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AD	=	APPROVAL DENIED	T	=	TABLED
NA	=	NO ACTION	RA	=	REMOVED FROM AGENDA
D	=	DEFERRED	I	=	INTRODUCED
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AGENDA FOR A REGULAR RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE GEORGE W. DUDLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

1. Meeting Called to Order by the Mayor.
2. Prayer.
3. Roll Call by the City Clerk.
- A~ 4. Approval of the Minutes of a Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council Held February 11, 2019.
5. 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.

Warren Daughtridge voiced concern relative to a lack of transparency relative to City Government and requested more open and honest communication. He said the City needs leaders who are servants.

Jonathan Hunter spoke in support of the historic designation of the Buck Leonard home.

Robert Carr voiced concern relative to race relations. He said he read that certain members of the City Council have used inside information for profit.

Susan Perry Cole voiced support for the Downtown Affordable Housing project. She said the project is needed and the City has a workforce housing shortage.

Nehemiah Smith, Jr. said we cannot allow the narrative of the City and who we are to be dictated by carnival barkers, especially when they do not live in the City. He said he is tired of folks saying the race card is being played. He said he believes the City Manager will take the City forward and we will be a better City and a better citizenry.

Robert Davis said racism is taught. He added that the first steps in getting rid of the problems in the City is to look at the man in the mirror and added that he has never seen the problem of race to be such a challenge anywhere else he has ever lived. He said we all have to work together.

6. **Public Hearing** Relative to Local Historic Landmark Designation of the Walter “Buck” Leonard House (605 Atlantic Avenue).

D*~ Recommended Action: Defer Action; Schedule City Council and Historic Preservation Commission Joint Public Hearing for March 11, 2019.

****Action was deferred and a Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and Historic Preservation Commission Scheduled for the March 11, 2019 City Council Meeting.***

7. Consideration of Tax Releases and/or Refunds:

- Schedule A – taxes under \$100 approved for release and/or refund by the City Manager; and
- Schedule B – taxes over \$100 recommended for release and/or refund by the City Council.

A~ Recommended Action: Approve Release and/or Refund of Taxes Listed on Schedules A and B.

8. Consideration of FY 2019 Urgent Repair Program Project Ordinance Appropriating Grant Funds to the Community Development Grant Fund for Residential Urgent Repair Activities (\$100,000 – NC Housing Finance; \$150,000 General Funds appropriated for the purpose of housing initiatives).

A~ Recommended Action: Adopt Project Ordinance.

9. Consideration of Minutes and Recommendations from a Regular Scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting Held February 11, 2019:

- 1) Closed Session:

- Personnel Matter (added in open session);
- Economic Development (Three Items)

- 2) North Carolina Department of Commerce - Rural Economic Development Division - Building Reuse Grant Agreement – Monk Hotel/LaGerKo – Rochelle D. Small-Toney - *Recommended for approval of Grant including Deed of Trust;*

- 3) Decision to Limit Public Comment at 7 p.m. Meeting to One Hour;

- 4) Amendments to Land Development Code Ordinance Prohibiting the Parking of Oversized Commercial Vehicles on Residentially Zoned Property – Will Deaton – *Recommend approval relative to parking on areas of one-acre or more;*

- 5) Edgecombe Community College Shared Use Parking Agreement – Chris Beschler – *Recommended approval;*

- 6) Buck Leonard Local Historic Landmark – Will Deaton – *Recommended approval;*

- 7) Boards/Commissions/Committees – Pam Casey - *Deferred to City Council Retreat scheduled for February 20 -21, 2019)*

A~ Recommended Action: Approve Minutes and Recommendations.

10. Notification to Council of 1) Intent to Accept 2019 Nash County Foundation Grant to Reduce the Use of Drugs (\$6,500 - to be used to support the Police Explorers Post Program); and 2) Consideration of Adoption of FY2019 Budget Ordinance Amendment Appropriating Grant Funds.

A~ Recommended Action: 1) Acknowledge Receipt of Grant; and
2) Adopt Budget Ordinance.

11. Consideration of Applications for Renewal of Existing Taxi Rights and New Taxi Rights:

a. Renewals/Taxi:

Christopher R. Baker	# 1
Robert E. Lancaster	# 27
Mable R. Page	# 5
Lonnie Parker	# 4
Kendrick P. Scott	# 25
Otis T. Battle Jr.	# 53
Lareston R. Lewis	# 2

A~ Recommended Action: Approve Renewal of Existing Taxi Rights as Recommended and Authorize the City Clerk to Execute the Same on Behalf of the City.

12. Consideration of Ordinance Ordering the Community Code Inspector to Proceed with Demolition of the Following Dilapidated Dwellings:

- 708 Branch Street
- 728 Park Avenue
- 730 Park Avenue

A~ Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance.

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**Consideration of 708 Branch Street was deferred until the March 11, 2019 meeting.*

13. Consideration of Grant Application the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation for the Community Exhibition of the Black Light Project (grant funds could be awarded up to \$50,000 – no local match required); and 2) Acceptance of \$5,000 in Planning Funds Awarded from Letter of Intent Submitted for Exhibit in October, 2018 (no local match).

A~ Recommended Action: 1) Approve Grant Application and Authorize Submission by Staff; and
2) Approve Acceptance of Grant (\$5,000) and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Required Documentation and Certifications, including Subsequent Grant Agreement on Behalf of the City.

14. Consideration of Resolution to Partner in the Development of Affordable Workforce Housing on Tarboro Street (*added to agenda in open meeting*).

A~ Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution.

15. Consideration of Resolution Establishing the Workforce Housing Advisory Commission (*added to agenda in open meeting*).

A~ Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution.