

July 24, 2017

The City Council of the City of Rocky Mount met this day in regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the George W. Dudley City Council Chamber of the Frederick E. Turnage Municipal Building with Mayor David W. Combs presiding.

Councilmembers present: Reuben Blackwell, IV, Lamont Wiggins, E. Lois Watkins, Tom Rogers, W. B. Bullock and Christine Carroll Miller.

Members absent: Andre' Knight.

Staff Present: Rochelle D. Small-Toney, City Manager; Pamela O. Casey, City Clerk; Tasha Logan Ford and Thomas M. Moton, Jr., Assistant City Managers; Tameka Kenan-Norman, Public Affairs Manager; Amy Staton, Director of Finance; Archie Jones, Director of Human Relations; Elayne Henderson, Director of Human Resources; Rusty Owens, Energy Services Operations Manager; Kelvin Yarrell, Parks and Recreation Director; David Griffin, Superintendent of Community Services; Kim Batts, Deputy City Clerk; and Richard J. Rose, City Attorney.

Security Officer: Retired Police Sergeant Stoney Battle.

The Mayor opened the meeting and prayer was offered by Councilmember Chris Miller.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed citizens and directed them to copies of the agenda near the entrance of the City Council Chamber.

Mayor Combs recognized David Farris, newly appointed President and CEO of the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce, and congratulated him on his new position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council held July 10, 2017 were approved as submitted to the City Council prior to the meeting.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor opened the meeting for petitions from the public and there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. AWARD OF DUTY SIDEARM (recommended for adoption)

- The City Council received a recommendation from Police Chief James Moore that the duty sidearm of Police Captain Brian McGrath be awarded to him in recognition of twenty-nine (29) years of service (retirement effective August 1, 2017).

B. AD VALOREM TAX RELEASES (recommended for adoption)

SCHEDULE A - acknowledge receipt of report of the following taxes under \$100 approved for release and/or refund by the City Manager:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>NAME/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TAX</u>		<u>COMMENT</u>
		<u>NASH COUNTY</u>			
2010	1000126	FAIRWAY HOMES INC	56.10	CITY	BILLED IN ERROR
		PO BOX 1132	5.61	PEN	SOLD MOBILE HOME
		NASHVILLE, NC 27856	37.33	INT	ON 7/1/10
		TOTAL RELEASE:	99.04		

2013	1337	FAIRWAY HOMES INC PO BOX 1132 NASHVILLE, NC 27856	60.09 6.01 22.14	CITY PEN INT	BILLED IN ERROR SOLD MOBILE HOME ON 3/3/11
		TOTAL RELEASE:	88.24		
2016	924	HUNTER MICHAEL TYRONE BATTLEBORO SPORTS BAR & LOUNGE PO BOX 363 BATTLEBORO, NC 27809	12.71 1.27 0.91	CITY PEN INT	BILLED IN ERROR BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2011
		TOTAL RELEASE:	14.89		

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

2015	21712	JONES DAMIEN ALPHONSO LT 3 CHAPMAN PROPERTY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	39.02 6.05	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	45.07		
2016	21712	JONES DAMIEN ALPHONSO LT 3 CHAPMAN PROPERTY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	39.02 2.54	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	41.56		

SCHEDULE B - approve release and/or refund of the following taxes over \$100:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>NAME/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TAX</u>		<u>COMMENT</u>
		<u>EDGECOMBE COUNTY</u>			
2010	1000047	BETHEL CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD 811 PLANTERS ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	251.51 152.16	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	403.67		
2011	6917	BETHEL CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD 811 PLANTERS ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	251.51 129.53	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	381.04		
2012	6895	BETHEL CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD 811 PLANTERS ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	265.23 112.72	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	377.95		
2013	6897	BETHEL CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD 811 PLANTERS ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	265.23 88.85	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	354.08		
2014	6885	BETHEL CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD 811 PLANTERS ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	265.23 64.98	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	330.21		

