Minutes of the Roanoke Rapids City Council

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids was held on **Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at the Lloyd Andrews City Meeting Hall.

Present: Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor
Sandra W. Bryant, Mayor Pro Tem

W. Keith Bell)
Andy Jackson)
Rex Stainback)
Curtis Strickland)

Council Members

Kelly Traynham, City Manager
Geoffrey Davis, City Attorney
Traci Storey, City Clerk
Lawrence Wiggins, Police Chief
Christina Caudle, Human Resources Director
Kelly Daughtry, Parks & Recreation Director
Doug Love, Interim Public Works Director
Richard Cook, Fire Chief
Ashley Thomas, Main Street Director
Kristyn Anderson, Planning & Development Director

Absent: Krista Rourk, Acting Deputy Finance Director

Mayor Doughtie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Doughtie provided an invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Adoption of Business Agenda

Mayor Doughtie asked Council members if there were any known conflicts of interest with respect to the matters before them this evening and called for a motion.

Motion was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bryant, and unanimously carried to adopt the business agenda as presented.

Special Recognitions

Retirement of Brian Duhadaway

Planning & Development Director Anderson recognized Brian Duhadaway, Codes Administrator, upon his retirement following 23 years of dedicated service. She stated this recognition honors his longstanding commitment to public safety, professional service, and the citizens of Roanoke Rapids, as well as the lasting impact his knowledge, experience, and leadership have made on the City and his colleagues. She presented Mr. Duhadaway with a plaque.

City Manager Traynham shared when she first met Mr. Duhadaway in May 2011 when she first started coming to Roanoke Rapids as a contract worker. She eventually took the job as the Planning Director 15 years ago on September 15th. She noted 10 of the 15 years she worked with him directly as the Director with the last 5 being a little more distant but always knowing he was there for her. She stated Mr. Duhadaway was one of the most selfless people she had ever met. His commitment is unwavering. She thanked him for his service and would welcome him back in a part-time capacity at any time should he get bored at home.

Mayor Doughtie stated if people don't know who you are, you're doing a good job because you don't get in the headlines a lot or people might not know you if they haven't been using the services. He expressed his appreciation for the way Mr. Duhadaway dealt with a very sensitive job. He was sure people got mad at him sometimes, but he never heard anybody say he lost his temple or anything like that. On behalf of the City Council, he wished Mr. Duhadaway a super retirement and appreciated the 23 years of service that he gave to them and the city.

Public Comment (Scheduled)

Ephraim Brodsky

Mr. Brodsky stated he was feeling nostalgic. Most of them remember reading Shel Silverstein's classic children's book, *The Giving Tree.* For those who haven't, he included a copy of the text in tonight's handout. The story begins with innocent reflection: “Once there was a tree… and she loved a little boy.” The boy gathered her leaves, climbed her trunk, ate her apples, and rested in her shade. And for a long time, the tree was happy. Tonight, he wanted to talk about that story because if they look at the balance sheet and the shared history of their region, the City of Roanoke Rapids has spent decades playing the role of that giving tree while Halifax County has played the boy. In the fable, the boy grows older and comes back hungry for prosperity. He says, "I want to buy things and have fun. I want some money." And

what does the tree do? She gives him her apples to sell. In Halifax County where do the apples grow? They grow along Premier Boulevard and East 10th Street. They grow in the shopping centers, car dealerships, and supermarkets. Roanoke Rapids generates an estimated 65% to 75% of every retail sales tax dollar collected across the entire county, nearly $14 million a year. The hotels along I-95 generate 80% to 90% of the county's lodging occupancy tax. And year after year, mostly residential properties inside our city limits contribute roughly 28% of Halifax County's entire ad valorem property tax levy. Over $10 million a year flowing directly into the county general fund. The county harvests our apples and carry them away. Under the county's distribution formula, the city receives back barely 20% to 22% of that sales tax pool. An $8-$10 million retail surplus generated by the city businesses is siphoned off to sustain the broader county landscape every single year. He didn't keep these numbers a secret. He stood before the Halifax County Board of Commissioners and laid this financial reality out line by line. He showed them the math. He showed them the disparity. And as he presented that data, Mayor Doughtie, Councilman Strickland sat right here in this room and they sat quietly. They didn't stand up. They didn't push back. They didn't advocate for our city. Why do the elected leaders remain silent while the city taxpayers are being shortchanged? The time is now to speak openly and transparently with the county about the unfair treatment of the citizens of Roanoke Rapids. For years, they've been told that delicate diplomacy happens behind closed doors. But whatever's been happening behind closed doors hasn't been working. The results speak for themselves. We're double-taxed, under-resourced, and left to fend for themselves. He stated that if they're fighting for them, they need to see their efforts in the light of day. That way, if they fight and come up short, even if they fail, the citizens of this city at least get to see that they tried. They want to see their leaders stand up and demand what is fair.

He said in the book, the boy returns needing a house. So, the tree gives him her branches. Look what Roanoke Rapids gives from its branches. The senior center and public library serve residents freely across the entire county, funded solely on the backs of the city taxpayers. Our parks and recreation facilities welcome non-city residents every day of the week. Their professional fire department rolls out mutual aid beyond its borders without operational subsidies from the county general fund. They pay county taxes for a sheriff's office that they don't get to utilize because they fully fund their police force just to keep their neighborhood safe.

