



City of Harrisonburg

409 S. Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Meeting Agenda - Final City Council

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Roll Call

2. Moment of Silence

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Special Recognition

5. Consent Agenda (any item placed on the consent agenda shall be removed and taken up as a separate matter, if so requested by any member of Council, otherwise all items will be voted on with one (1) motion)

5.a. Minutes from the October 13, 2026 City Council meeting

Attachments: [minutes](#)

5.b. Consider the special event application request for the Veterans Parade on Sunday, November 8, 2026.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
 [Special Event Application](#)

5.c. Consider the special event application request for HDR's Winter Wonderfest & Harrisonburg's Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 5, 2026.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
 [Special Event Application](#)

5.d. Consider the special event application request for the Rocktown Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 26, 2026.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
 [Special Event Application](#)

- 5.e. Consider a request to amend the definition of “Dwelling, single-family” within the Zoning Ordinance to include qualifying manufactured homes

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
 [Extract from Planning Commission](#)
 [Current Ordinance Reflecting Recommended Amendments](#)
 [PC Memorandum](#)
 [Public Hearing Notice](#)
 [Presentation](#)

- 5.f. Consider a request from Eastern Mennonite School to amend the master plan at 701 and 801 Parkwood Drive and 1251 Virginia Avenue

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
 [Extract from Planning Commission](#)
 [Site Map](#)
 [Applicant's supporting documentation](#)
 [PC Memorandum](#)
 [Notice of Public Hearing](#)
 [Surrounding property owners notice](#)
 [Presentation](#)

- 5.g. Consider a request to amend the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the minimum lot width for single-family detached dwellings in the R-8 district

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
 [Extract from Planning Commission](#)
 [Current Ordinance Reflecting Recommended Amendments](#)
 [PC Memorandum](#)
 [Public Hearing Notice](#)
 [Presentation](#)

6. Public Hearings

7. Regular Items

- 7.a. Letter opposing the U.S. Department of Commerce’s proposal to alter the demographic questions and residence criteria for the Decennial Census

Attachments: [City Comment on Census Proposed Rule v.2](#)

- 7.b. Consider adopting the 2027 Legislative Agenda

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
 [Presentation](#)

8. Other Matters

8.a. Comments from the public, limited to five minutes, on matters not on the regular agenda. (Name and address are required)

8.b. City Council and Staff

9. Boards and Commissions

Visit <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/boards> to see current and upcoming vacancies.

9.a. Harrisonburg Electric Commission (HEC)

Attachments: [Craig Anders](#)
 [Edward Yoder](#)
 [Aaron Ludwig](#)
 [Letter from HEC](#)

10. Closed Session

Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

11. Adjournment

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- The City's website, <https://harrisonburg-va.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
- Public Education Government Channel 1072

A phone line will also be live where residents will be allowed to call in and speak with City Council during the Public Hearings and the Public Comments portion of the night's meeting. We ask those that wish to speak during the public comment period to not call in until after all the public hearings and public comment on those have been heard. This will avoid anyone calling on any other item from holding up the queue and then being asked to call back at a later time.

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