2015	6871	BETHEL CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD 811 PLANTERS ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	276.66 42.88	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	319.54		
2016	6866	BETHEL CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD 811 PLANTERS ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	276.66 17.98	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	294.64		
2008	5188	D & F PROPERTIES LLC LT 3 CHAPMAN PROPERTY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	94.07 73.84	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	167.91		
2007	9539	HODGES, ROBERT L 314 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	216.21 189.18	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	405.39		
2008	10080	HODGES, ROBERT L 314 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	228.00 178.98	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	406.98		
2009	10157	HODGES, ROBERT L 314 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	266.46 185.19	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	451.65		
2010	6675	HODGES, ROBERT L 314 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	266.46 161.21	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	427.67		
2011	6677	HODGES, ROBERT L 314 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	266.46 137.23	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTA RELEASE:	403.69		
2012	6654	HODGES, ROBERT L 314 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	281.00 119.43	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	400.43		
2013	6658	HODGES, ROBERT L 314 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	281.00 94.14	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	375.14		
2014	6646	HODGES, ROBERT L 314 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	281.00 68.85	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	349.85		

2015	6632	HODGES, ROBERT L 314 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	293.11 45.43 338.54	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
2016	6627	HODGES, ROBERT L 314 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	293.11 19.05 312.16	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
2009	11554	JONES DAMIEN ALPHONSO LT 3 CHAPMAN PROPERTY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	136.87 95.12 231.99	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
2010	21758	JONES DAMIEN ALPHONSO LT 3 CHAPMAN PROPERTY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	136.87 82.81 219.68	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
2011	21795	JONES DAMIEN ALPHONSO LT 3 CHAPMAN PROPERTY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	136.87 70.49 207.36	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
2012	21760	JONES DAMIEN ALPHONSO LT 3 CHAPMAN PROPERTY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	144.33 61.34 205.67	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
2013	21759	JONES DAMIEN ALPHONSO LT 3 CHAPMAN PROPERTY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	144.33 48.35 192.68	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
2014	21748	JONES DAMIEN ALPHONSO LT 3 CHAPMAN PROPERTY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	144.33 35.36 179.69	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
2010	17843	MAURELLO, LARRY 224-230 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	1,539.59 931.45 2,471.04	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
2011	17873	MAURELLO, LARRY 224-230 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	1,539.59 792.89 2,332.48	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
2012	17832	MAURELLO, LARRY 224-230 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	1,623.57 690.02 2,313.59	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
2013	17829	MAURELLO, LARRY 224-230 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801 TOTAL RELEASE:	1,623.57 543.90 2,167.47	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE

2014	17812	MAURELLO, LARRY 224-230 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	1,623.57 397.77	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	2,021.34		
2015	17770	MAURELLO, LARRY 224-230 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	1,693.55 262.50	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	1,956.05		
2016	17765	MAURELLO, LARRY 224-230 ROSE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	1,693.55 110.08	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	1,803.63		

C. TEMPORARY STREET CLOSINGS: (*recommended for adoption*)

- 1) Request from Dr. Emanuel R. Shell, on behalf of Open Door Ministry, for permission to close the 800 Block of Planters Street on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for a community event; and
- 2) Requests to close the following streets on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 for National Night Out celebrations:
 - a. Request from Bob League for permission to close Dartmoor Court from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. (NOTE: Approval subject to intersection of Dartmoor Court and Sheffield Drive remaining open);
 - b. Request from Yvonne Hickman, on behalf of the Mayview Community, for permission to close Chase Street/Chase Court from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; and
 - c. Request from Ruth Ballard for permission to close the 900 Block of Arlington Street from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Wiggins and unanimously carried that the Consent Agenda be approved inclusive of award of duty sidearm, approval of tax releases and approval of temporary street closures.

2017 BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT

The City Council was informed that the Police Department has received notification of the 2017 Bulletproof Vest Initiative Application process which will provide funding, if approved, to purchase twelve (12) bulletproof vests for police officers. The City Council was further informed that the total costs for this purchase will be \$7,356 and the grant requires a 50% local match (\$3,678).

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Bullock and unanimously carried that notification of the intent to submit the grant application be acknowledged; that the local match (\$3,678) required in connection with the grant for the purchase bulletproof vests be approved; and that staff be authorized to submit the grant application on behalf of the City.

DEMOLITION ORDINANCE

The City Council received an ordinance ordering the Community Code Inspector to proceed with demolition of the following substandard properties:

- 1332 Maple Street;

- 538 Center Street; and
- 512 Arlington Street

Motion was made by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and unanimously carried that **Ordinance No. O-2017-72** entitled **ORDINANCE ORDERING THE COMMUNITY CODE INSPECTOR TO PROCEED TO DEMOLISH CERTAIN DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT** be adopted.