Mr. Brodsky said they gave their apples. They gave their branches. And in Silverstein's story, the boy finally comes back, and he cuts down the entire trunk to make a boat, leaving the tree nothing more than a lifeless stump. and the tree was happy, but not really. Roanoke Rapids can't afford to be an old stump just so Halifax County has a quiet place to sit down and rest. A stump can't generate 28% of the county's property

tax. A stump can't drive 70% of the commercial retail economy. If this city is cut down to the ground, the entire county dies with it. To their disgraced mayor and silent city council, step out of the shadows. They aren't enjoying the sounds of silence. He knows he's not. Speak publicly, demand an equitable partnership, and fight for the people who elected them. Step out of the shadows and let them know who they really are, what they really stand for. The time for action is now.

Public Comment (Unscheduled)

Joey Davis

Mr. Davis congratulated Brian Duhadaway. They were co-workers last century. He said he had citizens here come to him and he told them he would post the council. He knows in a few weeks the time will change, but the clock that they say a lot of people paid money for a plaque in the city park has not worked in about 3 or 4 months. He told them he would pass that along. The last meeting he spoke and was asking what's the difference between AI and fake news. They would be surprised that coming up here speaking how far your speeches travel. He had a man call him and tell him that his speech traveled to Washington DC. He said, "what are you talking about?" The man said turn your TV on. The President of the United States was speaking for the United Nations and said he was changing AI to SI, super intelligence. So, then he came back and signed an executive order changing AI to SI. They asked him a question. Why did you change it? He said artificial sounds fake. Well, he brought that up at the last meeting if they remember. So, the question is when he said artificial is now fake, it goes back to Bill Engvall on the *Blue Comedy Tour - Here's Your Sign.*

Ray Harvey

Mr. Harvey said the last time he was here they were speaking about what the mayor's wife had said. He was here as a citizen tonight. What bothers him is he left this city in 1976 because it wasn't anything here for him. No jobs, no opportunity that he's seen for young folks. He came back in 2024 or 2025 and it appears to him that they are still where they were in 1976. For that to change they as citizens of Roanoke Rapids, because this happened where he was from, not the elected officials came together and said they were tired of the way their city looked. The mayor became the spokesperson for the city and promoted the city. He went to Washington D.C. He spoke to the President. They need to start promoting this city and what it has to offer. To be true, he doesn't see that. He could be wrong and if he was, prove him wrong. He doesn't see that happening. Tracy Story had an event two or three weeks ago; great event. He didn't see any elected officials at this event. There were over 150 people there. Probably about 50-60 kids; young folks. That would have been an opportunity for people to really get to know the community. They have to stop all of this stuff on

Facebook. That's why he's not on *Facebook* dividing this city. They have to come together if they want things to change. They can't rely on the elected officials to do it. They as citizens have got to start coming together. Let's start going cleaning up some of this junk that they see in the streets. Let's do it as a community and show people they are taking their streets back because that's the only way. Chief Wiggins can have his people out there 24/7. It's not going to work. He can tell them that right now. More police does not make it better. The community is what makes a community work and until the community comes together as a community, it's not going to work.

Moraina Bullock

Ms. Bullock said she went to Roanoke Rapids High School and never had any problem with it. She said she wants to give back to the community. If she can plant flowers, if she can help with housing, anything she can do to give back to the community. Starting with herself as a young person and speaking for all the young generation, they can do this. Because if the older generation instilled in them to give back, then their generation can be able to do it too. She believes it just starts with them, and it keeps growing and it gets bigger. But as a person in this community, she loves the community she's in and whatever she can do to give back, she's willing to do so.

Approval of City Council Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Stainback, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried to approve the September 15, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting minutes as drafted.

Committee Appointments

Main Street Advisory Committee

City Clerk Storey reported that Main Street Director Thomas informed her that there was an opening on the Main Street Advisory Committee. Brandon Thornton was among the previous applicants retained for consideration when future openings became available. Mr. Thornton also resides within the Main Street District, allowing the committee to maintain representation from within the district. She requested City Council consider a motion to appoint Mr. Thornton to the committee.

Motion was made by Councilman Strickland, seconded by Councilman Stainback and unanimously carried to appoint Brandon Thornton to the Roanoke Rapids Main Street Advisory Committee.

Public Hearing

Community Development Block Grant – Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR)

Planning & Development Director Anderson reported as a requirement of the CDBG application process, they have to hold a second public hearing. She summarized the details of application and what the plans were for that. The city's considering applying for approximately $5 million in Community Development Block Grant funding for a project which is focused on housing improvements and community revitalization. The proposed project has two main parts. First, the city proposes to rehabilitate approximately five eligible owner-occupied homes. The homeowners would be required to meet the requirements of the CDBG breakdowns including their income, property ownership, housing need, and other program eligibility requirements. This portion of the project would directly benefit low- and moderate-income households.

She continued to say the second portion of this application would be for the City to begin the initial redevelopment phase of the dilapidated historic building at 201- 203 Roanoke Avenue. Because the city does not currently own the property, they may pursue a conditional agreement to purchase it solely contingent on funding. A lot of these requirements are in place. Environmental and historic reviews must be done first along with state approval and approval by the City Council before they could do anything with that. Due to the condition of the building, demolition is currently the city's preferred approach. However, no demolition can be authorized or started until all required environmental or historic preservation reviews are completed and proposed treatment of the property receives the necessary approvals. The 201- 203 Roanoke Avenue project would be considered the first phase of a larger revitalization project. During this grant phase, the city could potentially acquire the property, clear and prepare the site, and complete eligible improvements necessary to make the property ready for future redevelopment. A developer and final redevelopment plan have not yet been selected. The goal of the initial phase would be to position the property for future redevelopment by a qualified for profit or private developer potentially as part of a broader affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization effort.

