

May 14, 2018

The City Council of the City of Rocky Mount met this day in regular session at 7:00 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: André D. Knight, Reuben C. Blackwell, IV, E. Lois Watkins, Tom Rogers, W. B. Bullock and Christine Carroll Miller.

Staff Present: Rochelle D. Small-Toney, City Manager; Pamela O. Casey, City Clerk; Peter Varney, Interim Assistant City Manager; Chris Beschler and Natasha Hampton-Clayton, Assistant City Managers; Tameka Kenan-Norman, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer; Archie Jones, Director of Human Relations; JoSeth Bocook, Interim Director of Development Services; Amy Stanton, Finance Director; Willie R. Williams, Interim Chief of Police; Kellieanne Davis, Community Development Administrator; Mike Vick, Electronic Communication Tech; Ken Hunter, Budget and Evaluation Manager; Jonathan Boone, Director of Public Works and Water Resources; Brad Kerr, Director of Engineering; Alicyn Wiedrich, Arts Center Curator; Mark Adcox, Video Production Specialist; Kim Batts, Deputy City Clerk; and Richard J. Rose, City Attorney.

Also in attendance were the following **Public Works and Water Resources Employees**: Jim Costello, Michael Shaw, Cameron Privott, Darrell Highsmith, Brenton Bent, Dennis Carpenter, Barbara Harris, Nate Williams, Amanda James, Brenda Cooper, Ray Proctor, Ben James, Rodney Brake, Sam Battle, Jason Glover, Dwayne Pride, Otis Hargrove, Mike Parks, Chris Pridgen, Jermaine Etheridge, William Taybron, Michele Raper, Maurice Battle, JP Pittman, Fuquan Battle, Michael Nelson, Ed White, Jim Connolly, Earl Eley, Luis Ramirez and Kelly Cook.

Security Officer: Retired Police Sergeant Stoney Battle and Police Sergeant Edwin Collins.

The Mayor opened the meeting and called on Councilmember Tom Rogers to offer prayer.

#### **WELCOME**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held April 23, 2018 and a special called meeting held on May 7, 2018 were approved as submitted to the City Council prior to the meeting.

#### **RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATION/ROCKY MOUNT PREPARATORY SCHOOL JAGUARS**

The Mayor welcomed the Rocky Mount Preparatory School Jaguars and school administrators: Todd Pipkin, Head of School; Maurice Moore, High School Principal; Joshua Curley, Athletic Director; Jordan Griffin, Director of Communications and Recruitment Coordinator; Jolly Manning, Head Coach; staff and support personnel and congratulated them on their record season of 25-1.

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that the following **Resolution R-2018-21**

entitled **RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROCKY MOUNT PREPARATORY SCHOOL JAGUARS ON A WINNING SEASON** be adopted:

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROCKY MOUNT  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL JAGUARS ON A WINNING SEASON**

WHEREAS, Rocky Mount Preparatory School Jaguars experienced a record season of 25-1 having gone undefeated in the regular conference season; and

WHEREAS, the Jaguars went into the Eastern Regional Finals against Pamlico with an impressive 25-0 record; and

WHEREAS, going into the Eastern Finals the Jaguars averaged 85.8 points per game while holding opponents to 60.3 points per game as well as playing multiple back to back games with a challenging schedule winning every game during the regular season; and going to Fayetteville's State Felton J. Capel Gymnasium to continue the winning streak; and

WHEREAS, the Jaguars ranked in the Top 3 in the State All Year in 1A; and were Conference Champions and Regular Season Champions; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Jolly Manning regularly encouraged and supported his players; and

WHEREAS, championships and winning seasons do not happen without dedicated leadership and the Rocky Mount Prep Jaguars team had that in Head Coach Jolly Manning; and

WHEREAS, in winning the Regular Season and Conference Tournament the Rocky Mount Prep Jaguars distinguished themselves, individually and collectively, as a team and brought credit not only to themselves, but to their families, their school and their community; and

WHEREAS, while there were outstanding individual players in the tournament, winning the championship was a total team effort from the following team members: Darian Richardson; Trevor Batchelor; Jabrien Moore; Sam Benton; Toyaz Solomon; Percy Tinsley; Kalil Baker; Keyshawn Bryant; Daquarius Bellamy; Tony Wilkins; Daquan Smith; Tiyelle Jones; Link Alexander; Elijah Mann; and Donnie Tillery; and

