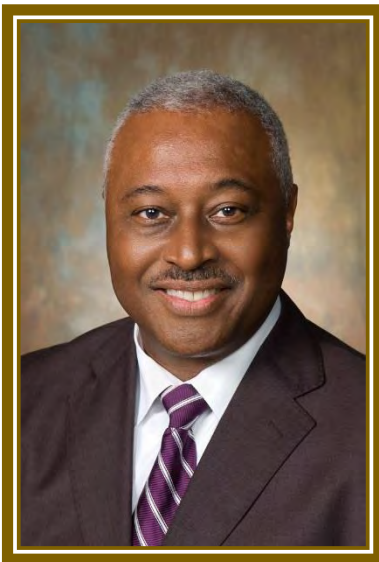


# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA December 11, 2017

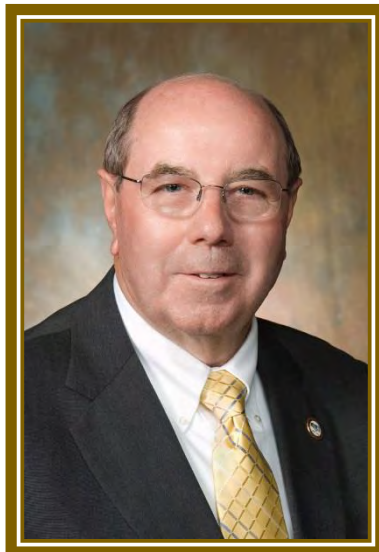
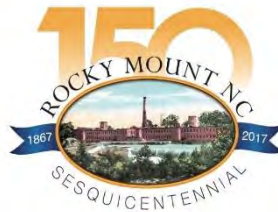
*Organizational Meeting  
Swearing in of Reelected Officials  
Term: January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021*



*Reuben C. Blackwell, IV  
Ward 2*



*Lamont Wiggins  
Ward 3*



*W. B. Bullock  
Ward 6*



*Chris Carroll Miller  
Ward 7*



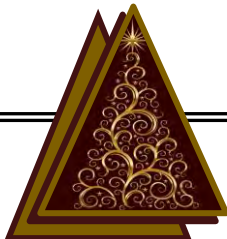
## ROCKY MOUNT CITY COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT

*Rocky Mount is a City composed of people of diverse backgrounds, heritages, and interests with a shared sense of values, stewardship and community.*

*It is a City where all citizens have the opportunity to realize their full potential through individual initiative and community support.*

*Its citizens enjoy and value the benefits of efficient, cost-effective and responsive public services, a strong and diversified economy, and superior cultural and educational resources.*

*Rocky Mount recognizes and appreciates its history while responding to the challenges and opportunities of regional and global change in a proactive and realistic manner.*





# W E L C O M E !

We are pleased you are attending a Rocky Mount City Council meeting. You are now participating in the process of representative government. We appreciate your interest and hope you and your fellow citizens will attend often. Democracy cannot endure without an informed electorate.

Rocky Mount has the Council-Manager form of local government. Policy is set by the Mayor and Council, who are elected by the people. The policy is implemented by the City Manager, who is appointed by the Council. The Council decides what is to be done. The City Manager, operating through the entire City staff, does it. This separation of policy-making and policy administration is considered the most economical and efficient form of City government.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council meets in regular session twice each month in the George W. Dudley City Council Chamber of the Frederick E. Turnage Municipal Building. These meetings are open to the public and are held on the following schedule:

**2nd Monday - 7:00 p.m.**

**4th Monday - 4:00 p.m.**

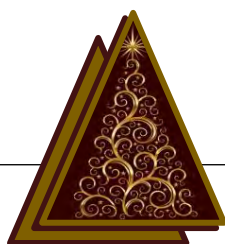
At these meetings, the City's business is conducted and ordinances and resolutions, the laws of Rocky Mount, are enacted. Ordinances take effect upon their adoption when approved by a majority of the Council. All ordinances must be in writing. They are introduced at one meeting and adopted at a subsequent meeting. The Council may, however, by an affirmative vote of five (5) members, adopt an ordinance at the same meeting it is introduced. The Council frequently uses this procedure.

Councilmembers receive the agenda for a Council meeting, together with detailed background material, on the Thursday prior to each regular meeting. This gives them the opportunity to study each item on the agenda prior to the meeting and consult with the City Manager or City staff members. If no additional pertinent facts are presented at the meeting, items are often acted upon without further discussion, particularly in routine matters. This procedure helps Council meetings to move more expeditiously.

## INFORMAL WORK SESSIONS OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Council generally conducts a work session or COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE meeting at 5:00 p.m. prior to the first regular monthly meeting. The COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE is the entire City Council meeting as a committee to discuss matters requiring more in-depth explanation, study or discussion. The Committee frequently makes recommendations to the City Council, however, no recommendations made by the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE are final until accepted by the Council in a regular meeting.

*These meetings are open to the public.*





## HOW A CITIZEN CAN BE HEARD

Citizens may appear before the Council to be heard on any subject related to City government, or any individual matter which may involve City government. A provision is made on each City Council agenda for **PETITIONS TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC**. At this time, citizens are encouraged to bring to the Council's attention matters that are not otherwise specifically listed on the agenda. If the matter you are interested in is specifically listed on the agenda, you are asked to address that issue when it is being considered. If you desire to be heard, you are asked to advise the Mayor in which item you are interested at the time it appears on the agenda. You will be requested to use the speakers stand, give your name and address and identify any group which you represent. Citizens addressing the Council on any matter shall not abuse their privilege and shall confine themselves to the question under debate, and avoid all personal or indecorous language. The City Clerk prepares the minutes of the meetings. After approval by the Council, these become the official record of the proceedings. The entire meeting is tape recorded for accuracy in preparing the minutes.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

Prior to the enactment of some ordinances or resolutions, the law requires that the City Council conduct a public hearing in order that the public may have an opportunity to be heard. The most common of these are zoning ordinance changes, the ordering of public improvements and determination of assessments. Most public hearings are conducted in the general course of a regular meeting and are usually scheduled for the evening meeting of the City Council on the second Monday of each month to afford more citizens an opportunity to attend.

### MAYOR

DAVID W. COMBS

### CITY COUNCIL

W. B. BULLOCK, MAYOR PRO TEM  
(Ward 6)

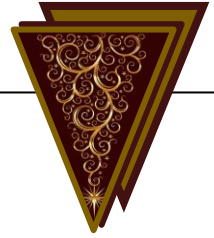
ANDRÉ D. KNIGHT (Ward 1)  
REUBEN C. BLACKWELL, IV (Ward 2)  
LAMONT WIGGINS (Ward 3)

LOIS WATKINS (Ward 4)  
TOM ROGERS (Ward 5)  
CHRIS MILLER (Ward 7)

### CITY STAFF

ROCHELLE D. SMALL-TONEY, *City Manager*  
PAMELA O. CASEY, *City Clerk*  
TASHA LOGAN FORD, *Assistant City Manager*  
THOMAS MOTON, JR., *Assistant City Manager*  
TAMEKA KENAN-NORMAN, *Chief Communications & Marketing Officer*  
RICHARD J. ROSE, *City Attorney*





**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**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**I. Explanation**

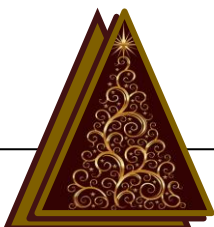
*The North Carolina General Statutes require Cities to hold organizational meetings each Municipal election year after the results of elections are certified. During the organizational meetings, newly elected or re-elected officials are administered the oath of office and other organizational matters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

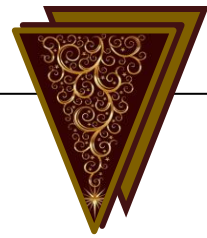
**II. Opening of Meeting**

1. Meeting Called to Order by Mayor David W. Combs.
2. Prayer.
3. Roll Call by the City Clerk.
4. Approval of the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council Held November 27, 2017. [View](#)

**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.
8. Election of City Treasurer (two-year term expires December 2019).
9. Election of Mayor Pro Tem (one-year term expires December 2018).
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. [View](#)

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.*

14. Consideration of the Minutes and Recommendations from a Regular Scheduled Planning Board Meeting held November 14, 2017: [View](#)

*\*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: [View](#)

- 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.

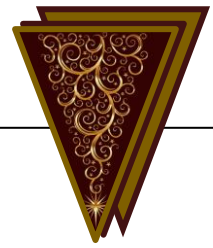
Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance Amending the Land Development Code and Map.

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). [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Receive Public Comment;  
2) Approve Plan; 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. [View](#)

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). [View](#)

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: [View](#)

- 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

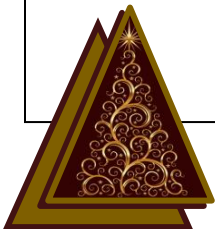
Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance.

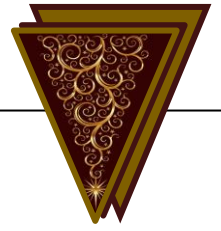
19. Consideration of Facility License Agreement (renewal) for Rocky Mount Athletic Stadium with North Carolina Wesleyan College. [View](#)

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. [View](#)

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





21. Appointments: [View](#)

- 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)

