

October 28, 2019

The City Council of the City of Rocky Mount met this day in a regular session scheduled for 4:00 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, Richard Joyner, Tom Rogers, W. B. Bullock and Christine Carroll Miller.

Councilmember absent: E. Lois Watkins.

Staff Present: Rochelle D. Small-Toney, City Manager; Pamela O. Casey, City Clerk; Jessie Nunery, Media Relations Specialist; Mark Adcox, Video Production Specialist; Brenton Bent, Director of Water Resources; Elton Daniels, Director of Parks and Recreation; Archie Jones, Director of Human Relations; JoSeth Bocook, Planning Administrator; Will Deaton, Director of Development Services; Elayne Henderson, Human Resources Director; Kevin Harris, Business Development Manager; Michael Roupp, Interim Division Chief of Operations; Darwin Moore, Division Chief; Tracey Drewery, Division Chief; William Hale, Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal; Beth Carlton, Police Sergeant; Chris Ballard, Police Lieutenant; Chase Norwood, Management Analyst; Kim Batts, Deputy City Clerk; and Richard J. Rose, City Attorney.

Security Officers: Police Sergeants L. S. Parker, Jr. and Stoney Battle.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and called on Councilmember Richard Joyner to offer prayer.

WELCOME

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By consensus, the minutes of a regular scheduled meeting of the City Council held October 14, 2019 were approved as submitted to the City Council prior to the meeting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

The City Council received the minutes from a regular rescheduled Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, October 14, 2019. The minutes are as follows:

MINUTES OF A REGULAR RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Rogers, Mayor Pro Tem
André D Knight
Reuben C. Blackwell, IV
E. Lois Watkins
W. B. Bullock
Mayor David W. Combs

STAFF PRESENT:

Rochelle Small-Toney
Pamela O. Casey
Chris Beschler
Natasha Hampton
Paula Carbone
Ken Hunter
Will Deaton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Joyner
Chris Miller

Stephanie Goodrich
Amy Staton
Tameka Kenan-Norman
Kim Batts
Richard J. Rose

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Rogers called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and welcomed all present and recognized Ward 4 Councilmember Elect, T. J. Walker.

The Mayor Pro Tem outlined the guidelines for Committee of the Whole work sessions and called on City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney to introduce the agenda items.

The City Manager noted today's agenda is rather lengthy. She called on Budget and Evaluation Manager Ken Hunter to present the first agenda item.

1. FY 2020 COMPARATIVE COST OF PUBLIC SERVICES ANALYSIS - Ken Hunter

Mr. Hunter advised the City Council that each year, following adoption of the Annual Operating Budget, the Office of the Budget Evaluation and Development compares the combined costs of general government (via ad valorem taxes) and utility services to other similar municipalities in the state.

Mr. Hunter noted information relative to the comparative analysis will be included in "My Rocky Mount." He said the comparison is important because Rocky Mount is a full-service city. He added it is important to have an apples to apples comparison and to look at the variances of the City and both counties. He presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- Methodology (utilizes FY 2020 adopted tax rates and utility rates)
 - o 19 North Carolina Municipalities included in the overall rankings (Wilmington, Apex, Cary, Fayetteville, Monroe, High Point, Jacksonville, Gastonia, Nashville, Concord, Greenville, Tarboro, Wilson, Burlington, Kinston, New Bern, Hickory, Rocky Mount-Edgecombe, Rocky Mount-Nash and Washington) and reviews:
 - Median residential property tax
 - Tax and fees on \$25,000 in vehicles
 - Electric service (1,000 kWh/month)
 - Water and sewer (3,000 gallons/month)
 - Stormwater management
 - Residential solid waste

Mr. Hunter reported that the City is doing well with respect to overall costs and the total costs for government services, including utilities, is comparable to other cities. He noted the group average for overall costs of public services for the 19 cities included is \$4,519 with Rocky Mount being approximately \$600 to \$650 less. He provided a comparison with other municipalities nearby.

