

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FEBRUARY 25, 2019

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ROCKY MOUNT CITY COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT

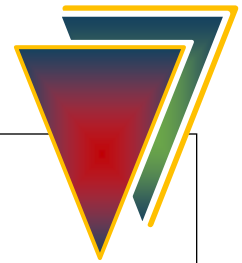
Rocky Mount is a City composed of people of diverse backgrounds, heritages, and interests with a shared sense of values, stewardship and community.

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.

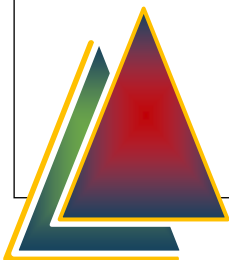
At these meetings, the City's business is conducted and ordinances and resolutions, the laws of Rocky Mount, are enacted. Ordinances take effect upon their adoption when approved by a majority of the Council. All ordinances must be in writing. They are introduced at one meeting and adopted at a subsequent 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

TOM ROGERS, MAYOR PRO TEM
(Ward 5)

ANDRÉ D. KNIGHT (Ward 1)

REUBEN C. BLACKWELL, IV (Ward 2)

RICHARD E. JOYNER (Ward 3)

E. LOIS WATKINS (Ward 4)

W. B. BULLOCK (Ward 6)

CHRIS MILLER (Ward 7)

CITY STAFF

ROCHELLE D. SMALL-TONEY, *City Manager*

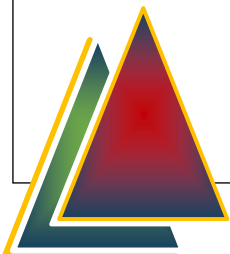
PAMELA O. CASEY, *City Clerk*

CHRIS BESCHLER, *Assistant City Manager*

NATASHA HAMPTON-CLAYTON, *Assistant City Manager*

TAMEKA KENAN-NORMAN, *Chief Communications & Marketing Officer*

RICHARD J. ROSE, *City Attorney*





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AGENDA FOR A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT TO BE 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.
4. Approval of the Minutes of a Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council Held February 11, 2019. [View](#)
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.

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

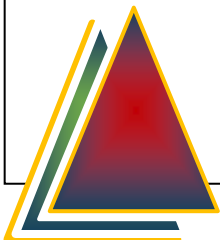
Recommended Action: Defer Action; Schedule City Council and Historic Preservation Commission Joint Public Hearing for March 11, 2019.

7. Consideration of Tax Releases and/or Refunds: [View](#)
 - 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.

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).

Recommended Action: Adopt Project Ordinance. [View](#)





9. Consideration of Minutes and Recommendations from a Regular Scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting Held February 11, 2019: [View](#)
- 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)*

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. [View](#)

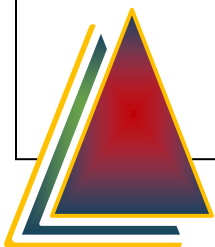
Recommended Action: 1) Acknowledge Receipt of Grant; and
2) Adopt Budget Ordinance.

11. Consideration of Applications for Renewal of Existing Taxi Rights and New Taxi Rights: [View](#)

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

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: [View](#)

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

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance.

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). [View](#)

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.