She stated in their packets, she has the amounts broken down for what the approximate requests are for property acquisition, clearance activities, housing inspections, surveys, testing and related services, rehabilitation or reconstruction, temporary relocation assistance, initial redevelopment activities, and program administration. These amounts are all preliminary and may change as the application is developed. Final costs will need to be supported by the appraisals, estimates, environmental reviews, and other documentation. Because the developer and final development plan for 201-203 Roanoke Avenue have not been secured, the proposed

approximately $1.6 million allocation may also need to be adjusted to include only those activities that can be clearly defined and completed during the grant period. Any future commercial or mixed-use development that is not eligible for the CDBG funding would require other funding sources. Overall, the proposed application is intended to address substandard housing, remove or address severely deteriorated property, and support the city's broader efforts to improve neighborhoods and encourage future redevelopment.

Planning & Development Director Anderson stated at this time it would be appropriate to open hearing for public comment. If there is no public comment, she recommends adoption of Resolution No. 2026.07.

Mayor Doughtie opened the public hearing and asked for any individuals wishing to speak to come forward.

City Manager Traynham added that Tamisha Evans with Insight Consulting was present. She and her staff have worked to prepare the CDBG application on behalf of the City of Roanoke Rapids. They are currently managing one of the city's other CDBG grants. Her wealth of knowledge is critical in serving the community. She noted there are zero city dollars in this grant application.

Ray Harvey

Mr. Ray Harvey said his question is more for the attorney for the city. He said where he came from, they (citizens) did a land bank. They got together and tied up all the abandoned homes. The city was having them boarded up and people were ripping them down and setting them on fire. He asked how do they get these buildings that don't belong to the City of Roanoke Rapids legally? How can they approach that if they have to go and clean up someone's building? Do they bill them? How does that go when it comes to spending taxpayers' dollars? He keeps seeing this thing about these buildings and the city is just letting them fall down and people don't understand the whole process of doing things. But if they were to start something like that, how can they legally go after the owners?

Attorney Davis explained the city has the power for derelict buildings through various options to condemn them and essentially if an owner won't clean them up, to clean it up for them. The costs that result from that are borne by the city at least initially. The city can try to recoup those costs. This process as far as the CDBG grant, these monies would be used to try to deal with derelict properties and absorb some of those costs without putting them on the taxpayers. The danger with buildings, for instance the 201-203 building on the Avenue, the costs to remediate them is so far in excess of what the value of that property will be once remediation is completed. If you take something down to the ground and essentially leave a vacant lot, a vacant lot is not

going to have any value. They can condemn it or sell that vacant lot, but somebody is not going to pay the $500,000 or whatever it takes to do those demolition costs. Essentially if the city can't recoup those in some way, if the owner of that property doesn't have any other properties they can touch, if they don't have any other assets that you can touch, or maybe they are organizing an LLC, the city can't take a gun and put it to their head and say pay this money or you're going to suffer. It's always a risk to the city when they go in and spend taxpayer money remediating properties. The risk is that they may not recover those funds and so ultimately, they fall on the taxpayer. This is always kind of constant discussion. It's something that small towns across the country in industrial towns like this are having to deal with in the 21st century.

Mr. Harvey said it makes sense. He knows the city doesn't have the money to spend on taking that building down. He understands but was wondering if there was any other way they can go about doing it.

Joey Davis

Mr. Joey Davis stated if it was you or him who owned those buildings, they would be all over them. What they have now that they didn't have years ago has changed. The most powerful people in this town are LLCs.

With no further comments, Mayor Doughtie closed the public hearing.

Mayor Doughtie asked how the numbers listed get where they are for the grant.

Ms. Tamisha Evans with Insight Consulting replied they worked with Ms. Anderson in terms of understanding the project. They asked questions about the acquisitions, clearance, and activities. Based on prior knowledge and information, they did historical research and that's how they determined the amount. Specifically with the construction of the home, they based that on how much the homes for the last grant cost and added 10%.

Mayor Doughtie asked if clearance activities were demolition? Ms. Evans replied clearance activities are demolition.

Attorney Davis clarified that it includes the removal of the debris that comes from demolition. Some folks think demolition is just taking it down, but there's also a cost.

Ms. Evans said environmental is SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) clearance, demolition and removal of the debris.

Councilman Strickland asked if the $5 million was a set amount and can those numbers be adjusted; where did that amount come from? Ms. Evans stated every category on the form is based on what's on that CDBG application. That is how it is allotted.

Mayor Doughtie asked for the new construction of $1,650,000, are there houses on those lots that they will take down? Ms. Evans replied no. For instance, today she was doing the intake of the home applications that came in. It is her part to do the intake format and income verification. Then they have a planning and construction team that is going to go out and determine if they either have a rehabilitation, substantial rehabilitation, or a total reconstruction and rebuilding of the footprint of the current home site.

Mayor Doughtie asked if the $500,000 set for clearance activities would be used to take down some houses that they're going to rebuild. Ms. Evans said the clearance activity is specific for demolition. The construction is for the homes.

Mayor Doughtie confirmed that the homes have to be owner occupied. Ms. Evans replied yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked if the housing rehab and new construction amount listed are for five homes. Ms. Evans replied the housing rehab is for the five homes, and the new construction is for the demolition project.

Councilman Strickland asked if she could give an example of the program administration; what is that fee? Ms. Evans said that's for the grant administrator that actually handles the application process and administration of the application and the grant.