Mr. Hunter outlined the City's advantages which enable the lower costs as:

- Rocky Mount's Advantages
 - o Affordable housing market (contributes to lower tax payments)
 - o Value-oriented electric rates (based on 1,000-kilowatt usage)
 - o Significant load management credits
 - o Low water and sewer rates (rates below average)
 - o Real solid waste and stormwater fees (no tax subsidy - some cities roll into taxes)

He stated the City's residential property taxes are significantly lower by comparison to other nearby cities and utility rates are all-

inclusive and performing well for customers. He stated that the City performs well with respect to taxes and electric and water rates and provides an affordable product to City customers.

In response to a question from a Councilmember, Mr. Hunter noted that gas is not included in today's comparison because not all City customers are gas customers and not all cities provide gas.

Discussion was held relative to providing a comparison of the costs of public services for City neighborhoods.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. Received report; no formal action

**2. TEXT AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEMBERS
- Will Deaton**

City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney called on Development Services Director Will Deaton to present information relative to a text amendment to reduce the number of Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) members.

Mr. Deaton reminded the City Council this was a subject touched on a few months back. He advised the Council that the HPC needs to have a quorum present to conduct business. He told the Council that the HPC currently consists of nine (9) members with the potential for unlimited ex-officio members.

He stated there is growing importance in being able to hold meetings as the issuance of permits and development is increasing in the downtown commercial core. He noted there have been several occasions when a quorum was not present on the Commission or when there has been a bare minimum of members in attendance. He recommended that the number of members on the HPC be reduced to seven (7) and added that for some time there have been two (2) vacancies on the Commission. Mr. Deaton noted this would reduce the members needed to establish a quorum and added that the State Historic Preservation Office recommends a five-member board.

The Development Services Director stated that, with the direction of Council, this matter will be presented to the Planning Board at its next meeting for consideration and recommendation. He provided the City Council with a draft of the proposed text amendment.

Conversation was held among Councilmembers including a suggestion that the appointment methodology be reviewed to consider Ward appointments. Councilmember Blackwell stated he is hesitant to reduce the number on the Commission but would like to have a discussion relative to the makeup of the Board to look at Ward and Mayoral appointments. Councilmember Watkins recommended discussion continue as the City Council works to finalize appointments to boards and commissions.

Mayor Combs commented that two current and active members of the HPC (John Mebane and Samuel Johnson) live in the same ward and if the makeup of the Board is changed one of them would have to come off the Board. Councilmember Knight responded that he expects the HPC to remain a 9-member Board which could allow them both to remain.

By consensus, the Councilmembers agreed to consider this matter while making Boards/Commission appointments.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. Received report; no formal action

3. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2. WEEDS - Will Deaton

Director of Development Services Will Deaton advised the City Council that the current standard for maximum allowable grass height is 18 inches. Based upon a review of the ordinances for the 28 most populous municipalities in North Carolina, he recommended a text

amendment changing the standard height to 12 inches and reducing the minimum allowable distance of growth from the property line of a structure from 150 feet to 75 feet or one parcel, whichever is less.

It was noted that the proposed amendment is on the agenda for tonight's meeting for consideration by the City Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. *Received report; no formal action*

4. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 3. PUBLIC NUISANCES - Will Deaton

Director of Development Services Will Deaton recommended that Chapter 10, Article III, Division 3. of the City Code relative to Public Nuisances be updated to remove the following verbiage "intended to be occupied for human habitation" as it relates to public structures. Mr. Deaton explained that removing this stipulation will allow the Community Code Division to begin issuing legal notices to non-residential property owners for properties not in compliance with the City Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Rogers questioned if the City partners with art groups for painting boarded up structures so that windows appear to be in place. Mr. Deaton responded that some structures with this type painting are in place in the City and added that polycarbonate material has also been used, as funding has allowed, primarily on main thoroughfares to present a better visual representation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. *Received report; no formal action*

5. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - Pam Casey

The City Council received information relative to Boards, Commissions and Committees, including new personal history forms for citizens interested in serving on a Board or Commission.