WHEREAS, also contributing to the success of the 2017 Basketball season was the support of Rocky Mount Preparatory School Athletic Director Joshua Curley; Principal Maurice Moore; Assistant Head Coach Ron Cooper; Assistant Coaches Eugene Barnes and Darnell Barnes; Trainer Robert-Shaune Mitchell; and other key individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor David W. Combs and the Rocky Mount City Council hereby congratulates the Rocky Mount Preparatory School Jaguars Basketball Team and its coaches and staff for the great accomplishment and honor of winning the Tar Roanoke Regular Season and the Conference Tournament as well as Eastern Regional Runner-Ups.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council, individually and collectively, thank the members of the team, the coaches, staff and support personnel for the honor the championship has brought to Rocky Mount Preparatory School and the City of Rocky Mount; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be spread upon the pages of the minutes of this proceeding and a copy shall be presented to each team member, coaches, staff and others who were instrumental in this phenomenal record season.

The Mayor recognized the team members and presented each with an official copy of the resolution congratulating them on this outstanding accomplishment. He and City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney joined the team and school administrators and staff for a photograph.

**PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

Mayor David W. Combs presented Public Works/Water Resources Director, Jonathan Boone, and staff of the Public Works/Water Resources Departments with a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 20-26, 2018 as "Public Works Week" in the City of Rocky Mount. The Mayor, City Council and City Manager joined Mr. Boone and Public Works/Water Resources staff members for a photograph. The Mayor thanked Mr. Boone and the employees for the valuable services provided to the City and stated, "you don't know how important they are until you don't have the services they provide."

**PRESERVATION MONTH**

The Mayor presented Interim Director of Development Services JoSeth Bocook and Historic Preservation Commission members, Roslyn Haynes and David Michael Latham; Central City Revitalization member, Garland Jones; and Preservation Rocky Mount president, Alicyn Wiedrich, with a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2018 as "Preservation Month" in the City of Rocky Mount. The Mayor and City Manager joined them for a for a photograph.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF**

City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney introduced Assistant City Managers, Chris Beschler and Natasha Hampton-Clayton and welcomed them to the City.

**APPRECIATION**

The City Manager expressed appreciation on behalf of staff, the Mayor and City Council to Interim Assistant City Manager, Peter Varney, for serving the City in the interim position.

**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.

Mayor Combs opened the meeting for petitions from the public and recognized the following individuals:

**Kevin Harris** said great progress has been made throughout the City and there have been improvements in the Downtown and these things posture the City for growth and future progress. He stated there is still a lot of work to do and he is confident Council will choose someone with passion and creativity to represent Ward 3, that God will have his way and it will be for the good of the Ward 3 citizens.

**Reverend W. R. Burston** said he appreciates the work done by the Manager, Assistant Managers and Council to make the city better. He said, "together we stand; divided we fall." He said they should use common sense to make things happen.

**Samuel Battle, Bronson Williams, Gwen Wilkins, Winslow Hagans, Lewis Turner, Nellene Richardson, Charles Chambliss, Jr. and Nehemiah Smith** spoke in opposition to the potential appointment of Richard Joyner to fill the vacant Ward 3 seat on the Council.

**Lewis Turner** requested more information be provided as to explanation of agenda items.

*NOTE: The Finance Director responded to Mr. Turner's questions and noted she will be happy to meet with him to further answer his question.*

**Mary Warren** spoke in support of Richard Joyner's appointment to the vacant Ward 3 City Council seat.

**Nehemiah Smith** stated lack of diversity remains a problem in the Fire Department and other departments within the City. He noted he has an appointment to speak with the City Manager and added the City Council Chamber needs repairs.

**Brenda Cooper** stated she is a resident of Ward 3 and hopes the Council will take the wishes of the citizens in consideration when making a decision to fill the Ward 3 vacancy. She stated the roof on a warehouse in Ward 3 on South Church Street is in disrepair and poses a danger to the community. *\*Assigned to staff for investigation and report.*

The Mayor closed the public petitions portion of the meeting.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION ADDED TO AGENDA IN OPEN MEETING)**

The City Manager presented an overview of the FY 2019 proposed annual operating budget to the City Council. She outlined the following budget highlights:

- Total budget - \$210,262,590
- 4.6% total increase
- 2.5 cent tax increase (for Event Center financing)
- No monthly fee or utility rate increases
- Proposed staffing changes:

Description	Change in # Positions	Change in # FTE
Management support	1	1.5
Employee development	2	2
Facility maintenance	2	1
Create new department of Information Services	7	7
Community & Business Development	1	1.5
<b>TOTAL STAFFING CHANGES</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>

- Budget Objectives:
  - Rocky Mount Event Center
  - Community & Business Development
  - Information Technology
  - Infrastructure
  - Employee Development
  - Customer Service

- General Fund Significant Changes:

Description	Amount
Rocky Mount Event Center	\$2.03M
Roof Replacements	\$ 965,000
Community & Business Development	\$ 732,000
Information Technology	\$ 715,000
City Hall Repairs	\$ 413,000
Fire CIP Projects	\$ 353,000
Motor Vehicle Replacements	\$ 307,000
Douglas Block Repairs	\$ 300,000
Parks CIP Projects	\$ 215,000
Development Services One-Stop Shop	\$ 212,000
Human Resources Staffing Increases	\$ 185,000
Third Assistant City Manager	\$ 124,000
Communications & Marketing	\$ 104,000
Battle Park Redevelopment Master Plan	\$ 100,000
Additional Internal Audit & Maintenance Staffing	\$ 95,000
Inspections Staffing	\$ 70,000
Parks & Recreation/Boys & Girls Club HERO Program	\$ 50,000
Event Center Sponsorships	\$ 30,000
Community Events	\$ 24,000
Community Conversations	\$ 10,000
<b>TOTAL SIGNIFICANT INCREASES</b>	<b>Over \$7M</b>
<i>Offsetting Reductions Identified by Staff</i>	\$2 M

- General Fund Revenue Changes:

Description	Amount
Ad Valorem (tax increase, vehicles)	\$ 795,000
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 535,000
Other Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 149,450
Motor Vehicle Licences	\$ 75,000
Increased Development Activity	\$ 97,540
Sales of Services & Assets/Auctions	\$ 165,920
Increased Interest on Revenues	\$ 139,500
Return of Transfer from Gas Fund	\$ 850,000
Increased Financing Proceeds for CIP Projects	\$1,867,000
Event Center Revenues	\$1,142,520
No Change in Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 0
Other Adjustments	\$ -14,200
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCREASE</b>	<b>\$5,801,730</b>

- FY 2019 Utility Fund Priorities:

- Ensure Reliable Service Delivery
- Fund CIP Projects
- Energy Resources Management Support
- Continue Addressing Water & Sewer Asset Management; and
- Stormwater System Rehabilitation

*\*Powerpoint presentation on file in the City Clerk's office*

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **A. TEMPORARY STREET CLOSINGS (recommended for approval):**

- Request by Deborah Cobb, on behalf of the Germantown Celebration Committee, for permission to close Beaman Street from New Street through Beaman Street (to the corner of 602 Beaman Street and Boone Street sign) from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2018 for a Germantown Celebration; and
- Request by Pastor Nellene Richardson for permission to close the 1600 Block of Branch Street and the 1600 Block of Hargrove Street from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2018 for Awareness Day.

**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>
<b><u>NASH COUNTY</u></b>				
2017	1000173	MOLLY'S DAYCARE 2 PO BOX 1932 ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27802	62.70 CITY 2.66 INT	BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2015
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>65.36</b>	
2016	1191	MOLLY'S DAYCARE 2 PO BOX 1932 ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27802	57.48 CITY 5.75 PEN 8.38 INT	BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2015
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>71.61</b>	
<b><u>EDGECOMBE COUNTY</u></b>				
2008	22217	UNKNOWN OWNER 700 ROSE ST REAR LT ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	8.70 CITY 7.42 INT	FORECLOSURE
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>16.12</b>	
2009	22243	UNKNOWN OWNER 700 ROSE ST REAR LT ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	16.50 CITY 12.58 INT	FORECLOSURE
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>29.08</b>	
2010	7145	UNKNOWN OWNER 700 ROSE ST REAR LT ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	16.50 CITY 11.10 INT	FORECLOSURE
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>27.60</b>	
2011	7152	UNKNOWN OWNER 700 ROSE ST REAR LT ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	16.50 CITY 9.61 INT	FORECLOSURE
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>26.11</b>	
2012	7130	UNKNOWN OWNER 700 ROSE ST REAR LT ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	17.40 CITY 8.57 INT	FORECLOSURE
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>25.97</b>	
2013	7131	UNKNOWN OWNER 700 ROSE ST REAR LT ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	17.40 CITY 7.00 INT	FORECLOSURE
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>24.40</b>	
2014	7119	UNKNOWN OWNER 700 ROSE ST REAR LT ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	17.40 CITY 5.44 INT	FORECLOSURE
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>22.84</b>	

