



CITY OF EMPORIA

**AGENDA
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2026 - 6:30 P.M.**

OPENING PRAYER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation - Black History Month - February 1-28, 2026

NEW BUSINESS

26-10. Briefing by Dr. Farquharson on School Accreditation

26-11. Emporia Multi-Intersection Pedestrian Safety Project – VDOT Project Update

26-12. Reimbursement Resolution – Future Tax-Exempt Financing for Police Headquarters Facility

26-13. Ratification of Resolution Declaring a Local Emergency – January 23, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Speakers are limited to 3 minutes)

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2 3711, (A) (3) Real Property (A)(7) Probable Litigation and (A)(29) Contracts

**MINUTES
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
January 20, 2026**

Note to Reader: Although the printed agenda for this City Council meeting is not part of these minutes, the agenda document provides background information on the items discussed by the City Council during the meeting. A copy of the agenda document for this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Clerk.

Emporia City Council held a meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, located at 201 South Main Street, Emporia, Dr. Carolyn S. Carey, Mayor of Council, presided over the meeting with Council Member Threat offering the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council members were present:

Councilwoman Alvina Matthews
Councilman Mark S. Lilly
Councilwoman Carol Mercer
Councilman James C. Saunders
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple
Councilwoman Doris T. White
Councilman Clifton Threat

Others present:

Dr. Carolyn S. Carey, Mayor
William E. Johnson III, City Manager
Eric A. Gregory, City Attorney
Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk
Alicia Hargrove, Finance Director
Karen A. Taylor, Treasurer
Alton Mason, Director of Public Services
Joyce Prince, Commission of Revenue
Troy Hawkins, Chief, EPD
Troy Allen, IT Manager
Shanetta Beck, Economic Development Manager
Dameon White, Interim Sheriff
Mike Rae, Emergency Services & Risk Management Coordinator
Brian Petty, Building/Fire Official
Jeffrey Davis, Superintendent WTP

Absent:

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mayor Carey stated that the Council had the minutes for Wednesday, September 24, 2025, Joint Meeting and Tuesday, December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting and asked if there are any additions or corrections.

Councilwoman Temple moved to approve the minutes for the Wednesday, September 24, 2025, Joint Meeting and Tuesday, December 16, 2025 Regular meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A listing of the December 2025 bills was presented to City Council members.

General Fund	\$	1,370,646.18
Utility Fund	\$	896,182.29

Councilman Saunders moved to approve the December 2025 bills as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

FINANCIAL AND TAX REPORTS

Honorable Karen A. Taylor, City Treasurer, provided her report to City Council members. There were no questions regarding her report.

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE REPORT

Honorable Joyce E. Prince, Commissioner of the Revenue, provided her report to City Council members. There were no questions regarding her report.

PERMIT AND INSPECTION REPORT

Mike Allen, Code Official, provided his report to City Council members. There were no questions concerning his report.

POLICE REPORT

Troy Hawkins, Chief of Police, provided his report to City Council members. There were no questions concerning his report.

CITY SHERIFF REPORT

Dameon White, Interim Sheriff, provided his report to City Council members. There were no questions concerning his report.

Councilman Saunders stated that, as the city is halfway through the fiscal year, he had reviewed current tax collection data. He noted that sales and use taxes, including meals and transient occupancy taxes, are performing above expectations. He also referenced revenues from Rosie's, recalling that during the budget process he had expressed some concern about whether the projected amount would be met. He noted that the city budgeted approximately \$800,000 from this source and that revenues are currently tracking close to that figure.

Councilman Saunders further stated that the one revenue category lagging behind projections is selective taxes. He noted that \$650,000 was budgeted for this category, but at the six-month mark, collections total approximately \$211,000. On an annual basis, this would project \$425,000, placing revenues approximately \$200,000 below budgeted expectations. He stated that he wanted to bring this matter to Council's attention.

Councilman Saunders also asked the Treasurer to review the trend in uncollected utility bills. He expressed concern about a continued increase in receivables and suggested the city consider whether additional steps may be necessary. He clarified that he was not requesting an immediate response but wanted the matter reviewed, noting that in the past, when collection policies were relaxed, receivables increased significantly before corrective action was taken.

Councilman Saunders then requested that the City Manager consider preparing a six-month budget comparison report, like reports provided in prior years. He explained that such a report would show budgeted amounts alongside six-month actual revenues and expenditures, acknowledging that certain revenues, such as real estate taxes collected primarily in December, may not be fully reflected but would still provide a useful snapshot of the City's financial position.

Mr. Johnson responded that staff could prepare a report.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Johnson requested that City Council amend the agenda to add Item 26-09. Item 26-09 is a request to schedule a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, to allow the operation of a non-emergency medical transportation service at 441 South Main Street.

Councilman Threat made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Councilman Lilly, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Councilman Threat read a Resolution of Distinguished Recognition honoring Katie Michelle Roach for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouts of the USA. The resolution highlighted Ms. Roach's progression through the Girl Scout program, her leadership accomplishments, and completion of her Gold Award project, which provides sports equipment and apparel to children in the community through partnerships with local organizations.

City Council congratulated Ms. Roach and extended best wishes for her continued success.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing – Code Amendment Section 74-1.1: Enforcement of Vehicle Size and Weight; Participation in the DMV Locality Disbursement Program

Mayor Carey opened the public hearing and turned the matter over to staff.

Captain Jarrett, on behalf of the Emporia Police Department, provided an overview of the proposed ordinance, which formally authorizes the Emporia Police Department to enforce vehicle size and weight regulations pursuant to §46.2-1137 of the Code of Virginia and allows the City to participate in the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Locality Weight Enforcement Disbursement Program. He explained that adoption of the ordinance would allow fines and citations associated with commercial motor vehicle enforcement to be returned to the city rather than the Commonwealth.

Mayor Carey asked if anyone wished to speak. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed.

NEW BUSINESS

26-01. Code Amendment Section 74-1.1: Enforcement of Vehicle Size and Weight; Participation in the DMV Locality Disbursement Program

Councilman Saunders made a motion to approve and adopt the Code Amendment Section 74-1.1: Enforcement of Vehicle Size and Weight; Participation in the DMV Locality Disbursement Program ordinance, seconded by Councilman Lilly, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

NEW BUSINESS

26-02 Animal Control Operations – Feral Cat Management and Shelter Capacity – Request for Public Hearing

Mayor Carey introduced Item 26-02, a request to authorize a public hearing regarding Animal Control Operations related to feral cat management and shelter capacity.

Councilman Threat made a motion to authorize a public hearing on this matter to be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, seconded by Councilman Saunders, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye

26-03 Appropriation of 2026 HEAT Training Grant Funds

Mr. Johnson explained that the Emporia Police Department has been awarded \$5,000 through the Virginia State Police Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) Program for calendar year 2026. He stated that the grant will support specialized training related to auto theft investigation and enforcement. The grant requires no local match. Staff requested that City Council appropriate the funds in the amount of \$5,000 to Line Item 5540 – Convention and Education.

Councilman Lilly made a motion to approve and adopt the ordinance for the appropriation of the 2026 HEAT Training Grant funds in the amount of \$5,000, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

26-04 Acceptance of DCJS Operation Ceasefire Grant and Reappropriation of Funds

Mr. Johnson reported that the Emporia Police Department has been awarded \$175,000 in state special funds through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice (DCJS) Operation Ceasefire Program for the grant period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027. He stated that the grant requires no local match and that the Statement of Grant Award has been executed, with the City of Emporia serving as the subgrantee.

Mr. Johnson explained that the grant will support the Police Department’s efforts to reduce gun violence and gang-related crime using forensic and analytical technology, data-driven policing strategies, and regional intelligence sharing. Staff requested authorization to appropriate \$175,000 to Line Item 3320 – Maintenance Service Contracts.

Councilman Saunders made a motion to approved acceptance of the DCJS Operation Ceasefire Grant and adopt the ordinance authorizing the reappropriation of funds, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

26-05 Acceptance of DCJS Operation Ceasefire Grant and Reappropriation of Funds

Mr. Johnson reported that the Emporia Police Department has been awarded an additional grant through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice (DCJS) Operation Ceasefire Program for the grant

period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, in the amount of \$210,000 in state special funds. He stated that the grant requires no local match and that the City of Emporia will serve as the subgrantee.

Mr. Johnson explained that the grant will fund two part-time Violence Intervention and Prevention Specialist positions, directly supporting Operation Ceasefire enforcement and violence reduction activities. Staff requested authorization to appropriate \$210,000 for salaries, FICA, and training-related expenses within the Police Department.

Councilman Lilly made a motion to accept and adopt the ordinance for the of the DCJS Operation Ceasefire Grant and authorized the reappropriation of funds, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

26-06. Agenda Item Request by Councilman Saunders – Important Information About Your Water Service Line - Letter

Councilman Saunders stated that he requested this item be placed on the agenda following concerns raised by residents regarding a recently mailed notice related to the EPA Lead and Copper Rule. He stated that residents expressed concern about the wording of the letter and felt it caused unnecessary alarm. Councilman Saunders explained that, given limited media outlets, he believed it was important to address the matter publicly to provide clarification and reassurance.

Mr. Melvin Prince presented the presentation below:

City of Emporia

Lead & Copper Rule Revision Update



March 2, 2024
Prepared By: Melvin W. Prince Jr.
Director of Public Services

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Lead & Copper Rule Revision Update

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released revisions to its Lead and Copper Rule in 2021. The revisions require water providers to identify the material of water service lines within their water supply systems and to develop a Lead Service Line Inventory by October 16, 2024.

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- o We received a Grant through VDH for Assistance with this Program in the amount of \$250,000.
- o We have teamed with Black & Veatch to help us with this monumental task. They have been assisting us with this since May 2023.
- o Next steps are vacuum excavation on both sides of Water Meter to determine piping material.
- o EPA has a chart to go by to determine how many excavations are required.
- o We will need to excavate 361 sites throughout the City to meet EPA requirements.

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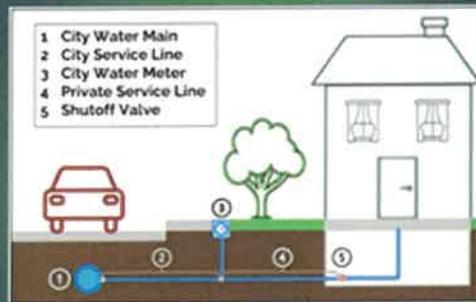
- o Task 1 & Task 2 - Administration of Project and LCRR Deliverable Execution to EPA \$150,000.
- o Task 3 - Field Verification and Investigation \$100,000. This will allow contractor to do 100 sites which leaves 261 sites that will have to be addressed.
- o Total Cost - \$250,000

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- o The City of Emporia water has met or surpassed all federal water quality standards. This includes testing for lead to ensure our water is safe to drink.
- o We are happy to report that our water distribution system remains in full compliance with the EPA's current regulations.
- o The water servicing the City of Emporia is non-detectable for lead as it leaves Emporia's Water Treatment Plant.

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We have created a Water Service Line Self-Identification Survey for our customers to report their service line material to the City of Emporia Utilities.



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Pipe Material

Please see the information below on identifying factors of each material.

- o **Plastic:** White, blue or black in color and will often be labeled "PVC." Magnet will not stick. Difficult to scratch, little to no color change.
- o **Copper:** Copper or brown color. May have green tint. Magnet will not stick. Shiny copper color like a penny when scratched.
- o **Galvanized Steel:** Black, silver, gray or rust in color. Magnet will stick. Harder metal is somewhat difficult material to scratch (silver or gray color when scratched).
- o **Lead:** Dull gray color. Magnet will not stick. Soft metal scratches easily with a key or a coin and produces silver or gray scratch. May appear bulged where connected to the valve.

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Questions, comments?

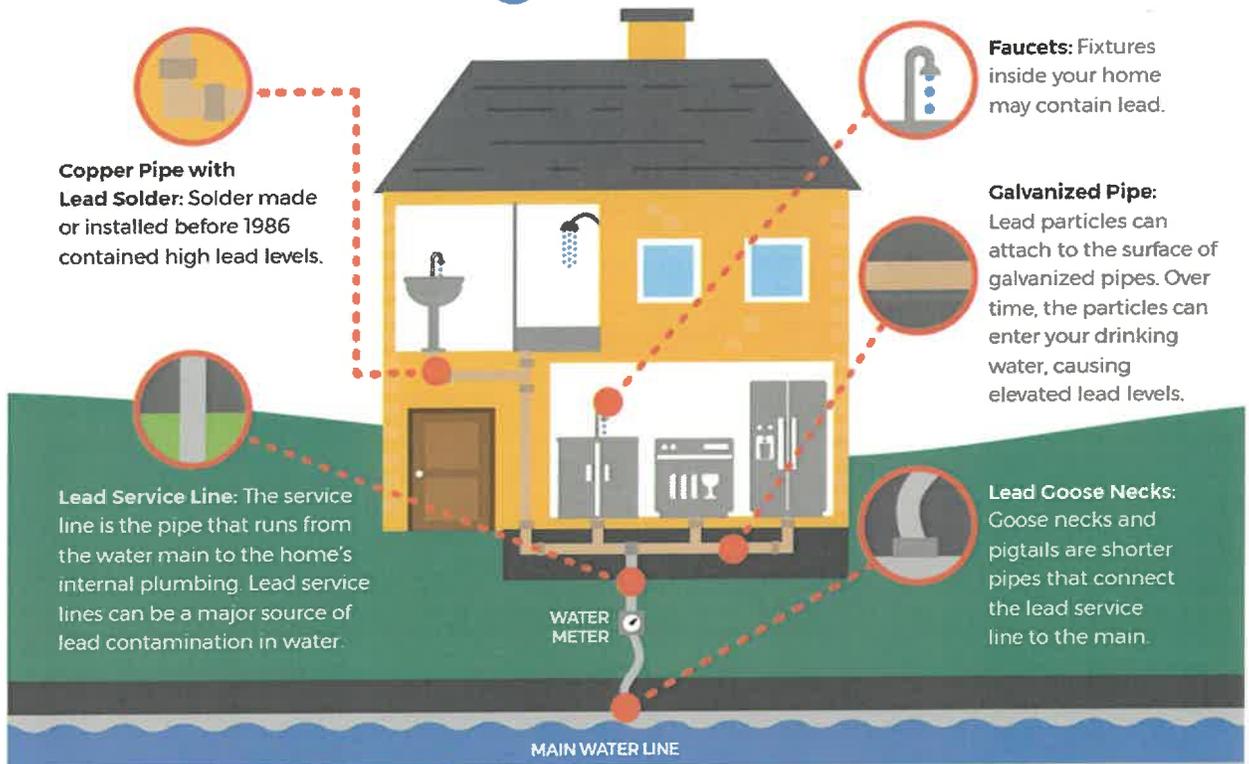


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CONCERNED ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER?

Sources of **LEAD** in Drinking Water



Reduce Your Exposure To Lead



Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. *Boiling water does not remove lead from water.*



Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator)



Consider using a water filter certified to remove lead and know when it's time to replace the filter.



Before drinking, flush your pipes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes

To find out for certain if you have lead in drinking water, **have your water tested.**

Replace Your Lead Service Line



Water systems are required to replace lead service lines if a water system cannot meet EPA's Lead Action Level through optimized corrosion control treatment.

Replacement of the lead service line is often the responsibility of both the utility and homeowner.

Homeowners can contact their water system to learn about how to remove the lead service line.

Identify Other Lead Sources In Your Home

Lead in homes can also come from sources other than water. If you live in a home built before 1978, you may want to have your paint tested for lead. Consider contacting your doctor to have your children tested if you are concerned about lead exposure.





You are served by an unknown service line Your service line material is unknown, but may be lead

We recently completed a service line inventory for our waterworks and we are required to notify you.
City of Emporia Public Utilities
{Melvin W. Prince Jr. 434-634-4241}

Health effects of lead.

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.

Steps you can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water.

- **Run your water before use.** Daily, allow the water to run at the tap for 5 minutes to flush water through the service line and plumbing in the house before using it for drinking or cooking. Taking a shower, running the dishwasher or flushing the toilet will also flush your lines.
- **Use cold water for drinking, cooking and preparing baby formula.** Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap as lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.
- **Clean your aerator.** Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. If lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.
- **Do not boil water to remove lead.** Boiling water does not remove lead.
- **Obtain an NSF (National Sanitation Foundation) Certified home water treatment device** that is certified to remove lead.
- **Identify and replace plumbing fixtures** containing lead and any copper piping with lead solder.
- **Check home wiring.** Water service lines are sometimes used to ground electrical lines. The wiring in your home or building may be attached to your water service line or elsewhere in your plumbing. If you have a lead service line, this can accelerate its corrosion. Have a licensed electrician check your wiring.
- **Get your child tested.** Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child's blood tested for lead if you are concerned about exposure.

Opportunities to Verify Lead Service Materials

Go to Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead can help you learn where your drinking water comes from, check the pipes that bring water into your home, reduce exposure to lead, and find resources about certified laboratories to get drinking water tested for lead.

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead>





You are served by a galvanized requiring replacement service line Your service line may contain lead

We recently completed a service line inventory for our waterworks and we are required to notify you.

City of Emporia Public Utilities
Melvin W. Prince Jr., Director of Public Services
mprince@ci.emporia.va.us]

Health effects of lead.

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.

Lead is a common metal that has been in many consumer products but is now known to be harmful to human health if ingested or inhaled. It can be found in lead-based paint, air, soil, household dust, food, some types of pottery, and drinking water. Lead is rarely found in natural sources of water such as rivers, lakes, wells or springs.

The EPA has defined "Galvanized Requiring Replacement" to mean where a galvanized service line is or was at any time downstream of a lead service line or is currently downstream of a "Lead Status Unknown" service line. If the water system is unable to demonstrate that the galvanized service line was never downstream of a lead service line, it must presume there was an upstream lead service line.

Steps you can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water.

- **Run your water before use.** Daily, allow the water to run at the tap for 5 minutes to flush water through the service line and plumbing in the house before using it for drinking or cooking. Taking a shower, running the dishwasher or flushing the toilet will also flush your lines.
- **Use cold water for drinking, cooking and preparing baby formula.** Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap as lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.
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- **Obtain an NSF (National Sanitation Foundation) Certified home water treatment device** that is certified to remove lead.
- **Identify and replace plumbing fixtures** containing lead and any copper piping with lead solder.
- **Check home wiring.** Water service lines are sometimes used to ground electrical lines. The wiring in your home or building may be attached to your water service line or elsewhere in your plumbing. If you have a lead service line, this can accelerate its corrosion. Have a licensed electrician check your wiring.
- **Get your child tested.** Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child's blood tested for lead if you are concerned about exposure.

Mr. Prince explained that the notice was required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and distributed using a standard template provided by the Virginia Department of Health. Staff emphasized that the City's water system has consistently met or exceeded all regulatory standards and has not exceeded action levels for more than ten years. Recent testing results remain well below the EPA action threshold, and all testing is conducted by a state-certified laboratory.

Mr. Prince further explained the distinction between City-owned infrastructure and customer-owned service lines, noting that while the City is responsible for water mains and portions of service lines up to the meter, property owners are responsible for plumbing on the customer side. The letter was intended to inform residents of service line materials and outline precautionary steps, not to indicate current health hazard.

Councilman Saunders confirmed that routine lead testing is conducted quarterly throughout the city and that no elevated risk has been identified. Additional informational materials and EPA resources were made available to residents.

Mayor Carey thanked staff and Councilman Saunders for the clarification.

26-07. Approval of the 2026 City Council Meeting Calendar

Mr. Johnson presented the proposed 2026 City Council Meeting Calendar for Council’s consideration. He noted that no meetings are scheduled for January 6, 2026, March 3, 2026, August 2026, and November 3, 2026, consistent with past Council practice. All remaining regular meeting dates were listed on the calendar below.

City of Emporia		
2026 Calendar of Regular Council Meetings and Agenda Request Deadlines		
Council Meeting	Due to City Manager	Due to City Clerk
January 6, 2026, 6:30 p.m. - No Meeting		
January 20, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	January 12, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	January 14, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
February 3, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	January 26, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	January 28, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
February 17, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	February 9, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	February 11, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
March 3, 2026, 6:30 p.m. - No Meeting		
March 17, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	March 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.	March 11, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
April 7, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	March 30, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	April 1, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
April 21, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	April 13, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	April 15, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
May 5, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	April 27, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	April 29, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
May 19, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	May 11, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	May 13, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
June 2, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	May 25, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	May 27, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
June 16, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	June 8, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	June 10, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
July 7, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	June 29, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	July 1, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
July 21, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	July 13, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	July 15, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
August 4, 2026, 6:30 p.m. - No Meeting		
August 18, 2026, 6:30 p.m. - No Meeting		
September 1, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	August 24, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	August 26, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
September 15, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	September 7, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	September 9, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
October 6, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	September 28, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	September 30, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
October 20, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	October 12, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	October 14, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
November 3, 2026, 6:30 p.m. - No Meeting		
November 17, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	November 9, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	November 11, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
December 1, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	November 23, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	November 25, 2026, by 12:00 p.m.
December 15, 2026, 6:30 p.m.	December 7, 2026, by 4:30 p.m.	December 9, 2026, by 4:30 p.m.

Councilman Threat discussed that, should circumstances arise following the August recess, a special called meeting could be scheduled if necessary.

Councilman Saunders made a motion to approve the 2026 Council Meeting Calendar as presented, seconded by Councilman Threat, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

26-08. Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) – Transit Feasibility Study Overview

Mr. Johnson advised Council that the city has been approached by Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) regarding participation in a transit feasibility study to evaluate a potential demonstration commuter route connecting Petersburg, Brunswick County, Lawrenceville, Greenville County, and the City of Emporia.

Mr. Darius Mason, Director of Petersburg Area Transit, provided an overview of the proposed feasibility study. He explained that the study would assess the need, routing options, schedules, stops, and service demand for a regional commuter transit service intended to improve access to employment, healthcare, education, and other essential services, including access for veterans and individuals without reliable transportation.

Mr. Mason presented the presentation below:



Petersburg Area Transit Emporia/Greensville

EMPORIA-GREENSVILLE EXPRESS

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PAT BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

- Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) is committed to improving the riding experience and availability of public transportation in the Southside region.
- PAT currently serves residents, businesses and visitors of Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, Richmond and the surrounding counties of Prince George and Dinwiddie.

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PAT BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

- Petersburg Area Transit averages 27,000 fixed route passenger trips a month and 785 Para-Transit trips a month aiming to connect people , jobs, and communities. PAT offers connections to downtown Richmond, McGuire Veteran Medical Center, MCV/VCU Medical Center, Amtrak and the greater United States via Greyhound from the Petersburg Multimodal Station.

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Past Start –Up Routes

- As a proven leader in providing transportation services to the Southern Region of Virginia, PAT successfully operated for three years a transit grant program in Hopewell, Virginia.
- The Hopewell Circulator grant expired and due to increased ridership the City of Hopewell now funds the entire route from local government funds.
- PAT believes this has been a huge success for both Petersburg and the City of Hopewell.

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PAT BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

- In response to a growing demand, Petersburg Area Transit along with the City of Emporia and Greensville County are proposing a study for possible service within the Southern Region.
- Designed to fit Department of Rail and Public Transportation Demonstration Project Assistance Grant. Rural Transit Program criteria, the project would be managed by PAT and would provide residents and visitors with the opportunity to meet their mobility needs through public transportation throughout the three localities connecting to Petersburg.

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DRPT Demonstration Project Assistance Grant

- Intercity bus service is defined as regularly scheduled bus service for the general public which operates with limited stops over fixed routes connecting two or more urban areas not close in proximity, which has the capacity for transporting baggage carried by passengers, and with scheduled intercity bus service to more distant points, if such service is available.

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Technical Assistance Grant

- Petersburg Area Transit is in the process of submitting applications for Intercity bus service that consists of limited stops through Emporia and Greenville connecting to downtown Petersburg.
- This route allows for patrons to make meaningful connections with scheduled intercity bus service to more remote points such as Greyhound, Greater Richmond Transit Company, Piedmont Area Transit and the city of Petersburg.
- To travel to remote places which include downtown Petersburg, Casino Live, Richmond, McGuire Veteran Medical Center, MCV/VCU Medical Center and Richmond International Airport.

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Technical Assistance Grant

- Supports the connection between non-urbanized areas and the larger regional or national system of intercity bus service.
- Supports services to meet the intercity travel needs of residents in non-urbanized areas.

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PAT NEXT STEPS

- Apply to DRPT to request a feasibility study By January 1, 2026 to look at providing service to the localities stated. The study would consist of the level of service needed, the provider and the availability of local match funds.
- Submit the final grant application to DRPT by February 1, 2026
- Review the feasibility study by DRPT and other support groups.
- Hand out surveys to residents and businesses doing the feasibility study.
- Provide supporting survey documentation.
- Once justification has been approved by DRPT and other support groups.
- Assist PAT with route structure and locality bus stops.

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HOW OPERATING COST ARE DETERMINED

- Net cost per vehicle mile \$7.13:
- Total operating expense(less)Agency generated revenue (divided by) vehicle revenue miles.
- Net cost per vehicle revenue hour \$58.10:
- Total operating expenses(less)Agency generated revenue (divided by) vehicle revenue hours.
- Cost per rider \$6.11: Total operating expenses (divided by) ridership.
- Ridership per vehicle revenue mile \$1.00: Ridership (divided by) vehicle revenue miles.
- Ridership per vehicle revenue hour \$11.36: Ridership (divided by) vehicle revenue hours.
- Farebox recovery \$.16: Farebox revenue(divided by) total operating expenses.
- Cost recovery \$16.72: Agency generated revenue (divided by) total operating expenses.
- Combined hourly rate \$598.00: Maintenance Mechanics and Maintenance Manager.
- Average hourly rate \$45.00: Transit operators ,Transit supervisors.
- Fuel cost per gallon \$1.95: This cost is subject to change daily.
- Total hourly cost \$245.53: To operate Route
- These figures are based on PAT's FY 25 budget calculations.