Councilmember Blackwell nominated Joyce Dickens to serve on the Workforce Housing Advisory Commission as a Housing Developer. Councilmember Watkins nominated Lorenzo Ellis as the Ward 4 appointee to the Human Relations Commission, contingent upon receipt of his personal history form. Mayor Combs nominated Carlos Uriel Licona Villa to serve on the Human Relations Commission.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. *By consensus, the nominations were recommended for approval*

6. CLOSED SESSION/ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and unanimously carried that the City Council go into Closed Session at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose stated. The minutes of the Closed Session shall be placed on file as **ESM-539** at the end of Minute Book 36 upon approval for release by the City Attorney.

REGULAR SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor Pro Tem convened the Committee in regular session at 6:40 p.m. and the Committee of the Whole was adjourned.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and unanimously carried that the minutes and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be approved.

COMMUNITY UPDATE BY CITY MANAGER**First Friday**

City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney reminded those present that the First Friday series begins Friday, November 1, 2019 at the Imperial Centre from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. She stated the band Sun Spots will be featured and there will be arts, crafts and a lot of activities for family and friends.

Food Truck Invasion

The City Manager reported that the first food truck invasion in the City was held this past weekend and was very well attended. She said there was a variety of foods and activities available and the Event Center was open. She added that more than 600 children had an opportunity to go into the Event Center and enjoy free activities. Ms. Small-Toney said exciting things are happening in the City.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/SPEIGHT'S TROPHY SHOP

The Mayor recognized Roscoe Speight and Speight's Trophy Shop for 37 years of continuous excellent service to the Rocky Mount community and presented Mr. Speight with a framed certificate honoring and recognizing Speight's Trophy Shop.

Mayor Combs and City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney joined Mr. Speight for a photograph.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor outlined the guidelines for petitions from the public and opened the meeting for public petitions. Mayor Combs recognized the following individuals and a summary of comments is outlined below:

- ***Gloria Davis:***
 - Thanked the City Council for the great job they are doing;
 - Said she is here to recommend and show support for adoption of the Atlantic-Arlington Corridor Land Use Study;
 - Thanked the City for allowing stakeholders to provide opinions and express their individual experiences related to the subject area;
 - Said the study encourages multi-family development and provides for affordable housing units and proposes incentives for private developers
- ***Sue Perry Cole:***
 - Said she was at the food truck invasion this weekend and had a ball and the City needs more of it; added that the tone and whole activity was a fun day for the family;
 - Said she is a resident who has lived for 35 years in one of the neighborhoods located within the boundaries of the land-use study area located on the eastern half of Downtown Rocky Mount and said she is speaking in support of the City Council's adoption of the draft land-use study which is on today's agenda;
 - Said, as stated in the draft study, Rocky Mount's 2018–2021 Consolidated Plan reported that within the City 37.5% of the households are cost burdened meaning they pay more than 30% of their gross monthly income for housing and, based on these statistics, we can safely conclude that the City is in the midst of a serious housing affordability crisis that is severely impacting long time low income citizens residing in the land-use study area;
 - Said Rocky Mount is not alone in confronting challenges associated with sufficient access to affordable or workforce housing units within its city limits and said that yesterday in the Raleigh News and Observer there was a major editorial feature entitled "Look Ahead for Affordable Housing" which mentioned the creation of more affordable housing was the top issue during the recent 2019 Raleigh City

Council election and said the editorial also pointed out that Durham, faced with gentrification as its downtown booms, will vote on a \$95M affordable housing bond on November 5;