2015	7105	UNKNOWN OWNER 700 ROSE ST REAR LT ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	18.15 4.04	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>22.19</b>		
2016	7101	UNKNOWN OWNER 700 ROSE ST REAR LT ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	18.15 2.40	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>20.55</b>		
2017	7098	UNKNOWN OWNER 700 ROSE ST REAR LT ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	12.01 .09	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>12.10</b>		
2008	22218	UNKNOWN OWNER ROSE ST REAR LD 600 BLK ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	8.70 7.42	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>16.12</b>		
2009	22244	UNKNOWN OWNER ROSE ST REAR LD 600 BLK ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	8.25 6.29	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>14.54</b>		
2010	7165	UNKNOWN OWNER ROSE ST REAR LD 600 BLK ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	8.25 5.55	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>13.80</b>		
2011	7177	UNKNOWN OWNER ROSE ST REAR LD 600 BLK ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	8.25 4.81	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>13.06</b>		
2012	7155	UNKNOWN OWNER ROSE ST REAR LD 600 BLK ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	8.70 4.28	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>12.98</b>		
2013	7156	UNKNOWN OWNER ROSE ST REAR LD 600 BLK ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	8.70 3.50	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>12.20</b>		
2014	7143	UNKNOWN OWNER ROSE ST REAR LD 600 BLK ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	8.70 2.72	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>11.42</b>		
2015	7129	UNKNOWN OWNER ROSE ST REAR LD 600 BLK ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	9.08 2.02	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>11.10</b>		
2016	7125	UNKNOWN OWNER ROSE ST REAR LD 600 BLK ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	9.08 1.20	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>			<b>10.28</b>		

2017	7122	UNKNOWN OWNER	2.47	CITY	FORECLOSURE
		ROSE ST REAR LD 600 BLK	.02	INT	
		ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801			
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>2.49</b>		

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>NASH COUNTY</u>					
2017	1000312	BLAZIN WINGS INC	2575.63	CITY	CORRECTED VALUE
		BUFFALO WILD WINGS	257.56	PEN	
		5500 WAYZATA BLVD FLOOR 16TH			
		MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55416			
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>2833.19</b>		
2017	1000311	BLAZIN WINGS INC	2639.39	CITY	CORRECTED VALUE
		BUFFALO WILD WINGS	527.89	PEN	
		5500 WAYZATA BLVD FLOOR 16TH			
		MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55416			
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>3167.28</b>		
2017	1000044	REGES, H C	222.97	CITY	BILLED IN ERROR
		REGES, RUTH A	7.80	INT	
		1117 DELPHIA DRIVE			
		ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801			
		<b>TOTAL RELEASE:</b>	<b>230.77</b>		

C. FY 2017-2018 ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:(recommended for adoption)

- Budget Ordinance Amendments:

- 1) **Ordinance No. O-2018-18** entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 FOR HURRICAN MATTHEW PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT** (increases appropriations for reimbursement of costs of repairs incurred due to Hurricane Matthew - General Fund \$267,787; Water Fund \$62,360);
- 2) **Ordinance No. O-2018-19** entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 FOR ADDITIONAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASES** (increases appropriations to Gas Fund for purchase of natural gas for resale to customers - \$3,600,000);
- 3) **Ordinance No. O-2018-20** entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 FOR AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS** (increases appropriations in General Fund for providing snacks to after school program participants - \$8,600);
- 4) **Ordinance No. O-2018-21** entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL** (increases appropriations in General Fund for receipt of NCDOT reimbursement for costs incurred for roadway snow and ice removal - \$36,150); and
- 5) **Ordinance No. O-2018-22** entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 FOR NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION GRANT** (increases appropriations in General Fund for National Recreation and Park Association Grant to fund programs to increase access to healthy snacks and food, physical activity and nutrition education for youth - \$25,000).

- Grant Project Ordinance Closeouts:

- 1) **Ordinance No. O-2018-23** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FIRE DEPARTMENT SPRINKLER INSTALLATION** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures);



- 2) **Ordinance No. O-2018-24** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/ROCKY MOUNT COMMUNITY AED IMPLEMENTATION GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures);
- 3) **Ordinance No. O-2018-25** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY16 BUCKLE UP FOR LIFE GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures);
- 4) **Ordinance No. O-2018-26** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE 2014/EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures);
- 5) **Ordinance No. O-2018-27** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/2015 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures);
- 6) **Ordinance No. O-2018-28** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP 2014 GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
- 7) **Governors Crime Commission Grants:**
  - a. **Ordinance No. O-2018-29** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION GRANT PROJECT (GCC16)** (police equipment; closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures);
  - b. **Ordinance No. O-2018-30** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION TECHNOLOGY GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures); and
  - c. **Ordinance No. O-2018-31** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/BODY WORN CAMERA PROJECT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
- 8) **Transit:**
  - a. **Ordinance No. O-2018-32** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2011 NCDOT 5307 LAPSING FUNDS (BUS 15)** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
  - b. **Ordinance No. O-2018-33** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION URBAN TRANSIT CAPITAL ASSISTANT GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
  - c. **Ordinance No. O-2018-34** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2016 RURAL EVENING SERVICE GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
  - d. **Ordinance No. O-2018-35** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2017 RURAL EVENING SERVICE GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
  - e. **Ordinance No. O-2018-36** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2015 RURAL MOBILITY MANAGEMENT OPERATING PROGRAM** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
  - f. **Ordinance No. O-2018-37** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2016 RURAL MOBILITY MANAGEMENT OPERATING PROGRAM** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
  - g. **Ordinance No. O-2018-38** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2017 RURAL MOBILITY MANAGEMENT OPERATING PROGRAM** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
  - h. **Ordinance No. O-2018-39** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2015 URBAN TRANSIT SYSTEM CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
  - i. **Ordinance No. O-2018-40** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2016 URBAN TRANSIT SYSTEM CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
  - j. **Ordinance No. O-2018-41** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2014 RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEM OPERATING PROGRAM GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)

- k. **Ordinance No. O-2018-42** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2015 RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEM OPERATING PROGRAM GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
- l. **Ordinance No. O-2018-43** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2016 RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEM OPERATING PROGRAM GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
- m. **Ordinance No. O-2018-44** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2017 RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEM OPERATING PROGRAM GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
- n. **Ordinance No. O-2018-45** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2016 RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEM CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
- o. **Ordinance No. O-2018-46** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2017 RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEM CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
- p. **Ordinance No. O-2018-47** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2016 FORMULA GRANT FOR RURAL AREAS** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
- q. **Ordinance No. O-2018-48** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2015 TRANSIT SYSTEM PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
- r. **Ordinance No. O-2018-49** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2016 TRANSIT SYSTEM PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)
- s. **Ordinance No. O-2018-50** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2016 URBAN TRANSIT SYSTEM OPERATING PROJECT GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures); and
- t. **Ordinance No. O-2018-51** entitled **FINAL GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY2017 URBAN TRANSIT SYSTEM OPERATING PROJECT GRANT** (closes project; gives final summary of actual revenues/expenditures)

Mayor Combs requested that Finance Director Amy Staton provide further information relative to the project ordinance closeouts.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried that the recommendations relative to the Consent Agenda items be approved inclusive of approval of the street closings; tax releases; and adoption of Budget Ordinances.

#### **DEMOLITION ORDINANCE**

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

- 300/302 Middle Street

Motion was made by Councilmember Bullock, seconded by Councilmember Watkins and unanimously carried that **Ordinance No. O-2018-52** 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.

#### **ASSESSMENTS/HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT**

The City Council received the preliminary assessment roll prepared to recover costs incurred by the City in connection with Housing Code Enforcement on the following properties:

- a. 512 Arlington Street
- b. 1233 Barnes Street
- c. 821 Beal Street
- d. 538 Center Street
- e. 1226 SW Main Street
- f. 1332 Maple Street
- g. 505 Pender Street
- h. 801 Pender Street
- i. 1517 Tadlock Street
- j. 117 N Tillery Street
- k. 511 S Washington Street

Motion was made by Councilmember Bullock, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried that receipt of the preliminary assessment roll be acknowledged; that **Resolution No. R-2018-22** entitled **RESOLUTION OF DETERMINATION OF COST OF REPAIR/DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSING AND STRUCTURES** and **Resolution No. R-2018-23** entitled **RESOLUTION OF PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL** be adopted; and that a public hearing on the assessments be scheduled for June 11, 2018.

#### ELECTRONIC AUCTION

The City Council was advised that new audit and disbursement rules were effective November 1, 2017 allowing municipalities an exemption from pre-audit and disbursement certificate requirements for electronic transactions upon adoption of a resolution by the governing board as well as following specific requirements as set forth by the North Carolina Administrative Code (20 NCAC 03.0409 and 20 NCAC 03.0410). Council was further advised that this process allows for more efficient processing of electronic transactions, that all procedures are in place as required and the next step is adoption of the resolution.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Watkins and unanimously carried that **Resolution No. R-2018-24** entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS AS DEFINED BY G.S. 159-28** be adopted.

#### BUDGET REVIEW 2018-2019

The City Council adopted the following schedule of meetings related to the proposed 2018-2019 budget:

- Monday, May 21 - 5 p.m. (Committee Room)
- Wednesday, May 30 - 5 p.m. (Committee Room)
- Monday, June 4 - 5 p.m., if necessary (Committee Room)

#### ANNEXATION NO. 312 - FELLOWSHIP OF PRAISE CHURCH OF GOD - 3201 BENVENUE ROAD

The City Council received a petition from Gary Bradley on behalf of Fellowship of Praise Church of God (3201 Benvenue Road) for annexation of a non-contiguous parcel.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that receipt of the petition be acknowledged and that **Resolution No. R-2018-25** entitled **RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CITY CLERK TO INVESTIGATE THE SUFFICIENCY OF A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF A CONTIGUOUS AREA INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF**

ROCKY MOUNT ANNEXATION NO. 312 - FELLOWSHIP OF PRAISE CHURCH OF GOD  
(3201 BENVENUE ROAD) be adopted.

**CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO 3. TO CONTRACT FOR 54" OUTFALL DESIGN AND BIDDING  
AND COLLECTION SYSTEM MODELING/BEECH BRANCH OUTFALL REPAIR, REPLACEMENT  
AND REHABILITATION**

City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney advised the City Council that the Public Works & Water Resources Department previously entered into a contract with CH2M HILL in October 2017 for the repair and rehabilitation of approximately 2,000 linear feet of the 54" Outfall downstream of the Fire Training Grounds and extending north of US 64 Bypass. She stated that while there is additional work left to do further downstream of this location, the project awarded in October addressed the most critical needs associated with the sewer outfall. She told the Council there is a need to develop the design and bidding documents required to address the repair and rehabilitation of the 27" Beech Branch Outfall and the Public Works & Water Resources Department has recommended approval of a contract amendment (No. 3) for the repair, replacement and rehabilitations of the Beech Branch Outfall at a costs of \$403,600. The Council was advised that due to the length of the outfall and site conditions along Beech Branch, it is estimated the total cost of rehabilitation and/or replacement of the sewer outfall will be in excess of eight (8) million dollars. Approval of the amendment number 3 is recommended in order to proceed with the design and preparation of the bidding documents so the City is equipped to proceed with bidding the project (potentially in two [2] phases) once funds are identified to pay for the project and/or in the event that a catastrophic failure were to occur.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Bullock and unanimously carried that the contract amendment with CH2M HILL North Carolina, Inc. (Amendment No. 3) be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City. The contract amendment will be placed on file in the City Clerk's office with the initial contract with CH2M Hill North Carolina, Inc. (C-2016-26).

**ELECTRIC UPGRADES AT THE TAR RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The City Council was advised that the Department of Public Works & Water Resources has been working over the past couple of years to develop a comprehensive asset management plan for the City's water resources infrastructure and efforts have been focused on the equipment and systems required to treat and distribute potable water and to collect and treat wastewater. Council was further advised that a significant part of this effort included an evaluation of risk and criticality key elements within the system in order to identify those items that have the potential to significantly impact water and sewer operations and overall system reliability.

The City Manager reported that a determination has been made that electrical components are in need of attention and the Energy Resources Department has agreed to replace a majority of the electrical conductors

and underground conduit utilized to provide power at the plant. The Council was advised that while this effort will address power delivery at the plant, there are a variety of additional electrical components and the department has engaged CH2M to evaluate options to replace several of the control panels utilized to power the screw pumps at the head of the plant and replace two (2) transfer switches needed to take advantage of the dual feed system utilized to provide redundancy in the event of a power interruption.