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EXAMPLE OF OPERATING COST

- Emporia-Greenville 42.4miles 41minutes
- Operating cost per hour= \$245.53.
- Number of hourly trips per day=4 (6:00a,9:00a,12:00p,6:00p)
- Daily Operating cost \$982.12=(\$245.53(per hour)x4 (trips)).
- Monthly operating cost \$24,553.00=(\$982.12(daily operating cost)x 25 monthly operating days)).
- Annual operating cost \$294,636.00= (\$24,553.00 monthly operating cost x12 months).

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Questions?

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Mr. Mason explained that the feasibility study would be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, with costs estimated at between \$50,000 and \$100,000, depending on scope. He noted that if the study demonstrates sufficient demand, the localities could later apply for a demonstration grant, which is typically funded by 80% by the state and 20% locally. No commitment to operating a route would be required unless approved by the governing bodies following completion of the study.

Council members asked questions regarding funding obligations, survey participation, timelines, route design, and whether participation would create any binding financial commitment.

Mr. Mason clarified that participation at this stage would be limited to surveying residents and exploring feasibility, and that any future financial commitments would require Council approval.

No formal action was taken. Mr. Johnson indicated that they would seek additional information regarding grant timelines and report back to Council.

26-09. Conditional Use Permit – Request to Schedule Public Hearing

Mr. Johnson requested that City Council schedule a public hearing for an application requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a non-emergency medical transportation service at 441 South Main Street. He stated that the Planning Commission has reviewed the application.

Councilman Saunders made a motion to authorize a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, seconded by Councilman Threat, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Carey asked if anyone wished to bring a matter before City Council members adhering to the three-minute time limit.

Ms. Marva Dunn, 709 Clay Street, Emporia, Virginia, thanked Councilman Saunders for requesting clarification regarding the recent water service line notice distributed to residents. She stated that the wording of the letter caused concern among the residents and expressed appreciation for the explanation provided by staff during the meeting. Ms. Dunn suggested that future-required notices include a brief cover letter to clarify that the City’s water remains safe and compliant with regulatory standards.

Mr. Jessie O’Neary, 1912 Southside Road, Emporia, Virginia, addressed Council regarding concerns with ditch maintenance in his area. He stated that the issue has been ongoing and expressed dissatisfaction with the timeliness of the response. Mr. O’Neary requested that the matter be addressed and emphasized his expectation of equal service delivery for residents in his neighborhood.

With there being no further comments to come before the City Council, Mayor Carey closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Lilly moved that the Emporia City Council convene in Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Freedom of Information Act Sections § 2.2-3711 (A) (1) Personnel, (A)(3) – Discussion or consideration of the acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose , (A)(7) probable litigation (8) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of City Council, and (A)(29) discussion of the award of a public contract

involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of City Council.

Invited to attend the closed meeting, as necessary, are the City Manager and the City Attorney because they are deemed necessary and their presence will aid City Council in its consideration of the topics to be discussed, pursuant to Virginia FOIA Section 2.2-3712(F), seconded by Councilman Saunders, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

*****Regular Session*****

Councilman Saunders moved that the meeting be returned to Regular Session. Councilman Lilly seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

CERTIFICATION

Councilman Lilly moved to certify the following: That the Emporia City Council return to Public Meeting and certify by roll call vote that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered during the closed meeting, seconded by Councilman Saunders, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

Councilman Lilly moved to authorize execution of a contract with Stoker Construction for the renovation of the City Municipal Building, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000, seconded by Councilwoman White, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

Councilman Threat moved to approve the Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement of City Manager William E. Johnson III, as presented. The amendment revises Section Five of the agreement to provide for payment of approximately 450 hours of accrued paid time off (PTO) upon retirement, resignation, or termination of the contract, seconded by Councilwoman White, which passed as follows:

Councilman Mark Lilly	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Alvina Matthews	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman Clifton Threat	aye

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Carey adjourned the meeting.

Dr. Carolyn S. Carey,
Mayor of Council

Tessie S. Wilkins, CMC
City Clerk



CITY OF EMPORIA

Memorandum

January 29, 2026

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: William E. Johnson, III, City Manager

SUBJECT: Briefing by Dr. Farquharson on School Accreditation

ITEM: 26-10

Dr. Farquharson will be in attendance to provide a brief update to the Mayor and City Council regarding the accreditation of Greensville County Public Schools.



VDOE REGION 8 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

**GREENSVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS RANKED 2ND, 3RD & 5TH
IN THE REGION**



Greenville County Elementary School
Fully Accredited
Off Track



Wyatt Middle School
Fully Accredited
On Track



Greenville County High School
Fully Accredited
Distinguished

GREENSVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RANKED 2ND, 3RD & 5TH IN THE REGION

Top 2 English Learner Progress



Top 3 - Enrollment



Top 5 Growth - Reading

Top 5 English Learner Progress



Top 5 Growth - Math

Top 5 Readiness - 3E Readiness Overall



Top 5 Advanced Coursework

Top 5 Readiness - 6 -Yr. Graduation



Top 5 Readiness - Chronic Absenteeism

Top 5 Readiness - Chronic Absenteeism



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CITY OF EMPORIA

Memorandum

January 29, 2026

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: William E. Johnson, III, City Manager

FROM: Alton B. Mason, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Emporia Multi-Intersection Pedestrian Safety Project – VDOT Project Update

ITEM: 26-11

The City of Emporia was awarded funding through an HSIP Grant to make improvements to the city's signalized intersections. These improvements are designed to enhance the safety of pedestrians traveling through the intersections. The project will be administered by VDOT.

The Public Works Department has requested VDOT staff to give a brief presentation to City Council on the project at the January 20th meeting.

Intersections scheduled for improvements are as follows:

- South Main Street and Lowground Road
- South Main Street and Battery Avenue
- North Main Street and West Atlantic Street
- East Atlantic Street and Halifax Street
- West Atlantic Street and Belfield Drive

Attachment:

VDOT PowerPoint



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Emporia Multi-Intersection Pedestrian Safety Project

UPC: 125086 State Project: 0800-109-195, P101, R201, C501

VDOT Project Manager: Carolyn Qadir

February 2026

Project Scope

The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian crossing safety at five intersections in Emporia. The five intersections to be improved include: Main Street at Laurel Street/Low Ground Road, at Battery Avenue, at West End Boulevard/Virginia Avenue, and at W Atlantic Street/E Atlantic Street, and W Atlantic Street at Smith Street/Belfield Drive.