- Said citizens in Rocky Mount want to be proactive and prepared as challenges and transformations continue to occur in and around our downtown neighborhoods;
 - Said it is also recognized, as is documented in the study, that right now the downtown adjacent neighborhoods experienced extended periods of economic and physical decline resulting in extensive vacant and abandoned properties and other signs of instability and disinvestment; however, the draft study marks a turning point and provides hope and encouragement to longtime residents of these dilapidated neighborhoods and their time of being ignored and suffering in silence is coming to an end;
 - Thanked the Council for supporting the study
- ***Dr. Kim Koo:***
 - Said she is here today with other community members to urge the Council to adopt the Atlantic-Arlington Corridor Land Use Study and move ahead with it;
 - Said many members of the affected communities spent countless hours with City planners to craft this final piece of the plan that is now presented to Council;
 - Said in particular she has been involved in some of the community discussion with members of the City's Development Services Department and credited them for their patience and respect of the communities' suggestions;
 - Said the land use study has the unique quality of having the communities' direct input of how they want to see the communities develop as the City moves forward with redevelopment and revitalization and all the features seen including preservation of African-American and the recommendation of form-based structures is a result of many hours of deliberation;
 - Said one sticking point brought up countless times was the question of affordable housing and gentrification;
 - Said it is very understandable that poor communities do not want to be ejected out of their homes where they have resided for many generations;
 - Said concerns of the elderly living on fixed incomes and the disabled should also be taken into account;
 - Says the proposed study has suggestions for mitigation of such effects and includes multi-family developments to provide an allotment of affordable housing units and incentives for developers;
 - Said the City Council has the responsibility in every way possible to ensure the communities are safe from forced displacement under the phony disguise of increased value to property pricing out many permanent residents;
 - Said affordability is a matter of continuing to live with dignity for many folks and this study has included some ways on how they can do that;
 - Said she also has a special concern for making sure new housing units are built on environmentally safe foundations;
 - Said the study is a glimmer of light at the end of a long tunnel and requested Council give it their blessing and proceed to act on the study
 - ***Cooper Blackwell:***
 - Said where a person lives helps determine their physical and psychological health;
 - Said low income residents concentrated in segregated, opportunity-deprived communities lack access to safe employment, essential services and good schools and this geographic isolation from opportunity creates artificial barriers for improvement for these residents and significantly diminishes their quality of life;
 - Said we must understand when these issues overlap in a system small deposits of depression create large calluses and systemic barriers;
 - Said the solution is to push community-centered health and equity and highlight racial segregation as a non-medical driver of poor health outcomes;
 - Said the Crossroads to Prosperity Report released in 2014 identified that racial segregation is an issue here in Rocky Mount and is tied to investment;
 - Said change generates fear amongst those who have been historically entitled to exclusive social benefits and business and this fear has caused a faction of white

supremacist in our region to revolt against change agents like himself and many black community leaders;

- Said they feed on our region, state and the nation's long history of racial distrust and have been imbedded in social media using race as their primary issue or weapon;
- Said this faction has resurrected post-Civil War reconstruction era perspectives of incompetent and unethical black politicians and leaders and aims to instigate strife between white citizens and black officials including black candidates in the electoral;
- Said this faction of organized white opposition makes public attacks against key organizations and officials advocating for community, economic and social justice and has created a well-funded flurry of media attacks on people and progressive issues;
- Said black elected officials, tenants of fair and affordable housing as well as progressive plans of minority and women business development, downtown redevelopment and anti-gentrification efforts have all come under siege;
- Said this concentrated effort is a slowdown and halt to economic development and under-resourced areas and is being backed by local media outlets like WHIG TV, the Rocky Mount Telegram and CBS 17 which have been publishing and discussing articles and op ads;
- Said we must end this narrative pushed by white supremacist to Fighting Crime News, Love Rocky Mount and Rocky Mount Concerned Citizens and start uniting not for political causes or for food but for people and community-centered health

- ***Matthew Haywood:***

- Said he is a 25-year veteran of Rocky Mount and his concern is that when he first moved to Rocky Mount he saw the sign that said, “Welcome to Rocky Mount, the City on the Rise” and he is still waiting on the rise;
- Said the City needs to be made a safe place to live;
- Said he does not fault the Councilmembers because they have worked hard but we need to formulate a plan to go into neighborhoods and identify trouble points and crime and do a survey to identify those who can actually help to make change and rather than complaining get up to do something;
- Said we all have the right to vote and should take advantage of it;
- Said we all have the right to be protected by the Police Department and should take advantage of it adding the Police need the cooperation of the community and cannot do it on their own and we can help each other;
- Said people should do something about their own personal issues and speak out;
- Said the Councilmembers are doing an excellent job and it hurts him to see things that are being said and things they are being accused of and said we need to stand behind them and protect our communities

- ***Johnnie Cunningham:***

- Said it is with extreme pleasure that he stands here today, and it has been a long journey;
- Said he has done some things, said some things and seen some things but today stands here in the gap of unity;
- Said he respects Councilmembers Blackwell, Knight, Joyner and Mr. Dancy and several others because he has come to speak to the Council for 30 years about black poverty and they have now heard him though he has said some harsh things in the brewing war in the neighborhood, but never did they retaliate with negative name-calling or back biting;
- Said they humbled themselves and that is why they are on the Council today representing the community because God lifted them up and said he admires that about them;
- Said the word today is humble and if we are seeking unity, we must all demonstrate the action demonstrated to him;
- Said unity begins with humbleness;
- Congratulated the Councilmembers and said when he is riding around now in the City, he feels it was all worth it as he continued to come and speak at Council meetings until he was heard;

- Said work, unity, construction and development is all over the City and we need to take the blinders off that keep us from seeing what others are doing for our City;
 - Told Councilmembers to keep up the good work and he supports them 100%
- ***Curmilus Dancy:***
 - Said he has worked in Rocky Mount for 33 years and has much family and friends here;
 - Congratulated Roscoe Speight on receiving recognition this evening and said he has purchased trophies out of his pocket from him for his church;
 - Said he is also videoing today using out-of-pocket monies so there's nothing for him to gain;
 - Said he subscribes to the Rocky Mount Telegram and said when his Daddy reads the paper tomorrow, he will say, "Boy, why don't you leave those folks alone" but said he is representing folk whether they like it or not and is here and has been here for 33 years advocating before the Councilmembers;
 - Said he appreciates the opportunity for being able to serve on the Rocky Mount Human Relations Commission and will continue to serve until he is replaced;
 - Said he hopes his Daddy reads this in the newspaper tomorrow and sees it is not a negative;
 - Thanked the Council and told them to keep up the good work, hold their heads up and added that constructive criticism makes him do better
- ***Rose Hunter:***
 - Said it is nice to not see so much animosity because it eats away at your soul and energy;
 - Congratulated Mr. Speight on the recognition this evening;
 - Said to the Council that when citizens are not present it does not mean that they are not thinking about them and she often thinks that Council does go through a lot and all of us have had situations in life where we have had arrows come at us;
 - Said she thinks it is a blessing that Councilmember Blackwell came to Rocky Mount and questioned where the City would be without him and what he has done for the City and OIC and said Dr. Sullivan would be so proud;
 - Encouraged Council to pass the land use study;
 - Thanked the City for its help and said she is working now to get the Buck Leonard home on the National Historic Registry
- ***Natarlin Best:***
 - Said she lives here and operates a business both of which are on E. Thomas Street about one block from Atlantic Avenue;
 - Said she rises very proud of the Redevelopment Commission and in support of the Atlantic-Arlington Corridor Land Use Study and in commemoration of those who have gone on before us;
 - Said a black developer by the name of Franklin Davis designed many of the homes in that community as well as I.D. Hargett, a Presbyterian minister who was principal of a school in the community;
 - Said there are many other historic properties and houses in the community, and she would like for all of our children of all races, creeds and colors to know about the rich history of that community once known as the neighborhood in Arlington and Logan Place;
 - Said this is a very positive step that the study has been done and appreciates the efforts of the City as well as community residents who are interested in continuing to make this truly a City on the Rise
- ***Elaine B. Williams:***
 - Said she is glad all Councilmembers are doing and looking well;
 - Said she heard something positive on TV this morning from Jean Kitchin who said the City of Rocky Mount is headed in the right direction and added if you want the

City to continue that way you should vote for the person that is going to continue to carry it in the right direction;

- o Said she thought that was very empowering;
- o Said the hosts on the show this morning were very positive and the things they shared were all positive and she had wished she could say something to Ms. Kitchin and then saw her at Bible study and thanked her for sharing the positive information this morning because there are some ads saying Rocky Mount is going in a different direction;
- o Said citizens should vote for whoever will continue to carry it in the right direction

The Mayor closed the public petitions portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. 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>
<u>NASH COUNTY</u>				
2019	11222	MAZE, LISA S 3909 GLOUCESTER RD ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803	30.00	DOG NO DOGS
		TOTAL RELEASE:	30.00	
2016	3287	OUTLAW, DANNY L & DEBRA W SAMMY'S BODY SHOP 501 S CHURCH ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803	97.15 0.73	CITY INT FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	97.88	
2015	3286	OUTLAW, DANNY L & DEBRA W 513 S CHURCH ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803	69.66 0.52	CITY INT FORECLOSURE
		TOTAL RELEASE:	70.18	

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>EDGEcombe COUNTY</u>				
2019	7448	HARRIS, ROSLYN E HARRIS, ZOLLIE LT 2 BLK 18 EDGEMONT PARK S/ ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	308.25	CITY ELDERLY/DISABLED EXEMPTION
		TOTAL RELEASE:	308.25	
2019	314	ROCKY MOUNT EQUITIES, LLC 9858 GLADES ROAD #D3-218 BOCA RATON, FL 33434	428.09 42.81	CITY PEN OWNER CORRECTION
		TOTAL RELEASE:	470.90	
<u>NASH COUNTY</u>				
2019	1170	CARGOCARE TRANSPORTATION CO PO BOX 4433 ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803	656.23	CITY DUPLICATE BILL
		TOTAL RELEASE:	656.23	

2019	2347	ENVOLVE VISION INC C/O RYAN LLC PO BOX 56607 ATLANTA, GA 30343	726.98	PEN	LATE LIST REMOVAL
		TOTAL RELEASE:	726.98		
2015	3287	OUTLAW, DANNY L & DEBRA W SAMMY'S BODY SHOP 501 S CHURCH ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803	548.49	CITY	FORECLOSURE
			194.63	INT	
		TOTAL RELEASE:	743.12		
2012	3283	OUTLAW, DANNY L & DEBRA W 513 S CHURCH ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803	142.85	CITY	FORECLOSURE
			89.64	INT	
		TOTAL RELEASE:	232.49		
2013	3287	OUTLAW, DANNY L & DEBRA W 513 S CHURCH ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803	142.85	CITY	FORECLOSURE
			76.78	INT	
		TOTAL RELEASE:	219.63		
2014	3287	OUTLAW, DANNY L & DEBRA W 513 S CHURCH ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803	142.85	CITY	FORECLOSURE
			63.93	INT	
		TOTAL RELEASE:	206.78		
2019	2490	US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 1310 MADRID ST SUITE 100 MARSHALL, MN 56258	2733.57	CITY	VALUATION CORRECTION
		TOTAL RELEASE:	2733.57		
2019	1000096	YRC INC ATTN: TAX DEPARTMENT 10990 ROE AVE OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211	343.58	PEN	LATE LIST REMOVAL
		TOTAL RELEASE:	343.58		

B. FY 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:(recommended for adoption)

- **Ordinance No. O-2019-71** entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 FOR BLACK LIGHT PROJECT** (appropriates grant funds from Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation - \$45,000).

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that the Consent Agenda be approved inclusive of approval of tax releases and adoption of the recommended budget amendment.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Council received the minutes and recommendations from a Planning Board meeting held October 15, 2019. The minutes are on file in the office of the City Clerk. The following action was taken upon the recommendations of the Planning Board.

- **Atlantic-Arlington Corridor Land Use Study**

The City Council considered the Atlantic-Arlington Corridor Land Use Study submitted by the Department of Development Service. Council was advised that the study amends the "Together Tomorrow: Tier I Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan" as an appendix/sub-plan.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried that receipt of the Planning Board minutes be acknowledged and that the Atlantic-Arlington Corridor Land Use Study be approved/adopted.

2019 BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT

The City Council was informed that the Police Department has received notification of the award of the 2019 Bulletproof Vest Grant. They were advised that the grant of \$33,852 will require a 50% local match of \$16,926 which will be used to purchase sixty (60) new replacement bullet proof vests for police officers.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Knight and unanimously carried that notification of the grant award be acknowledged; that the local match of \$16,926 be approved; that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute same and any subsequent documents on behalf of the City; and that the following project ordinance be adopted:

- **Ordinance No. O-2019-72** entitled **GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT**

GRANT APPLICATION/ROCKY MOUNT SENIOR CENTER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING

The City Council received a request from the Senior Center for approval of an application to the Upper Coastal Plain Area Agency on Aging for Senior Center general purpose funding in the amount of \$14,099. Council was advised that, if awarded, the funds would be used towards the purchase of new fitness equipment for the Rocky Mount Senior Center. The Council was advised that the grant requires a local match of \$3,525 (25%).

