvoting member.**
- **The youth representative must be 15 to 17 years old at the time of appointment and a resident of the locality.**
- **The youth representative will serve a term prescribed by the locality.**



/ VCOIA

ELECTRONIC FILING OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

- **Electronic filing of Statements of Economic Interest with the VCOIA Advisory Council is now required.**
- **All forms are to be maintained as ‘public records’ for 5 years in the office of the COIA Advisory Council.**
- **Clerk of the governing body coordinates the filing.**

SB699

AMENDS VA. CODE § 2.2-3707 / VFOIA POSTING OF MEETING AGENDAS

- **Proposed agenda is now required to be posted on the public body's government website prior to a meeting.**
- **No “final action” can be taken on items added to the agenda after the meeting begins, unless time sensitive or the subject of a closed meeting.**
- **Final action defined: “For purposes of this subsection, ‘final action’ means a vote, adjudication, or other formal action taken by a public body that completes a matter or acts as a final consideration of an item.”**
3707(G) for what final action does NOT include.



HB1/SB1

AMENDS VA. CODE § 40.1-28.10

VA MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES

- **January 1, 2026 - January 1, 2027 - Employers are required to pay each employee no less than \$12.77/hour or the federal minimum wage, whichever is greater.**
- **January 1, 2027 - January 1, 2028 - Employers are required to pay each employee no less than \$13.75/hour or the federal minimum wage, whichever is greater.**
- **January 1, 2028 - January 1, 2029 - Employers are required to pay each employee no less than \$15.00/hour or the federal minimum wage, whichever is greater.**
- **After January 1, 2029, employees to be paid no less than the state hourly minimum wage (to be established by October 1, 2028, and annually thereafter).**

AMENDS VA. CODE § 15.2-1726

LEO AGREEMENTS / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TEAMS

- **Agreements between law-enforcement agencies can now include provisions for the loan of unmarked vehicles and the development of co-response teams to respond to calls related to behavioral health in multiple jurisdictions.**
- **Governing bodies may also now enter into a reciprocal agreement with other localities for the purpose of consolidation of police departments or divisions.**



HB802

AMENDS VA. CODE § 15.2-1127

VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION

- **Localities can require the owner or its registered agent, of buildings that are blighted / derelict / unlawfully occupied and have been vacant for 12 months or more to be registered with the locality.**
- **Localities can require property owners to register buildings remaining vacant for 3 years or more on an annual basis.**
- **Localities adopting a Vacant Building Registration Ordinance can collect a registration fee not to exceed \$100**

AMENDS VA. CODE §§ 58.1-3603 AND 58.1-3651

REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

- Rental income or other sources of income from real property used for charitable or benevolent purposes, as contemplated by applicable law, not to be considered a source of revenue or profit.
- Real or personal property owned by an entity where the controlling interest is held directly or indirectly by a nonprofit organization, apart from any for-profit ownership interests, used for charitable/benevolent purposes for the provision of affordable housing, as contemplated by applicable law, is exempt from taxation if classified by local governing body.

**AMENDS VA. CODE § 58.1-3220, CREATES VA. CODE § 58.1-3221.7,
AND AN ARTICLE 14 OF VA. CODE § 58.1-3855
REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
(REPURPOSING OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES)**

- **Local governing body may provide for partial exemption from taxation buildings which have undergone qualifying residential conversions/improvements.**
- **Provides for tax incentives or regulatory flexibility for repurposing underutilized structures for residential use by allowing a locality to establish tax incentives such as a reduction to permit fees, streamlined permitting process, and a reduction in gross receipts tax for maintaining a building which underwent a qualifying residential conversion.**

HB655/SB346

AMENDS VA. CODE §§ 15.2-2247 AND 15.2-2290

MANUFACTURED HOMES (ZONING CHANGES)

- **Manufactured homes to be permitted in all agricultural zoning districts.**
- **Manufactured homes to be permitted in all zoning districts where site-built housing is allowed and under certain criteria.**
- **Manufactured homes are not to be treated differently by localities than single-family, site-built dwellings.**
- **Zoning ordinances are not to have the effect of excluding manufactured homes built in compliance with Virginia Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Law (Va. Code § 36-85.2 et seq.).**



HB888

CREATES A NEW VA. CODE § 15.2-2209.4 MINIMUM OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

- **Minimum off-street parking is not to be required by a locality, as a condition of zoning approval, for residential, multifamily, or mixed-use developments located within a designated area exceeding (i) one-half of one parking space per dwelling unit for multifamily or mixed-use residential development, or (ii) one parking space per dwelling unit for one-family and two-family dwellings and townhomes.**
- **Localities with a population of over 20,000 are required to establish, by ordinance, an administrative review process for requesting reduction in minimum off-street parking of not less than 20% for such parcels not located within**
“designated area”.