- New pedestrian crossings at signalized intersections
- New pedestrian signals
- New curb ramps
- New pedestrian markings

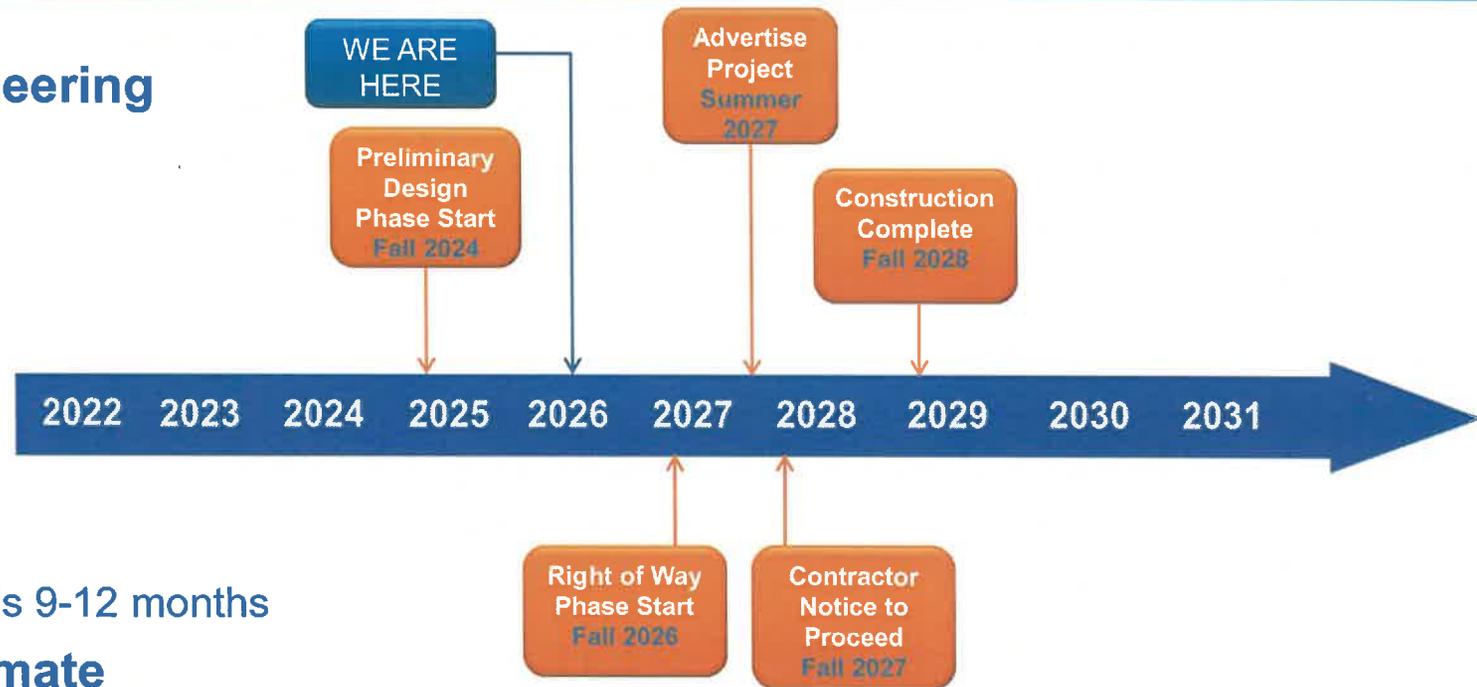


Location Map



Project Estimate and Schedule

- **Preliminary Engineering**
 - \$617,807
- **Right-of-Way**
 - \$848,729
 - Begin Fall 2026
- **Construction**
 - \$2,174,342
 - Begin Fall 2027
 - Expected duration is 9-12 months
- **Total Project Estimate**
 - \$3,640,878 (*Project is Fully Funded*)



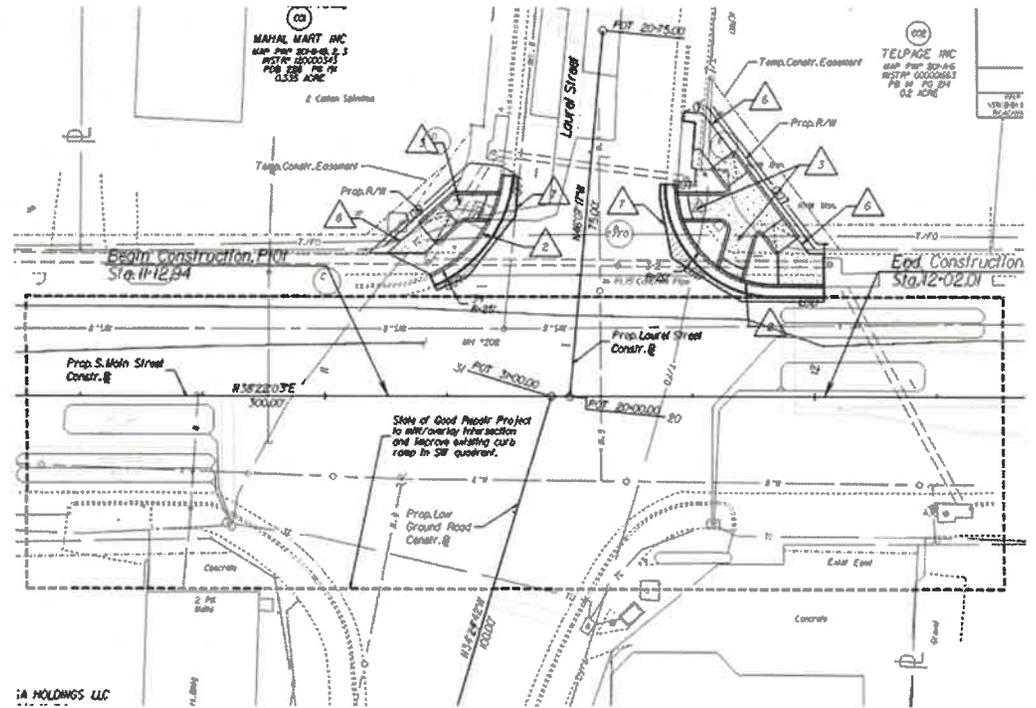
Funding Source

This project is being funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

HSIP is a core Federal-aid program with the purpose to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned roads and roads on tribal land. The HSIP requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads with a focus on performance.