The City Council was provided with a contract with CH2M for development of the final design and contract documents required to solicit bids to replace the needed equipment. Council was advised that the scope included a breakdown for three (3) distinct tasks, the contract and associated fee addresses the first three (3) elements: project planning, design activities and bidding support and, although the contract addressed optional support services during construction of the improvements, it is the intent of staff to coordinate much of the work internally.

Motion was made by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Bullock and unanimously carried that the contract **(C-2018-9)** with CH2M HILL for Tasks 1-3 in the amount of \$79,700 be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

#### **WAYFINDING DESIGN**

Interim Assistant City Manager Peter Varney the City Council with a contract with Corbin Design for development of a citywide wayfinding master plan, detail plans and bid documents for wayfinding in the Downtown District. The City Council was advised that Phase 1 implementation will be Event Center trailblazer directional signs and parking identification signs. Council was advised that the total contract for services (Task 1-4) is \$66,130 and the plan will include park and trail identification signs, but not internal wayfinding for the City parks and trails.

Councilmember Rogers requested Council be provided with a timetable/schedule.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bullock, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that the contract **(C-2018-10)** with Corbin Design be approved, plus a project contingency of \$5,000 for a total of \$71,130 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

#### **BIDS/CIRCUIT BREAKERS FOR SUBSTATION 7**

The City Council received copies of the tabulation of bids received for Circuit Breakers for Substation 7. Bids were received and opened on April 26, 2018 after all necessary legal procedures had been implemented and the bid tabulation is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2018-14**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that the bids for the Circuit Breakers

for Substation 7 in the total amount of \$105,330 (cost includes Bid Schedule No. 1 at a total cost of \$24,606 and Bid Schedule No. 2 at a total cost of \$80,724) be awarded to PowerTech, LLC and that the Purchasing Division be authorized to issue a purchase order for the equipment in accordance with the Council's award.

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 3/DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY FACILITY CONTRACT - BARNHILL/HOLT BROTHERS**

The City Council was provided with Change Order No. 3 on a contract with Barnhill/Holt Brothers relative to the Rocky Mount Event Center.

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that the change order be approved and that the City Manager or the Mayor and City Clerk, as appropriate, be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City, if required.

The Change Order will be filed with the original contract (**C-2016-31**) and Change Orders No. 1 and 2 with Barnhill/Holt Brothers in the City Clerk's Office.

**WARD 3 VACANCY**

The Mayor announced that five (5) good candidates applied for the Ward 3 Councilmember position. He said all candidates did a great job in the interview process and all would be passionate about serving in the position; however, only one (1) can be appointed.

Mayor Combs asked the City Attorney to explain the process.

City Attorney Richard J. Rose stated that whomever is appointed will serve until the City's next election in October 2019 and would then need to run in that election should by wish to serve the remainder of the term until October 2021.

Councilmember Knight asked the City Attorney to further explain as to whether all candidates are qualified to be seated at this particular time.

The City Attorney added that there is no requirement to go through any particular process and the Council is not limited to the five (5) applications when making their selection. He added that Candidate Richard E. Joyner is not eligible to be sworn in at this meeting, but will be eligible to take an oath after May 21, 2018 (one week from today's date).

Further comments were made by Councilmember Knight in objection to the process and stated that one of the candidates should not have been allowed to go through the process.

Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem Watkins apologized to Candidate Richard E. Joyner for his being accused of being unethical or cheating.

Councilmember Blackwell voiced his opposition to the process and stated that though Richard E. Jordan is his friend, he cannot support anything that looks unethical or appears to have been pre-determined.

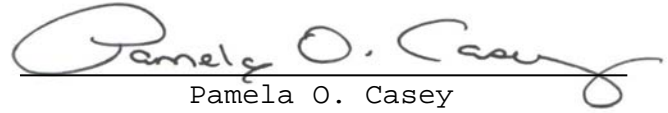
Councilmember Knight voiced his opposition to the vote and the process and began reading a prepared statement.

Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem Lois Watkins raised a point of order which was accepted by the Mayor and the meeting continued.

Motion was made by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, and passed by a vote of 4-2 that Richard E. Joyner be appointed as the Ward 3 Councilmember and that he be sworn in at the June 11, 2018 7 p.m. City Council (Councilmembers Knight and Blackwell opposed).

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

  
Pamela O. Casey  
City Clerk