Mayor Doughtie clarified it was five houses, so they are going to be over $300,000 a piece. Ms. Evans said it all depends. There are situations where some homes like they have in the city's current CDBG application where there's lots of change orders because the home is older. Since it is older there's a lot of issues that they've discovered after or during.

Mayor Doughtie confirmed that the owner must live in the house for 8 years? Ms. Evans replied yes.

City Manager Traynham added that the CDBG program requires the city a retain and utilize an experienced CDBG program administrator. Those administration funds are set aside in the grant specifically for a firm to administer the grant. These take several

years. There is a level of paperwork and responsibility that they handle most of it, which takes the load off of city staff; it is well earned. It's part of the program to help get these funds into towns and have that capacity covered.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked if the new construction projected on so many apartments. Ms. Evans replied yes that it is going to be a mixed-use building for low- and moderate-income persons. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked if she had an estimate of how many apartments. Ms. Evans said not at this moment.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bryant, seconded by Councilman Bell and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2026.07 authorizing the submission of the CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization grant application to the NC Department of Commerce.

Old Business

The Villages of Cross Creek Subdivision Final Plat Approval

Planning & Development Director Anderson explained Takata Lake Development submitted the final subdivision plat for The Villages at Cross Creek for City Council's consideration in the September 15, 2026, City Council meeting. The previous motion stated it was for The Villages at Cross Creek, Phase One. The motion needs to be amended for proper recording for The Villages at Cross Creek, SECTION TWO, PHASE ONE Final Plat.

Motion was made by Councilman Strickland, seconded by Councilman Stainback and unanimously carried to amend the previous motion made September 15, 2026, and approve The Villages at Cross Creek, Section Two, Phase One Final Plat.

New Business

Street Acceptance – The Villages of Cross Creek, Section Two, Phase One

Planning & Development Director Anderson said to continue with the Villages at Cross Creek Section Two, Phase One, at the September 15th meeting, they discussed the consideration of street acceptance of these properties. Takata Lake Development has completed the required street and infrastructure improvements associated with this subdivision. The streets proposed for acceptance are Turkey Drive and East Hatteras Drive. The attached final plat map identifies the streets and its associated rights-of-way proposed for dedication and acceptance by the city. The required street improvements have been constructed in accordance with applicable city standards and approved plans. Staff have completed the required review and/or inspections,

and the improvements have been found acceptable for dedication to the city subject to any applicable warranty, maintenance, or closeout requirements. Upon City Council's formal acceptance, the streets will become a part of the city's public street system and the city will assume responsibility for ongoing maintenance in accordance with the applicable city policies. Where eligible, the accepted street mileage may be included in the city's certified street mileage for Powell Bill funding beginning October 7, 2026, should it be approved this evening.

Mayor Doughtie asked if the whole subdivision was within the city limits. Planning & Development Director Anderson replied yes. She added this was just Phase One of the entire subdivision.

Motion was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2026.08 Accepting the dedication of public streets and rights-of-way for The Villages at Cross Creek, Section Two, Phase One.

Demolition Ordinance (618 W. 5th Street)

Code Enforcement Officer Roger Bell stated this house has been on their radar for a while. The property owner lives in New Hampshire and continued to string them along saying he was going to do something with it stating he wanted it to be his retirement home. He made a presentation with photos showing the condition of the property and reviewed the process and timeline of events listed in the following report:

September 21, 2026

To: Kelly Traynham, City Manager

From: Roger Bell, Code Enforcement Officer

Re: 618 W 5th St – Demolition Order

The following is provided as a chronological order of events concerning the above referenced property:

- April 13, 2025 – Formal Process notice sent to property owner Joseph Scheiderman.
- May 9, 2025 – Notice of Hearing sent to property owner Joseph Scheiderman.
- June 5, 2025 – Hearing held at the property with City Planner Anthony Price and myself in attendance.
- June 9, 2025 – Posted Findings of Fact on property. No response from property owner.
- September 9, 2025 – Deadline passes with no response from property owner.

- January 23, 2026 – House is nearly consumed by fire. Left voicemail with property owner concerning the fire and heard no response.

- The current tax value for this building is $0. The total for the assessed land is $20,200.

We determine the structure to be a dilapidated structure as defined by Chapter 150 of the Code of the City of Roanoke Rapids. The staff has properly accomplished the required procedures, and the owner has failed to comply with the Official's Order.

We, therefore, request adoption of an ordinance by City Council directing the Code Enforcement Officer to demolish and remove property as unfit for human habitation and directing that a notice be placed thereon that the same may not be occupied at 618 W. 5th Street.

He presented the following ordinance for City Council's consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026.44

ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE PROPERTY AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND DIRECTING THAT A NOTICE BE PLACED THEREON THAT THE SAME MAY NOT BE OCCUPIED:
618 W 5th St

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids finds that the dwelling described herein is dilapidated and unfit for human habitation under the provisions of the Housing Code, and that all of the procedures of the Code of the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, this dwelling should be removed or demolished, as directed by the Code Enforcement Official, and should be placarded by placing thereon a notice prohibiting the use for human habitation, in that the costs of repairs needed to bring it into compliance with the minimum housing code exceeds **50%** of the current value of the dwelling; and

WHEREAS, the owner of this dwelling has been given a reasonable opportunity to bring the dwelling up to the standards of the Housing Code pursuant to an Order issued by the Code Enforcement Official and the owner has failed to comply with the lawful Order of the Code Enforcement Official to repair or demolish the property within the time therein described; and

