

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

September 23, 2019



Public Power & Public Natural Gas Week October 6-12, 2019

Visit your Rocky Mount Public Utilities at the **BBQ Throw Down** on Oct. 12, 2019 from 10:30 am to 6 pm in Downtown Rocky Mount

Activities at the BBQ Throw Down include:
Safety Demonstrations • Games • Prizes •
Giveaways • Kids Activities • Plinko •
Pole-Climbing

12th Annual Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down October 11-12, 2019

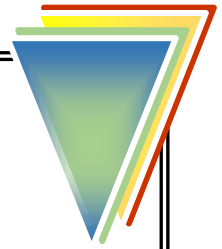
From 5-8 p.m. on Oct. 11, the festival will kick off with a Kids Zone, beer garden and food vendors.

The fun begins at 11:30 a.m. and lasts until 6 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 12, with food and commercial vendors, as well as, the BBQ competition, with a grand prize of \$5,000.



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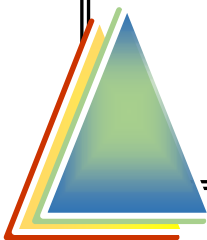
ROCKY MOUNT CITY COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT

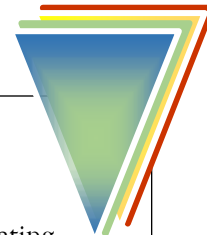
Rocky Mount is a City composed of people of diverse backgrounds, heritages, and interests with a shared sense of values, stewardship and community.

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.

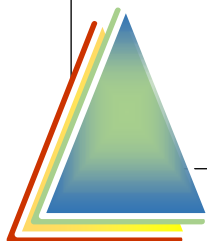
At these meetings, the City's business is conducted and ordinances and resolutions, the laws of Rocky Mount, are enacted. Ordinances take effect upon their adoption when approved by a majority of the Council. All ordinances must be in writing. They are introduced at one meeting and adopted at a subsequent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

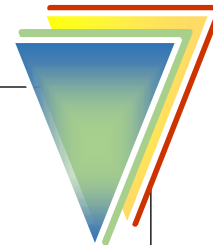
Councilmembers receive the agenda for a Council meeting, together with detailed background material, on the Thursday prior to each regular meeting. This gives them the opportunity to study each item on the agenda prior to the meeting and consult with the City Manager or City staff members. If no additional 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*

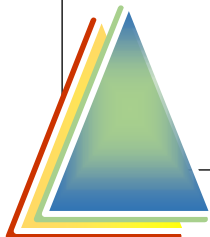
PAMELA O. CASEY, *City Clerk*

CHRIS BESCHLER, *Assistant City Manager*

NATASHA HAMPTON, *Assistant City Manager*

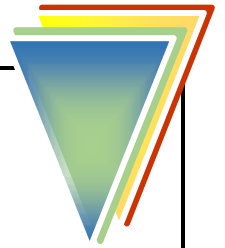
TAMEKA KENAN-NORMAN, *Chief Communications & Marketing Officer*

RICHARD J. ROSE, *City Attorney*





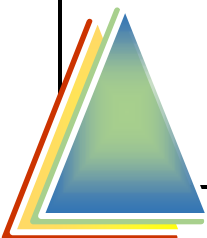
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AGENDA FOR A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT TO BE HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE GEORGE W. DUDLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

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 September 9, 2019. [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes.
5. Consideration of Minutes and Recommendations from a Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Held on September 9, 2019: [View](#)
 - Closed Session – Attorney/Client Privilege (the remaining items on the agenda were not reached)Recommended Action: Approve Minutes.
6. Community Update – City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney
7. Presentations and Recognitions: [View](#)
 - a. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of October 6-12, 2019 Public Power and Public Natural Gas Week in the City of Rocky Mount to Energy Resources Department Staff ;
 - b. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of October 2019 as Community Planning Month in the City of Rocky Mount to the Department of Development Services;
 - c. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of September as Senior Center Month in the City of Rocky Mount to Brian Harrell, Senior Center Manager, and Senior Center Members;
 - d. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of October 2019 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Rocky Mount to Elayne Henderson, Director of Human Resources; and
 - e. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming September 15, 2019 – October 15, 2019 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Rocky Mount to Maritza Mata Betancourt and Rafael Benitez.





8. 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.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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A. Consideration of Temporary Street Closing Request from Bob League to Close Dartmour Court from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 for a National Night Out Celebration.

B. Consideration of the Following Tax Releases and/or Refunds:

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

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Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda (inclusive of approval of street closing and tax releases).

10. **Public Hearing(s)** Relative to FY 2021 Section 5310, 5311 and 5339 Public Transportation Grants for Funding through the North Carolina Department of Transportation for a Portion of Tar River Transit Administrative, Operating and Capital Expenses (total funding request = \$1,402,995/local match = \$339,114). [View](#)

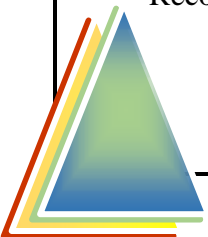
Recommended Action: 1) Receive Public Comment:

- a. Section 5310 – Mobility Management (open/close public hearing)
 - b. Section 5311 – Rural Operating (open/close public hearing)
 - c. Section 5339 – Rural Capital (open/close public hearing)
- 2) Adopt Resolution; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Required Documentation and Certifications, including Subsequent Grant Agreement(s).

11. Consideration of 1) Rescinding the Moratorium on Residential Demolitions; and 2) Ordinances Ordering the Community Code Inspector to Proceed with Demolition of the Following Dilapidated Dwellings: [View](#)

- a. 1303 Cypress Street
- b. 332 N. Howell Street
- c. 4420 Jacobs Avenue
- d. 416 Middle Street
- e. 523 Nashville Road
- f. 319 Marigold Street
- g. 810 Mitchell Street
- h. 1209 Tarboro Street

Recommended Action: 1) Rescind Moratorium on Residential Demolitions; and
2) Adopt Ordinances.





12. Consideration of Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 of the City Code by adding Article VI Entitled “Non-Residential Building Maintenance Code” (establishes a non-residential building maintenance code). [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance.

13. Consideration of FY 2018-2019 Down East HOME Consortium (DEHC) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation and Reports (CAPER). [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Reports and Authorize Submission to HUD.

14. Consideration of 2019-2020 Cape Fear Tutoring, Inc. Annual Renewal Contract Relative to Child and Adult Care Food Program [CACFP] (allows for reimbursement to City for healthy snacks provided during the After-School Program - estimated reimbursement = \$6,100. [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Contract as Recommended and Authorize the Mayor and/or Appropriate Agent to Execute the Same, Including Required Certifications, on Behalf of the City.

15. Consideration of the Following Grant Applications for North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Grants:

- a. Babington Technology – \$200,000 (local cash match \$12,500 – City and Carolinas Gateway Partnership to arrange; creation of 20 jobs); [View](#)
- b. Frozen Food Express - \$500,000 (local cash match \$47,864 – City and Carolinas Gateway Partnership to arrange; creation of 59 jobs) [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Grant Applications; Authorize the Mayor to Execute Applications on behalf of the City; and Authorize Submission; and
2) Adopt Resolutions (authorizes cash match and for the City Manager to execute any additional documentation required).

16. Consideration of Change Order No. 1 for Sunset Avenue Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump #2 Replacement with T.A. Loving Company (increases cost of project by \$30,360 due to additional exploratory excavation, project delay/downtime and additional pipe, fittings and materials). [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Change Order and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Same on Behalf of the City.

17. Closed Sessions:

- Personnel Matter (request of City Manager); and
- Attorney Client Privilege (request of City Manager)