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PREVAILING WAGE RATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS

- Prevailing Wage Rate to be determined by Commissioner of Labor and Industry on the basis of surveys conducted every 3 years and for each construction type as defined in Va. Code § 2.2-4321.3.
- Covered institutions, when procuring services or construction contracts initiated after July 1, 2027, with a value greater than or equal to \$5 million for public works paid for in whole or in part by state general funds or by incurring state general fund debt, shall ensure that bid specifications or other public contracts applicable to the public works require bidders, offerors, contractors, and subcontractors to pay wages, salaries, benefits, and other remuneration to any mechanic, laborer, or worker employed, retained, or otherwise hired to perform services in connection with the public contract for public works at the prevailing wage rate.
- Employers are not to hire a subcontractor to perform services under a public contract for public works if such contractor is not registered with the statewide electronic procurement system.
- This bill directs the Commissioner to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of the bill by July 1, 2027.



HB1046/SB324
AMENDS VA. CODE §§ 2.2-4343 AND 23.1-1003
AND CREATES VA. CODE § 2.2-4302.3
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

- A public body is to require a contractor and its subcontractors to complete specified training established by OSHA, demonstrate that no more than 1 administrative determination, arbitral award, civil judgement or settlement agreement of more than \$25,000 in the past 3 years for violation of various federal and state laws, and meet other new requirements.
- If a construction contract with a local public body is valued at greater than \$5 Million, the prime contractor will provide written notice to the local public body detailing any independent contractors hired by the contractor or subcontractor with a point of contact and demonstrating compliance with the requirements of renumeration parties.
- Effective July 1, 2027.



AMENDS VA. CODE §§ 58.1-605.1 AND 58.1606.1 LOCAL SALES AND USE OF TAXES FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Permits all Virginia counties and cities, subject to certain limitations and after duly holding a referendum election, to impose an additional local sales and use tax (not to exceed rates of 1% each), for the purposes of generating revenue to fund capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools.

RETAIL MARIJUANA (TAX AND REGULATION POWERS)

- A state tax of 6% before July 1st, 2029, and 8% after July 1st, 2029, to be levied on the sale of any marijuana or marijuana products in addition to any other taxes imposed under § 58.1-600 et seq. or any other federal, state, or local law.

Note: Certain Exemptions Apply

- A locality shall levy, by ordinance, a local tax on the sale of any marijuana or marijuana products so taxed by the state, at a rate of not less than 1%, but not more than 3.5%.
- Zoning and other powers may be used to regulate the location of licensed marijuana businesses, public usage, etc. blanket prohibitions are not permitted.
- Effective July 1, 2027.



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**MEETING DATE**

July 14, 2026

PRESENTED BY

Gregory Patrick, Deputy City Manager

AGENDA ITEM # IV.4

Public Transit Study Update

RECOMMENDATION

Provide an Update on the Transit Redesign / Multimodal Study approved in City Council's Adopted FY 2027 Budget

SUMMARY

Provide an Update on the Transit Redesign / Multimodal Study approved in City Council's Adopted FY 2027 Budget

PRIOR ACTION(S)

June 9, 2027 - City Council adopted the FY 2027 budget

FISCAL IMPACT

City Council's Adopted FY 2027 Budget includes \$500,000 for a Transit Redesign / Multimodal Study

CONTACT(S)

Gregory Patrick, Deputy City Manager
Kent White, Assistant City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S)

None

REVIEWED BY

Gregory Patrick, Deputy City Manager

Date: July 09, 2026

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Alicia Finney-Andrews, Clerk of Council

Date: July 09, 2026