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried that the grant application be approved; that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute same and any subsequent documents including grant agreement on behalf of the City; that staff be authorized to submit the application to the Upper Coastal Plain Area Agency on Aging.

GRANT APPLICATION - ROCKY MOUNT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER

The City Council was advised that staff is seeking approval for the submission of a grant to the Rocky Mount Community Foundation for \$25,000 to augment funds already allocated for the Battle Park Master Plan. Council was further advised that the deadline to apply for the grant is November 1, 2019 and no local match is required.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried that the grant application be approved;

that staff be authorized to submit the grant application on behalf of the City; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any required documentation and/or certifications, including a subsequent grant agreement on behalf of the City.

LEASE AGREEMENT/209 NE MAIN STREET (DOUGLAS BLOCK)

The City Council was provided with the following lease agreement with Dazella Battle:

- 209 NE Main Street in the Douglas Block - two-year lease with option of 1 three-year extension upon at least 90 days written notice; approximately 572 square feet @ \$500 per month (approximately \$10 per square foot)

It was noted that in accordance with NCGS 160A-272, the City must provide public notice of the intent to lease thirty (30) days in advance of approval of the lease agreement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried that **Resolution No. R-2019-42** entitled **RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO LEASE OR RENT PROPERTY** be adopted. This Resolution authorize the City Clerk to advertise the Notice of Intent to approve said lease agreement.

CODE AMENDMENT/WEAPONS ON CITY PROPERTY

The City Manager provided the City Council with an amendment to Chapter 14 of the City Code entitled "MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES", Sec. 14-11. **Carrying of Weapons on City Property**. to make the ordinance more comprehensive to cover a variety of weapons to increase security of all City-owned property. It was noted the update is based on recently adopted legislation.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that **Ordinance No. O-2019-73** entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES", SECTION 14-11. CARRYING OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS ON CITY PROPERTY** be adopted.

BIDS/27-INCH BEECH BRANCH OUTFALL - PHASE I

The City Council was advised that proposals for the 27-inch Beech Branch Outfall - Phase I were received and opened on October 1, 2019 after all necessary legal procedures had been implemented and the bid tabulation is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2019-30**. Council was advised that the solicitation was also posted on the City's purchasing webpage and on the North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System website.

Motion was made by Councilmember Joyner, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried that the bid be awarded to AM-Liner East, Inc. at a cost of \$2,376,774.47, which includes a 5% contingency and exercises the City's option within the bid document to extend 1,500 linear feet); that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the bid contract on behalf of the City; and that **Ordinance No. O-2019-74**

entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 FOR BEECH BRANCH SEWER REHAB PROJECT** be adopted.

BIDS/PARK SPRAYING

The City Council received the tabulation of bids received for park spraying for twenty-eight (28) of the City's parks. Bids were received and opened on October 8, 2019 after all necessary legal procedures had been implemented and the bid tabulation is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2019-31**. Council was advised that the solicitation was also posted on the City's purchasing webpage and on the North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System website.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Knight and unanimously carried that the bid be awarded to NaturChem at a total cost of \$196,200 for three years (year one - not to exceed \$63,600; year two - not to exceed \$65,400; and year three - not to exceed \$67,200) with an option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the bid contract on behalf of the City.

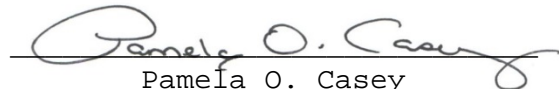
Councilmember Miller questioned what chemicals will be used and was advised that staff can provide a report.

REPORT OF CLAIM RESOLUTION - TAR RIVER TRANSIT (ADDED TO AGENDA IN OPEN MEETING)

City Attorney Richard J. Rose reported that a claim filed as a result of injuries received when a Tar River Transit driver drove into a light pole in the Rose's Shopping Center has been concluded. He stated the driver said he was blinded by the sun but was also known to have been eating.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for regular session, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.


Pamela O. Casey
City Clerk