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AD	=	APPROVAL DENIED	T	=	TABLED
NA	=	NO ACTION	RA	=	REMOVED FROM AGENDA
D	=	DEFERRED	I	=	INTRODUCED
R	=	REFERRED	RW	=	REQUEST WITHDRAWN
			O	=	OTHER

**AGENDA FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT
TO BE HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE GEORGE W. DUDLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

I. Explanation

The North Carolina General Statutes require Cities to hold organizational meetings each Municipal election year after the results of elections are certified. During the organizational meetings, newly elected or re-elected officials are administered the oath of office and other organizational matters are acted upon. This being a municipal election year, the Rocky Mount City Council is holding its organizational meeting this evening.

II. Opening of Meeting

1. Meeting Called to Order by Mayor David W. Combs.
2. Prayer.
3. Roll Call by the City Clerk.
- A~** 4. Approval of the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council Held November 27, 2017.

III. Organization

5. Administration of Oaths to Recently Re-elected City Councilmembers by the Honorable Quentin T. Sumner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District:
 - Reuben C. Blackwell, IV – Ward 2
 - Lamont Wiggins – Ward 3
 - W. B. Bullock – Ward 6
 - Chris Miller – Ward 7
6. Seating of Sworn Councilmembers.

IV. Business Session

7. Roll Call of New Council by the City Clerk.
- A~ 8. Election of City Treasurer (two-year term expires December 2019) – *Councilmember Chris Miller*
- A~ 9. Election of Mayor Pro Tem (one-year term expires December 2018) – *Councilmember E. Lois Watkins*
10. Administration of Oath to the Mayor Pro Tem by the Honorable Quentin T. Sumner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District.
11. Administration of Oath to Interim Police Chief, Willie R. Williams, by the Honorable Quentin T. Sumner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District.
12. Presentation of Resolution from the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the City of Rocky Mount Honoring Recently Retired City Manager, Charles W. Penny.
- A~ Recommended Action: 1) Adopt and Present Resolution from the City of Rocky Mount; and
2) Present North Carolina League of Municipalities Resolution.
13. Petitions to be Received from the Public.

Note: Please complete Citizen Sign-In Sheet and provide to Security Officer prior to speaking. Please limit presentations to three (3) minutes. Time will be monitored.

Randy Adcox:

- inquired as to the status of a request he made approximately one month ago for the creation of a crime prevention task force aimed at young people and working in conjunction with law enforcement and the Council;
- requested a list of staff positions for the new Event Center;
- asked what the procedures are for vendors to submit bids relative to the Event Center; and
- voiced concern that the Event Center will need more parking than currently planned.

Bronson Williams stated:

- stated the former City Manager promised to take the City from good to great and he has had a lasting impact on the City and he expects the new manager to also have a lasting impact;
- the Police Chief understands and realizes gangs are in place and has a gang unit;
- he is excited about the Event Center;
- he attended the Committee of the Whole meeting prior to tonight's meeting and sees the Council is focused on combatting gentrification and the challenge of disseminating information to the communities and encouraged staff and Council to stay on course

Johnnie Cunningham told the City Council:

- poverty still exists in our community;
- young men in the community face similar challenges now that he faced as a youth;
- he helped to renovate the Clark Street Community some years ago, but it is again in disrepair today;
- City funds should be used in a positive way rather than to demolish houses.

Cleo Evans, of 7210 Sunflower Road, stated:

- she is concerned with issues relative to teens, particularly lack of supervision and places to go;
- she would like to know if arcades can be placed in facilities (gaming machines not internet cafés); and
- she is interested in feedback from the City relative to zoning in relation to arcades.

14. Consideration of the Minutes and Recommendations from a Regular Scheduled Planning Board Meeting held November 14, 2017:

****Overview of request(s) and recommendation(s) by the Director of Planning and Development or his designee***

A. **Public Hearing** Relative to the Following Rezoning Request Recommended for Approval and Found in Compliance with the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Board:

- Request by Donald H. Williams, Jr.; Lewis Advertising, Inc., to rezone ±8.39 acres located at 1050 Country Club Road from R-6MFA and O-ICU to O-I.

A~ Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance Amending the Land Development Code and Map.

15. **Public Hearing** Relative to the Assessment of Fair Housing (required by HUD to guide priorities of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan).

A~ Recommended Action: 1) Receive Public Comment;
2) Approve Plan, *as Amended in Open Meeting*; and
3) Authorize Submission of Plan by Staff.

16. Consideration of FY 2017 Local Solicitation Certifications and Assurances Required by the U. S. Department of Justice Relative to the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) Grant Application.

A~ Recommended Action: Approve Certifications and Assurances and Authorize Submission of Grant Application; and Authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and/or City Attorney to Execute the Same and Any Related Subsequent Grant Agreement(s) on Behalf of the City.

17. Notification of Award of 2017 Bulletproof Vest Grant (\$5,874.78; local match - \$2,937.39; to be used for funding for 11 new bulletproof vests).

A~ Recommended Action: 1) Acknowledge/Approve Acceptance of Grant and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Any Required Documentation; and 2) Approve Local Match.

18. Consideration of Ordinance Ordering the Community Code Inspector to Proceed with Demolition of the Following Substandard Properties:

- 1617 S. Church Street
- 415 S. Mercer Street
- 526 Gay Street
- 1014 Sunset Avenue
- 229 Coleman Avenue (AKA 225 Coleman Avenue)
- 510 Highland Avenue
- 506 Myrtle Avenue
- 500 Myrtle Avenue

A~ Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance.

19. Consideration of Facility License Agreement (renewal) for Rocky Mount Athletic Stadium with North Carolina Wesleyan College.

A~ Recommended Action: Authorize City Manager and City Clerk to sign Facility License Agreement Renewal on behalf of the City.

20. Consideration of Funding Allocation for Housing Incentive Grant Assistance to Joy Community Development Corporation (Joy CDC) - \$30,000.

A~ Recommended Action: Approve Funding as Recommended and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Memorandum of Agreement.

NA~ 21. Appointments:

- a. Board of Adjustment (Alternate – expires 6/30/2020);
- b. Human Relations Commission (Mayor appointment – expires 6/30/2019); and
- c. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission (expires 6/30/2020)