

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

November 25, 2019

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Performances

December 6th, 7th, 13th & 14th @ 7:30 p.m.

December 8th & 15th @ 2 p.m.



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*
ELTON DANIELS, *Assistant City Manager*
NATASHA HAMPTON, *Assistant City Manager*
VACANT, *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, NOVEMBER 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 November 11, 2019 [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes

5. Consideration of Minutes and Recommendations from a Regular Scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting Held on November 11, 2019: [View](#)
 1. Auditor Presentation – Kari Dunlap, Martin Starnes and Associates – *report; no action;*
 2. Census 2020 Presentation – Archie Jones – *report; no action;*
 3. Motorola Radio Maintenance Contract – Rusty Owens – *report; no action;*
 4. One Stop Update - Will Deaton – *report; no action;*
 5. Boards and Commissions - Pam Casey – *recommendations for appointment, contingent upon receipt of personal history forms: Gloria Williams – Community Appeals Board, Ward 3; and Kevin Macklin – Workforce Housing Advisory Commission, Housing Authority Member*
 6. Closed Session – Personnel

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes and Recommendations

6. Community Update – City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney
7. Presentations and Recognitions: [View](#)
 - Presentation of the Smart Energy Provider Award to City of Rocky Mount Energy Resources Department by Roy Jones, CEO of ElectriCities





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.

NOTE: SIGN-IN SHEETS MUST BE PRESENTED TO OFFICER PRIOR TO OPENING OF PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

9. Consideration of Resolution Confirming Assessment Relative to the Preliminary Assessment Roll Prepared to Recover Costs Incurred by the City in Connection with Housing Code Enforcement on the Following Property (*public hearing held November 11, 2019*): [View](#)

- 300/302 Middle Street

**Deferred from November 11, 2019 Agenda*

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Confirming Assessment

10. 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

11. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Restitution in the Amount of \$1,000 to Employees Terminated for their Participation in the 1978 Sanitation Workers Strike (restitution not to exceed \$36,000) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

12. Consideration of Funding Allocations for the following Agencies Submitting Proposals for Housing Incentive Grant Assistance: [View](#)

a.	South Eastern North Carolina Development Corporation	\$ 150,000
b.	Greater Joy CDC	\$ 100,000
c.	Gotta Win, LLC	\$ 85,000
d.	AFRESHnewSTART	\$ 100,000
e.	Berkshire Community	\$ 30,000
f.	Around the Wye Community	\$ 30,000

Recommended Action: Approve Funding as Recommended





13. Consideration of Grant Closeout Certification and Federal Financial Report (SF-425) Closing Grant Years 1995–2010 for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program [View](#)

Recommended Action: Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Certification and Federal Financial Report on Behalf of the City

14. Closed Session:

- Attorney-Client Privilege