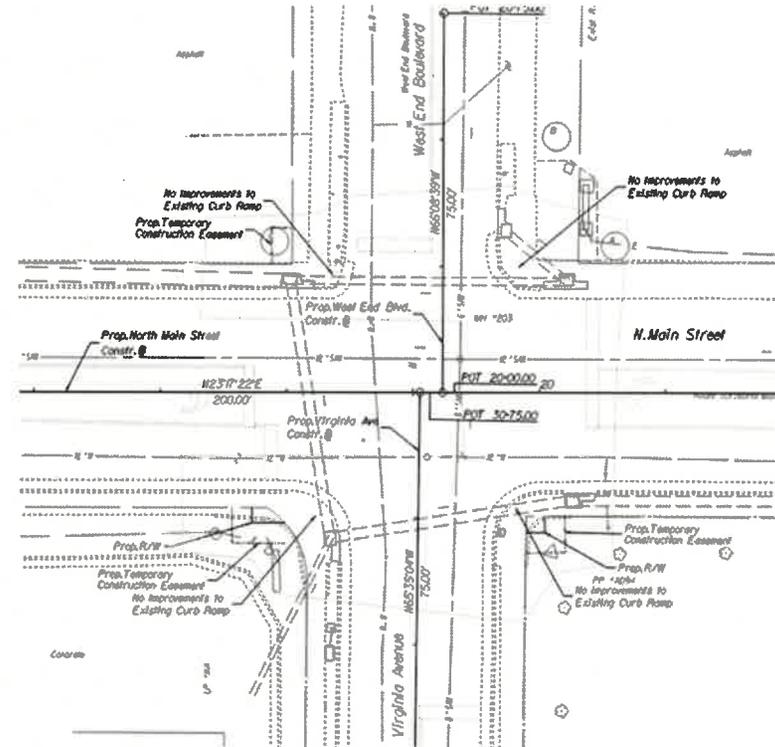
Project Overview

Intersection of S Main Street at Laurel Street/Low Ground Road



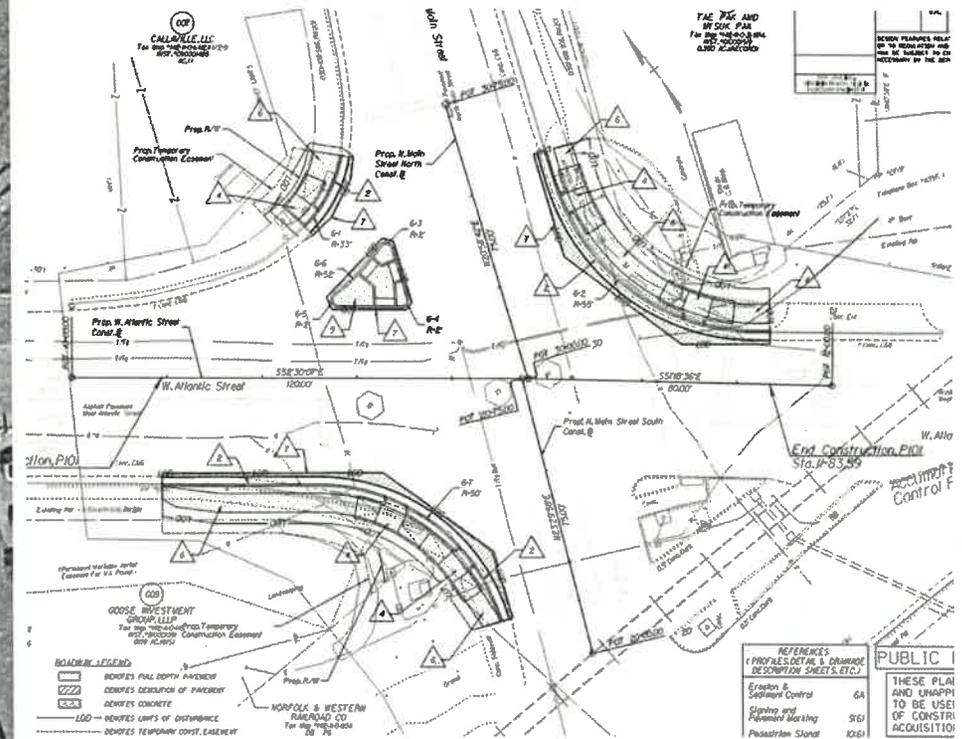
Project Overview

Intersection of N Main Street at West End Blvd/Virginia Avenue



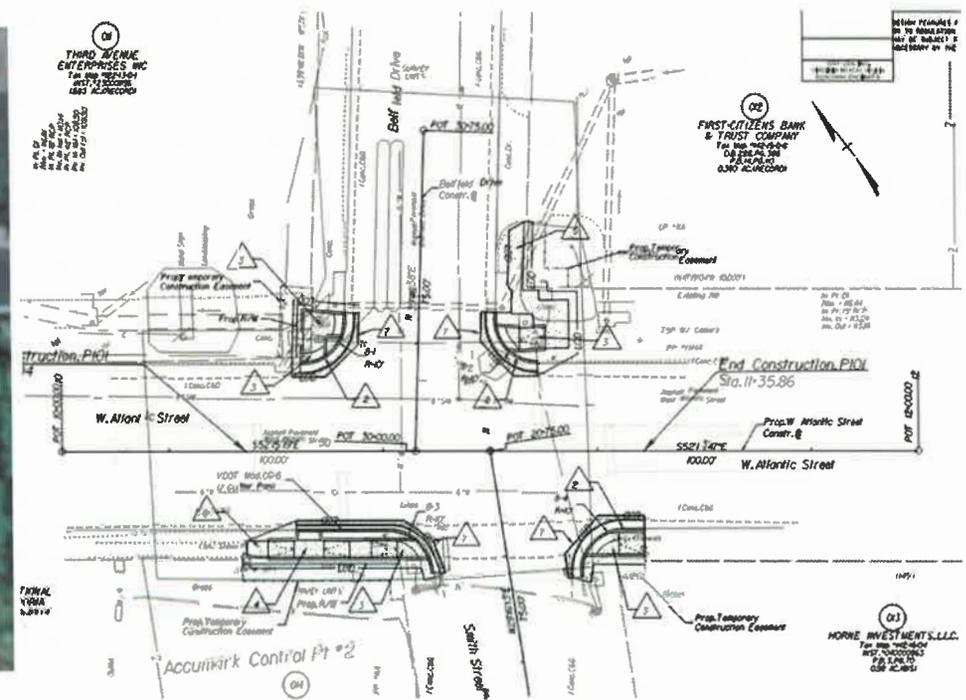
Project Overview

Intersection of N Main Street at W Atlantic Street/E Atlantic Street



Project Overview

Intersection of W Atlantic Street at Smith Street/Belfield Drive



Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)