WHEREAS, G. S. 160D 1203(5) and Chapter 152 of the Code of the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, empowers the City of Roanoke Rapids to have its Code Enforcement Official to remove or demolish a dwelling when an Order of the Code Enforcement Official has not been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids that:

Section 1. The Code Enforcement Official is hereby authorized and directed to place a placard containing the legend:

> "This building is unfit for human habitation; the use or occupation of this building for human habitation is prohibited and unlawful."

on the building located at **618 W 5th Street**, in the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

Section 2. The Code Enforcement Official is hereby authorized and directed to vacate the dwelling of all occupants and to remove or demolish the dwelling, said dwelling being located at **618 W 5th Street** in the City of Roanoke Rapids North Carolina, and owned by **Joseph Scheiderman.** In accordance with the Order of the Code Enforcement Official issued pursuant to the Minimum Housing Ordinance contained in Chapter 152 of the Code of the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

Section 3. (a) The cost of removal or demolition shall constitute a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred. The lien shall be filed in the office of the City Tax Collector under the provisions of GS Chapter 160D and collected under the provisions of GS Chapter 160A.

(b) Upon completion of the required removal or demolition, the Building Inspector shall sell the materials of the dwelling and credit the proceeds against the cost of removal or demolition. The Code Enforcement Official shall certify the remaining balance to the Tax Collector. If a surplus remains after sale of the materials and satisfaction of the cost of removal or demolition, the Code Enforcement Official shall deposit the surplus in the Superior Court where it shall be secured and disbursed in the manner provided by G. S. 160D-1203 (7).

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or cause to be removed the placard from any building to which it is affixed. It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to occupy or to permit the occupancy of any building therein declared to be unfit for human habitation.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective **Immediately** after its adoption.

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Emery Doughtie, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bryant and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2026.44 directing the Code Enforcement Officer to demolish and remove property as unfit for human habitation and directing that a notice be placed thereon that the same may not be occupied at 618 W. 5th Street.

Demolition Ordinance (284-286 Roanoke Avenue)

Code Enforcement Officer Bell reported this property has been on the agenda in 2008 and issued a demolition order when it had a previous order. That demolition order was rescinded in 2009. They have a new owner who is from Dallas and has been completely unresponsive. They have not responded to any of the city's communication, and the last mailing came back undeliverable. He made a presentation with photos showing the condition of the property and reviewed the process and timeline of events listed in the following report:

August 7, 2026

To: Kelly Traynham, City Manager

From: Roger Bell, Code Enforcement Officer

Re: 284-286 Roanoke Avenue – Demolition Order

The following is provided as a chronological order of events concerning the above referenced property:

- April 2, 2026 – I spoke with Dr. Brown, who expressed concern about her building at 280 Roanoke Avenue receiving water from a roof leak at 284-86 Roanoke Avenue. Formal process began against the building.
- April 14, 2026 – Hearing notice was sent to property owner for the condition of the building.
- May 12, 2026 – Hearing held at the property with myself, along with James Curry and Cody Carter from the city's Public Works Department in attendance.
- July 12, 2026 – Sixty-day deadline passes without any contact from property owner or improvements to the structure.
- The current tax value for this building is $9,200. The cost for repairs to the structure should exceed $50,000.

We determine the structure to be an unsafe building as defined by Chapter 150 of the Code of the City of Roanoke Rapids. The staff has properly accomplished the required procedures and the owner has failed to comply with the Official's Order.

We therefore request adoption of an ordinance by City Council directing the Code Enforcement Officer to demolish and remove property as unfit for human habitation and directing that a notice be placed thereon that the same may not be occupied at 284 – 286 Roanoke Avenue.

He presented the following ordinance for City Council's consideration:

ORDINANCE NO 2026.45

ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE PROPERTY AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND DIRECTING THAT A NOTICE BE PLACED THEREON THAT THE SAME MAY NOT BE OCCUPIED:
284-286 Roanoke Avenue

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids finds that the dwelling described herein is dilapidated and unfit for human habitation under the provisions of the Housing Code, and that all of the procedures of the Code of the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, this dwelling should be removed or demolished, as directed by the Code Enforcement Official, and should be placarded by placing thereon a notice prohibiting the use for human habitation, in that the costs of repairs needed to bring it into compliance with the minimum housing code exceeds **50%** of the current value of the dwelling; and

WHEREAS, the owner of this dwelling has been given a reasonable opportunity to bring the dwelling up to the standards of the Housing Code pursuant to an Order issued by the Code Enforcement Official and the owner has failed to comply with the lawful Order of the Code Enforcement Official to repair or demolish the property within the time therein described; and

WHEREAS, G. S. 160D 1203(5) and Chapter 150 of the Code of the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, empowers the City of Roanoke Rapids to have its Code Enforcement Official to remove or demolish a dwelling when an Order of the Code Enforcement Official has not been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids that:

Section 1. The Code Enforcement Official is hereby authorized and directed to place a placard containing the legend:

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on the building located at **284-286 Roanoke Avenue**, in the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

Section 2. The Code Enforcement Official is hereby authorized and directed to vacate the dwelling of all occupants and to remove or demolish the dwelling, said dwelling being located at **284-286 Roanoke Avenue** in the City of Roanoke Rapids North Carolina, and owned by **Imperium Global Management** In accordance with the Order of the Code Enforcement Official issued pursuant to the Minimum Housing Ordinance contained in Chapter 150 of the Code of the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

Section 3. (a) The cost of removal or demolition shall constitute a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred. The lien shall be filed in the office of the City Tax Collector under the provisions of GS Chapter 160D and collected under the provisions of GS Chapter 160A.

