

March 26, 2018

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: Andre' Knight, Reuben Blackwell, IV, Tom Rogers, W. B. Bullock and Christine Carroll Miller.

Councilmembers absent: Lamont Wiggins and E. Lois Watkins.

Staff Present: Rochelle D. Small-Toney, City Manager; Pamela O. Casey, City Clerk; Thomas M. Moton, Jr., Assistant City Manager; Peter F. Varney, Interim Assistant City Manager; Tameka Kenan-Norman, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer; Elayne Henderson, Director of Human Resources; Archie Jones, Director of Human Relations; Landis Faulcon, Director of Community & Business Development; Ken Hunter, Budget and Evaluation Manager; Amy Staton, Director of Finance; Chrissy Rhodes, Heather Daniels and Marlean Meyer, Accountants; Brad Kerr, Director of Engineering; Kim Batts, Deputy City Clerk; and Richard J. Rose, City Attorney.

Security Officer: Retired Police Sergeant Stoney Battle.

The Mayor opened the meeting and called on Councilmember Reuben Blackwell, IV to offer prayer.

WELCOME

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AWARD

The Mayor announced that for the 24th consecutive year the Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the City a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). He explained this award is the highest form of recognition for governmental accounting and financial reporting and the recognition represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The Mayor presented a plaque to Amy Staton, Director of Finance; and Chrissy Rhodes, Heather Daniels and Marlean Meyer, Accountants.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Staton and the accounting staff for the work of the Finance Department that led to this recognition and joined them for a photograph.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

The Mayor read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 2-6, 2018 as Community Development Week in the City of Rocky Mount, presented the Proclamation to the Director of Community & Business Development Landis Faulcon and joined her for a photograph.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

The Mayor read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2018 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Rocky Mount. The Mayor presented the

Proclamation to Human Relations Director Archie Jones and joined him for a photograph.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor outlined the guidelines for petitions from the public and requested that citizens wishing to speak complete a speaker request form. He noted this is an opportunity to raise a question or present a request to Council; that comments should be directed to the Council as a whole and not to individual Councilmembers or City staff; and, in most cases, Councilmembers will not respond to public comments, but may refer a matter to the City Manager or staff for follow-up. He requested that comments be made from the podium in a civil, non-argumentative and respectful manner and added that personal attacks that have the potential to disrupt the meeting will not be tolerated.

The Mayor Combs opened the meeting for petitions from the public and, there being none, closed the public petitions portion of the meeting.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSINGS

The City Council received the following requests for temporary street closures:

- 1) Request from Anne Craig, on behalf of Station Square, for permission to close Nash Street between Church and Main Streets from 4 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2018 for the Spring Affair at Station Square; and
- 2) Request from Steve Yetman, City Engineer, for temporary street closing for the Twin Counties Sugar Run (*ordinance adoption requirement of NCDOT standards*):
 - **Ordinance No. O-2018-10** entitled **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT DECLARING A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE TWIN COUNTIES SUGAR RUN** (closure of Hammond Street from S. Church Street to Lafayette Avenue, Lafayette Avenue from Hammond Street to Piedmont Avenue, Piedmont Avenue from Lafayette Avenue to Western Avenue, Western Avenue from Piedmont Avenue to S. Church Street and S. Church Street from Western Avenue to Hammond Street from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2018).

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Knight and unanimously carried that the requests be approved, inclusive of adoption of the ordinance.

2018 INSTALLMENT FINANCING PROPOSAL

The City Council was provided with a resolution required in connection with the filing of an application with the Local Government Commission for approval of an installment financing application for Fiscal Year 2018 for financing for construction of the backup public safety answering point (PSAP) and renovations at Fire Station 7; the rebuild of substation #6; and the sewer outfall rehabilitation project estimated at approximately \$2,875,000.

Council was advised that the resolution is a finding of necessary facts supporting the business reasons for financing and authorizes the City to proceed with filing the application.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried that **Resolution No. R-2018-11** entitled

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A-20 be adopted. This resolution authorizes the Mayor, City Manager and Director of Finance to execute documents required in connection with the financing.

TAXICAB LICENSE

The City Council received a recommendation from the Interim Chief of Police for the issuance of one new taxi right license to Danishia L. Whitaker.

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that a taxi permit be approved for issuance to Danishia L. Whitaker, as recommended by the Interim Chief of Police Willie R. Williams.