BENEFITS CONTRACTS/FY 2018 PLAN YEAR

City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney advised the Council that:

- the City's experience for FY 2017 was particularly difficult resulting in an increase of \$1.4M to cover claims;
- the City absorbed the premium increase for employees and retirees of 15% and 25% respectively bringing the City in line with other agencies of its size;
- administration charges have increased by 3.9%;
- the City is continuing contributions to the HAS Program as well as the incentive for waist circumference/BMI standard;
- beginning FY 2018 full-time employees may only participate in the Consumer Driven/HSA Plan (employees currently enrolled in the PPO Plan may continue to participate); and
- Gilsbar/FSA participants may contribute up to the IRS maximum of \$2,600

Ms. Small-Toney advised there are no other changes to any of the other voluntary benefits and recommended approval of the benefit contract(s).

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Watkins and unanimously carried that the benefits package be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any appropriate documents as required on behalf of the City.

ASSESSMENT CONTRACT

The City Council received an assessment contract with Hat Creek LLC for water service to 212 Triple Court (PIN # 377927433400). Council was advised that the contract provides for the prepayment of water connection fees of \$1,765 and for water main fees of \$2,500 to be assessed against the property.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Bullock and unanimously carried that the assessment contract with Hat Creek LLC for water service to 212 Triple Court (**C-2017-33**) be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City.

ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT/HUDSON ROCKY MOUNT REAL PROPERTY, LLC

The City Council received an electric service agreement with Hudson Rocky Mount Real Property, LLC (Rocky Mount Toyota) that outlines the terms and conditions for the sale of electric power to 943 North Wesleyan Boulevard.

Motion was made by Councilmember Wiggins, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and unanimously carried that the electric service agreement (**C-2017-34**) with Hudson Rocky Mount Real Property, LLC (Rocky Mount Toyota) be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City.

CONSULTANT SERVICES/DEVELOPMENT OF METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2045

The City Council was provided with a contract with Kimley Horn and Associates for consulting services relative to the development of the Rocky Mount Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045, also known as the long-range transportation plan, at a cost of \$140,000. Council was advised the plan is a requirement of the State and Federal transportation statutes associated with the transportation planning functions of the MPO and 80% of the cost (\$112,000) will be reimbursed by the North Carolina of Transportation with the City's share being \$28,000.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Watkins and unanimously carried that contract with Kimley Horn and Associates be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the contract **(C-2017-35)** on behalf of the City.

ROCKY MOUNT TRANSIT/GRANT AGREEMENTS

The City Council was advised that the City has been approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the following FY 2018 grants:

1. Demonstration Program Grant - funds a portion of operating expenses incurred by Tar River Transit's Rural General Public Transportation Program - \$270,847 (State - \$135,423/local match - \$135,424);
2. 5303 Metropolitan Planning Grant - funds various planning activities for the Transit Department - \$39,000 (Federal - \$31,200; State - \$3,900; and local match - \$3,900);
3. 5317 New Freedom Program Grant - funds salary expenses for a Mobility Manager position - \$35,000 (Federal - \$28,000; State - \$3,500; local match - \$3,500).

Motion was made by Councilmember Bullock, seconded by Councilmember Watkins and unanimously carried that the grant agreements with the North Carolina Department of Transportation be approved; that **Resolution No. R-2017-39** entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** be adopted; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the grant agreements and required certifications on behalf of the City.

BIDS/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING

The City Council received the tabulation of bids received for grounds maintenance and landscaping. Bids were received and opened on May 23, 2017 after all necessary legal procedures had been implemented and the bid tabulation is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2017-22**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried that the bid be awarded to Precision Cut Landscaping & Lawn Care, LLC at an annual cost of \$117,186 for a two-year contract (total cost \$234,372) and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the bid contract on behalf of the City.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Bullock, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that Victor Allen Woodcock be appointed to serve as an alternate on the Board of Adjustment. This term will expire June 30, 2020.

No action was taken to fill the vacancy on the Utility Service Review Board.

BRUNCH BILL/ADED TO AGENDA IN OPEN MEETING

Mayor David W. Combs told the City Council that he is aware there has been some interest relative to consideration of the Brunch Bill. Conversation was held and Assistant City Manager, Tasha Logan Ford, advised the Council that a draft of an Ordinance could be ready for Council's consideration at the second meeting in August.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Pamela O. Casey
City Clerk