(b) Upon completion of the required removal or demolition, the Building Inspector shall sell the materials of the dwelling and credit the proceeds against the cost of removal or demolition. The Code Enforcement Official shall certify the remaining balance to the Tax Collector. If a surplus remains after sale of the materials and satisfaction of the cost of removal or demolition, the Code Enforcement Official shall deposit the surplus in the Superior Court where it shall be secured and disbursed in the manner provided by G. S. 160D-1203 (7).

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Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective **Immediately** after its adoption.

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Emery Doughtie, Mayor

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bryant, seconded by Councilman Stainback and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2026.45 directing the Code Enforcement Officer to demolish and remove property as unfit for human habitation and directing that a notice be placed thereon that the same may not be occupied at 284 – 286 Roanoke Avenue.

Budget Ordinance (Fire Recovery Program)

In the absence of Acting Deputy Finance Director Rourk, City Manager Traynham reported the Fire Department received $1,113.13 for the Fire Recovery Program. She presented the following ordinance for their consideration:

Ordinance No. 2026.46
CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS
BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS:

SECTION 1. The following additional amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of City Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE A – PROJECT FUND REVENUES

Fire Dept – Fire Recovery Program **Project Revenues** – (100-36013-000-000000)	**$1,113.13**
FUND PROJECT TOTAL	**$1,113.13**

SECTION 2. The following additional revenues and reductions in appropriations are available for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, in order to meet the foregoing appropriations, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE B – PROJECT FUND EXPENDITURES

Fire Dept – Fire Recovery Program **Project Expenditures** – (100-54047-400-000000)	**$1,113.13**
FUND PROJECT TOTAL	**$1,113.13**

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

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Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Strickland, and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2026.46 in the amount of $1,113.13 for the Fire Recovery Program.

Budget Ordinance (Library Donations)

City Manager Traynham reported the library received donations in the amount of $1,245.00. She presented the following ordinance for their consideration:

Ordinance No. 2026.47
CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS
BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS:

SECTION 1. The following additional amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of City Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE A – PROJECT FUND REVENUES

Library- Donations- Friends of Library Project Revenues- Library (100-35505-000-000000)	$1,245.00
FUND PROJECT TOTAL	**$1,245.00**

SECTION 2. The following additional revenues and reductions in appropriations are available for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, in order to meet the foregoing appropriations, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE B – PROJECT FUND EXPENDITURES

Library-Donations- Friends of Library Project Expenditures- Library (100-54068-660-000000)	$1,245.00
FUND PROJECT TOTAL	**$1,245.00**

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

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Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilman Stainback, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2026.47 in the amount of $1,245.00 for donations to the library.

Budget Ordinance (Dixie Street Bridge Repair)

City Manager Traynham reported the Dixie Street Bridge that serves Chaloner Recreation Park needs repair. The last two reports over the past four years have shown continued degradation of the bridge. The city has applied for grants to replace the bridge for $750,000-$900,000 but were declined. After consulting with the NCDOT bridge engineer and three different contractors, there was a consensus for an alternative approach. It is recommended that a complete superstructure replacement occurs with an additional joist which will help increase the weight limit posting back up to 10 tons (recently reduced to 5 tons). This alternative is recommended as the most economical and beneficial method, extending the life of the bridge for another 20-25 more years. The lump sum quote is $85,000 from S&C Construction, LLC located in Wilmington, NC. The timeframe for construction is 1 to 2 weeks. She presented the following ordinance for their consideration:

Ordinance No. 2026.48
CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS
BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS:

SECTION 1. The following additional amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of City Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE A – PROJECT FUND REVENUES

Fund Balance- Dixie Street Bridge Repair	
Project Revenues-Dixie Street Bridge Repair (100-36045-000-000000)	$85,000.00
FUND PROJECT TOTAL	**$85,000.00**

SECTION 2. The following additional revenues and reductions in appropriations are available for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, in order to meet the foregoing appropriations, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE B – PROJECT FUND EXPENDITURES

General Fund- Dixie Street Bridge Repair	
Project Expenditures- Dixie Street Bridge Repair (100-53500-530-000000)	$85,000.00
FUND PROJECT TOTAL	**$85,000.00**

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

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Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bryant, seconded by Councilman Bell, and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2026.48 in the amount of $85,000 for the repairs to the Dixie Street Bridge.

Budget Ordinance (Fire Department Service Vehicle Purchase)

Fire Chief Cook said he would like to request $30,000 to replace two service trucks. He explained that a service truck is basically what ISO calls an equipment truck. Currently they use two donated vehicles from Dominion that they have retrofitted to somewhat meet their needs, but they do not completely meet their needs. They are unable to get points on their ISO inspection because they can't carry all the equipment on one vehicle. Looking around, they found a 2004 F-750 that Roanoke Wildwood has. It's in good condition and it would meet their needs in the long term. It's ready to go and the only thing they need to do is put equipment on it and paint it. They don't generally ask for service trucks because fire engines cost a million dollars and ladder trucks cost $2 million. This is not a first-out vehicle, but it is a needed vehicle. It carries things like extra fans, extra lights, SCBA bottles. It carries a cascade system, which is what we use to fill SCBA bottles on scene. It carries rehab equipment so when it's 100° outside, they have to take the guys and rehab them and get them back

in to fight more fire. If they could purchase this vehicle, they could turn around and sell the other two vehicles to recoup some of that cost. He presented the following ordinance for their consideration:

Ordinance No. 2026.49
CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS
BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS:

SECTION 1. The following additional amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of City Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE A – PROJECT FUND REVENUES

Fund Balance	
Project Revenues-Fire Department Service Vehicle (100-36045-000-000000)	$30,000.00
FUND PROJECT TOTAL	**$30,000.00**

SECTION 2. The following additional revenues and reductions in appropriations are available for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, in order to meet the foregoing appropriations, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE B – PROJECT FUND EXPENDITURES

General Fund	
Project Expenditures-Fire Department Service Vehicle (100-60000-400-000000)	$30,000.00
FUND PROJECT TOTAL	**$30,000.00**

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

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Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor

Mayor Doughtie confirmed it was a 2004. Chief Cook said that was correct. Right now, they are using 1999 F-250 that they retrofitted and 1993 International. They cannot get all the equipment on either one to receive point on the ISO inspection.

Councilman Stainback asked if the requested truck had a generator on it. Chief Cook replied it does have a 10-kW generator on it which that alone on a fire engine was approximately $30,000.

Councilman Stainback said he understands this truck is way under market value. Chief Cook said originally, they were asking $60,000, they reduced it to $45,000. He spoke to Chief Wilkins, and he said the truck was in good shape, and they wanted to see someone else in the area get use out of it. Chief Cook said he made an offer of $30,000 and they accepted it.

Councilman Stainback stated he feels it is a great deal. Now, they would only need one driver for the equipment truck. Plus, they will sell the other two trucks to recoup some of the cost and it has a generator.

Councilman Bell added it will also help with the state insurance rating.

City Manager Traynham said this would be to consolidate, two for one. When they sell the older vehicles when they are deemed surplus, the funds would return to fund balance, not the department.

Mayor Doughtie asked if this was why they were considering purchasing a vehicle now because it's a good deal; they generally don't buy a new vehicle in the middle of the year. City Manager Traynham said it was meeting a long-term need. It is the right opportunity at the right price which will serve the taxpayers well.

Motion was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Stainback, and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2026.49 in the amount of $30,000 to purchase a 2004 Ford F-750 service truck for the Fire Department.

Ordinance for Slow Moving Traffic (Christmas on the Avenue)

Police Chief Wiggins said NCDOT has requested the City acquire a permit for the use of Roanoke Avenue to have hayrides during the City's annual Christmas on the Avenue scheduled Friday, December 4, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. He presented the following ordinance for City Council's consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026.50
AN ORDINANCE DECLARING USE OF A ROAD FOR SLOW MOVING TRAFFIC ASSOCIATED WITH CHRISTMAS ON THE AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids acknowledges a tradition of providing an annual Christmas tree lighting and events for the pleasure of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids acknowledges its citizens realize a financial benefit from holding an annual Christmas parade; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids acknowledges this type of event requires approximately four (4) hours of slow-moving traffic, such as Hayrides, traveling from 600 Roanoke Avenue to 1026 Roanoke Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that they do hereby declare use of a road for slow moving vehicles associated with Christmas on the Avenue during the day(s) and times set forth below on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

Date(s): Friday, December 4, 2026

Times: 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Route Description: Roanoke Avenue (NC 48) between 11th Street and Jarman Street

This ordinance will become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the parade, and implementation of adequate traffic control to guide through vehicles around the parade route.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October 2026.

Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilman Stainback, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bryant, and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2026.50 declaring use of a road for slow moving traffic associated with Christmas on the Avenue on December 4, 2026.

Ordinance for Temporary Road Closure (Christmas Parade)

Police Chief Wiggins said NCDOT has made changes regarding closures of state roads for special events, it is necessary to adopt an ordinance in order to temporarily close Roanoke Avenue (NC 48) for the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade on December 6, 2026. He presented the following ordinance for City Council's consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026.51
AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOR A CHRISTMAS PARADE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids acknowledges a long tradition of providing an annual Christmas parade for the pleasure of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids acknowledges its citizens realize a financial benefit from holding an annual Christmas parade; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids acknowledges a parade requires approximately two (2) hours to install signing and traffic control, and also requires approximately two (2) hours for removing signs, traffic control and litter;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that they do hereby declare a temporary road closure during the day(s) and times set forth below on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

Date(s): Sunday, December 6, 2026

Times: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Route Description: Roanoke Avenue (NC 48) between 14th Street and 1st Street

This ordinance will become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the parade, and implementation of adequate traffic control to guide through vehicles around the parade route.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October 2026.

Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilman Strickland, seconded by Councilman Stainback, and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2026.51 declaring a temporary road closure for the Christmas Parade on December 6, 2026.

Lease for Boy Scout Hut

Parks & Recreation Director Daughtry reported for more than 25 years, the city has leased the facility behind the Jo Story Senior Center to the Rotary Club to host E.A. "Pro" Lewis Scout Hut Troop 144. Affectionately known by locals as the "Boy Scout Hut," this building has seen generations of youth pass through its doors to learn essential life skills and build character. This partnership has been highly successful, and through the renewal of this agreement, the city proudly continues its long-standing support of our local youth and Scouting America. The lease is for ten years, with an expiration date of June 30, 2036. She requested City Council approve the lease.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked if there was any cost associated with it. Parks & Recreation Director Daughtry replied it is $1 per year they would pay the city.

Attorney Davis added there is really no other use that anyone could make of it. That is the fair market value to the extent that there is only one market, the Boy Scouts.