WEED MOWING ASSESSMENT/WAIVER

Assistant City Manager Peter Varney advised the City Council that the house at 724 Marlee Drive has been under minimum housing code enforcement since October 2010, utilities have been disconnected since 2007 and the house is classified as deteriorated. He noted the property has been a chronic violator of the grass and weed ordinance since 2013 and outlined the following current assessments (liens) as:

Weed Mowing Assessments and Interest	\$5,600.00
City taxes	4,004.87
County taxes	6,090.75

Mr. Varney stated the valuation for tax assessment is \$60,417. He informed the City Council that Troy Davis has made an offer to purchase the property with the intent to renovate it and has requested a waiver of the weed mowing assessment and interest. He added that Mr. Davis acquired 713 Marlee Drive and 250 E. Raleigh Boulevard in June 2016 and received a waiver of weed mowing assessments on these properties. He advised that Mr. Davis has obtained a building permit for the renovation of 713 Marlee Drive, but does not have one for 250 E. Raleigh Boulevard.

Mr. Varney informed the Council that Mr. Davis has agreed to proceed with acquisition of 724 Marlee Drive and the renovation of 724 Marlee Drive, 713 Marlee Drive and 250 E. Raleigh Boulevard within twelve (12) months if the City will waive the weed mowing assessment and interest on 724 Marlee Drive.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Knight and unanimously carried that that Agreement to Waive Weed Mowing Assessment with Troy Davis be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement **(C-2018-5)** on behalf of the City.

HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRACT/FY 2018 PLAN YEAR

The City Council was advised that Aetna's proposal for health insurance benefits reduces fixed administrative fees by more than 50% compared to those of the current plan provider and guarantees administrative fee rates for three (3) years. Council was further advised that the company has guaranteed 2018-19 Plan Year claims will not increase

more than 10.1% compared to actual 2017-18 Plan Health claims and, due to these guarantees, estimation of the "worst case" costs increase of the City's self-insured health plan is no more than 5.3% for 2018-19, compared to estimates for 2017-18.

Staff requested approval of the proposal for the following healthcare services and authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to execute the Master Services Agreement on behalf of the City:

- a. Employee Group Health Insurance - reduces fixed administrative fees by more than 50%; guarantees administrative fee rate for three (3) years; guarantees claims will not increase more than 10.1% compared to FY 2017-18 claims (estimates worst case cost increase of no more than 5.3% for 2018-19; claims estimated @ no more than \$10.55M); and
- b. Telemedicine Services (Teledoc):
Option 1: City pays administrative fees of \$0.20 per member per month, plus \$3 administrative fee for each actual Teladoc consultation

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

CONSULTANT SERVICES/PAVEMENT CONDITION SURVEY

The City Council was provided with a contract with The Kercher Group, Inc. for consulting services relative to a pavement condition survey at a total cost of \$95,430. Council was advised that the last pavement condition survey was conducted in 2006 and the resurfacing priority list established from that survey is expected to be completed with the next resurfacing contract scheduled for award this spring. Council was informed that the intent of this work is to conduct a physical assessment of all 283 miles of city-maintained streets using the Long-Term Pavement Performance (LTPP) PCS method recommended by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in order to provide an analysis of the current road network conditions, funding analysis and a recommended 10-year pavement maintenance plan optimized for available funding.

Interim Assistant Manager Peter Varney informed the Council that previous pavement condition surveys identified traditional asphalt overlays and reconstruction as the only options for maintenance of City-owned streets and the intent of this plan is to maximize pavement life and cost effectiveness by developing maintenance schedules for multiple pavement preservation methods including full depth reclamation, traditional asphalt overlays, crack sealing and micro-surfacing. Survey work is expected to begin in May and the survey and analysis are expected to take five (5) months to complete.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bullock, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that contract with The Kercher Group, Inc. be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the contract (C-2018-6) on behalf of the City.

SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULED

The City Council scheduled a Special Called Joint Meeting

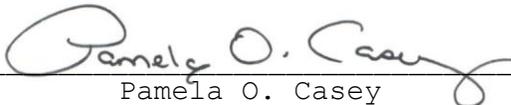
of the City Council and Human Relations Commission for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the George W. Dudley City Council Chamber, Third Floor of the Frederick E. Turnage Municipal Building for the purpose of a presentation by Dr. Bertha Todd relative to the 1898 Race Riot Reconciliation Process in Wilmington, NC.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Mayor recognized and appreciated Assistant City Manager Thomas M. Moton, Jr. for his work in the City. He noted Mr. Moton will be relocating to Wilmington, North Carolina. Councilmember Miller thanked Mr. Moton for his work with the anti-litter campaign.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Pamela O. Casey
City Clerk