- **This project will be constructed by intersection over a span of 9 to 12 months.**
 - **Construction activities will be conducted at a max of two intersections at one time when police presence is required.**
 - **It is anticipated that certain construction activities will require single-lane closures.**
 - **The proposed work hours are:**
 - **Monday–Thursday: 8am to 8pm**
 - **Friday: 8am to noon**
 - **Saturday & Sunday: None**
 - **No closures may be installed or removed during peak hours, defined as weekdays 5-9am and 3-7pm**
 - **Closures will be restricted within a one-mile radius of schools during pick-up and drop-off times.**
 - **Individual contractor requests to work outside of these hours require additional approval.**

Public Involvement

- **Notice of Willingness to Hold a Design Public Hearing was conducted on January 7, 2026 and expired on January 22, 2026.**
- **Signs with notice of proposed roadway improvements were posted at the project termini points with contact's phone number.**
- **Newspaper advertisements were posted in The Brunswick Times, Legacy Newspaper, and The Virginian-Pilot, 15 and 7 days prior to expiration date.**
- **Letters with description of the project, copy of newspaper advertisement, and location map were sent to all adjacent property owners.**
- **Paper copies were posted at the Municipal Building, Post Office, and Court House.**
- **No inquires about the project or requests for a Design Public Hearing have been received.**

Next Steps

- **Advance the project into the Right of Way phase.**
- **Right of Way phase scheduled to begin Fall 2026.**





CITY OF EMPORIA

Memorandum

January 29, 2026

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: William E. Johnson, III, City Manager

FROM: Alicia M. Hargrove, Finance Director

SUBJECT: Reimbursement Resolution – Future Tax-Exempt Financing for Police Headquarters Facility

ITEM: 26-12

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution is a standard reimbursement resolution required under federal tax law when a locality intends to reimburse itself for eligible capital expenditures using the proceeds of future tax-exempt debt. This action does **not** authorize the issuance of debt at this time; rather, it preserves the City's ability to use tax-exempt financing at a later date to reimburse qualifying project costs already incurred or to be incurred.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this resolution is to formally declare the City's intent to reimburse itself for certain capital expenditures related to the design, acquisition, construction, equipping, and furnishing of a new City Police Department Headquarters facility. Adoption of this resolution allows the City to pay project costs upfront and later reimburse those costs with proceeds from one or more tax-exempt notes, bonds, or lease obligations, if and when such financing is issued.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no immediate financial impact associated with adoption of this resolution. The resolution establishes a maximum anticipated principal amount of up to \$20,000,000 for the project, plus costs of issuance. Any future issuance of debt would be brought before City Council for separate consideration and approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the attached reimbursement resolution to preserve the City's financing flexibility for the Police Headquarters project and to ensure compliance with federal tax regulations.

Resolution: _____

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF EMPORIA, VIRGINIA DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR A NEW CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS FACILITY

WHEREAS, the City of Emporia (**the “Issuer”**) is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, the Issuer has paid, beginning no earlier than sixty days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution, and will pay, on and after the date hereof, certain expenditures (**“Expenditures”**) for the design, acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of a new City police department headquarters facility and other City capital needs (**the “Project”**); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Issuer (**the “Council”**) has determined that those moneys previously advanced no earlier than sixty days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution and to be advanced on and after the date hereof to pay the Expenditures are available only for a temporary period and it is necessary to reimburse the Issuer for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more issues of tax-exempt notes, bonds or lease obligations (**together, the “Bonds”**).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council hereby declares the Issuer’s intent to reimburse the Issuer with the proceeds of the Bonds for the Expenditures with respect to the Project made on and after sixty days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution. The Issuer reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Bonds.

Section 2. Each Expenditure was and will be either (a) of a type properly chargeable to capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditures), (b) a cost of issuance with respect to the Bonds, (c) a nonrecurring item that is not customarily payable from current revenues, or (d) a grant to a party that is not related to or an agent of the Issuer so long as such grant does not impose any obligation or condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of the Issuer.

Section 3. The maximum principal amount of the Bonds expected to be issued for the Project consists of \$20,000,000 for the Project, plus costs of issuance relating to the Bonds.

Section 4. The Issuer will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the Issuer that evidences the Issuer's use of proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse an Expenditures, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditures are paid or the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditures are paid. The Issuer recognizes that exceptions are available for certain "preliminary expenditures," costs of issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by "small issuers" (based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure) and expenditures for construction projects of at least 5 years.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

On motion of Councilman _____, seconded by Councilman _____, the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of City Council on February __, 2026. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YES

NO

ABSTAINED

ABSENT

Adopted this __03__ day of February, 2026.

The undersigned Clerk of the City Council of the City of Emporia, Virginia, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Emporia, held on February_03_, 2026. I hereby further certify that such a meeting was a regular meeting, duly called and held, during open meeting and that during the consideration of the foregoing Resolution, a quorum was present.

Clerk, City Council of the
City of Emporia, Virginia



CITY OF EMPORIA

Memorandum

January 15, 2026

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: William E. Johnson, III, City Manager
SUBJECT: Ratification of Resolution Declaring a Local Emergency – January 23, 2026
ITEM: 26-13

SUBJECT: Ratification of Resolution Declaring a Local Emergency – January 23, 2026

On January 23, 2026, a Resolution was issued declaring a Local Emergency in the City of Emporia due to a major winter storm that created conditions of extreme peril to the lives, safety, and property of residents.

In accordance with proper procedures, City Council is requested to formally **ratify the Resolution for the Declaration of a Local Emergency** adopted on January 23, 2026. The Resolution authorized the City to exercise emergency powers and appropriated up to \$10,000 from the Council's Special Account fund to cover operational costs associated with emergency response efforts.

Attachment:

Resolution

Resolution

Resolution for the Declaration of a Local Emergency in the City of Emporia, Virginia

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Emporia, Virginia, does hereby find as follows:

1. That due to the occurrence of a major Winter storm, the City of Emporia is facing a condition of extreme peril to the lives, safety and property of the residents of the City of Emporia;
2. That as a result of this extreme peril, the proclamation of the existence of an emergency is necessary to permit the full powers of government to deal effectively with this condition of peril.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emporia, Virginia, that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Emporia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the existence of this emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Services organization and functions of the City of Emporia shall be those prescribed by the Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Ordinances, Resolutions, and approved plans of the City of Emporia in order to mitigate the effect of said emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to carry out the effect of this Resolution, a sum of money, not to exceed \$10,000, is hereby appropriated from the City's unappropriated fund balance (from the Council's Special Account fund) to cover the reasonable operational costs of emergency services pending further report to this Council and such additional appropriations as shall be deemed necessary to cover the expected scope of this emergency.

Adopted: January 23, 2026

City of Emporia, Virginia



By _____
Dr. Carolyn Carey, Mayor

Attest:

Form Approved:



Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk



Eric A Gregory, City Attorney