City Manager Traynham confirmed that the city does not pay for the utilities. Parks & Recreation Director Daughtry said the Rotary Club pays the utilities for the Boy Scouts.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bryant, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried to approve the lease with the Rotary Club of Roanoke Rapids, NC, Inc. for the building known as the Boy Scout Hut for a period of ten years.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Traynham presented and reviewed the following report:

Community

- Halifax County Harvest Days, **October 16-17**, 4-H Rural Life Center, Halifax

- **October 28** Halloween Event at Library, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
- **October 31**
  TJ Davis Complex:
  - Trunk or Treat, 5:30 – 8:00 PM
  - Halloween Carnival, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

  Chaloner Rec Center - Halloween Party 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  Library will be open on Saturday, October 31, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
  Harvest Fest Family Event @ 339 Roanoke Ave, 11:00 – 3:00

She stated they were accepting donations of individually wrapped candy to support these events. Donations may be dropped off at City Hall or another City facility. Anyone interested in hosting a trunk can reach out to the Parks & Rec department.

Main Street

- October's First Friday at 1026 Roanoke Ave was held on October 2nd from 6:00-8:00 PM Approximately 180 individuals attended and enjoyed samples from local restaurant vendors including Redd's Bar & Grill, Second Street Lunch, and Naomi's Pudding. Please join us for the next event on Friday, November 6.
- Ribbon Cutting held yesterday at Redd's To-Go at 1300 Roanoke Ave.
- Main Street Committee will meet on 10/12 in City Hall

City Manager Traynham noted Mr. Davis's comment earlier, staff were aware that the Centennial clock needed repair. The parts have been ordered, and they are waiting for an electrician to install them.

Parks & Recreation

- Senior Center
  - Grief Support with Nancy Hux at 2:00 PM on 10/19
  - State Fair Trip on 10/20
- Parks & Rec –The RecDesk online program provides 24/7 access for participant registration and payments making it convenient for parents/guardians to complete. https://rrparksandrec.recdesk.com o Youth Basketball registration deadline 10/31, boys and girls ages 6-14; $35 residents, $60 non-residents

City Manager Traynham reported the Planning & Development Department is managing several projects including the CDBG application. Adding to the earlier conversation, applying for this grant is not the only solution. This is something the city can do within their control to apply for; it does not alleviate the property owner from taking care of their property. It does not prevent any other actions from taking place.

Fire

- October is Fire Prevention Month

Public Works

- Preparing vehicles and equipment for loose leaf collection, begins November 1

- Plans to install an ADA ramp at intersection of 7th St. and Jackson St. to expand access to Centennial Park
- Overseeing repairs to the City Hall façade/roof

Administration/HR/Finance
- Flu Shot Clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 in Human Resources

Police Department
- **Taking it to the Streets** – Community Walk, Wednesday, October 14 from 5:00-7:00 PM, meet up at South Rosemary Church
- **Community Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, October 19 from 6:30 – 8:00 at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church at Becker and Clearfield Drive.

City Council
- Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 5:30 PM

American Legion Shaw-May Post 38 held its annual **First Responders' Awards & Recognition Ceremony** on Monday, October 5.

- ❖ Police Officer of the Year: Morgan Worrell, Lieutenant
- ❖ Firefighter of the Year: Will Harris, Lieutenant

Veteran Voices Matter Town Hall Meeting – Tues., Oct. 27
The Halifax County Veterans Advisory Board invites area veterans to attend its Veteran Voices Matter Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, October 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, 10 North King Street, in Halifax. The town hall will provide an open forum for Halifax County veterans to share ideas, express concerns, and recommend improvements to veteran programs, services, and community support. Veterans throughout Halifax County are encouraged to attend, make their voices heard, and help shape future efforts to better serve the county's veteran community. Additional information or questions can be referred to Board Vice Chair Dave Sammons by calling/texting 919-262-6177.

Cycle NC – Wednesday, October 7, 2026.
The City will provide transportation support for Cycle NC from approximately 4:00 – 9:00 PM for the purpose of shuttling cyclists from River Falls Park in Weldon to local hotels and dinner locations. There are over 100 hotel rooms booked in Roanoke Rapids, and we expect local restaurants to be very busy. This event is expected to provide a positive economic impact for our area.

Halifax County Board of Elections Early Voting Plan; Election Day: November 3
Local Site: New Town Resource Center, 116 W 3rd St, Roanoke Rapids NC 27870

One-Stop Hours:
Thursday, October 15 through Friday, October 16 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Monday, October 19 through Friday, October 23 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Monday, October 26 through Friday, October 30 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 31 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

She encouraged those who may have any questions regarding the Early Voting plan to contact the Board of Elections Office at 252-583-4391.

Other Business/Closed Session

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant stated that previously City Council had discussed having a clean-up day. They will probably hold two clean up days. She announced the first one would be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, for Emry Park from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. It has also been brought to their attention that Chockoyotte Park needs some clean up so they are planning to meet Monday, October 26th, which is a teacher's workday so students will be available to help. They will start at 10 a.m. She invited everyone to come out and help.

Motion was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried to go into closed session to consult with the city attorney as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3).

City Council took a brief recess before going into closed session.

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Minute Book Pages 22557 – 22559 contain Minutes and General Account of a Closed Session which have been sealed until such time as public inspection of those minutes would not frustrate the purpose of the Closed Session.

Open Session/Adjournment

City Council returned to Open Session. No action was taken.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Stainback, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Traci V. Storey

Traci V. Storey, City Clerk

Approved by Council Action on: October 20, 2026