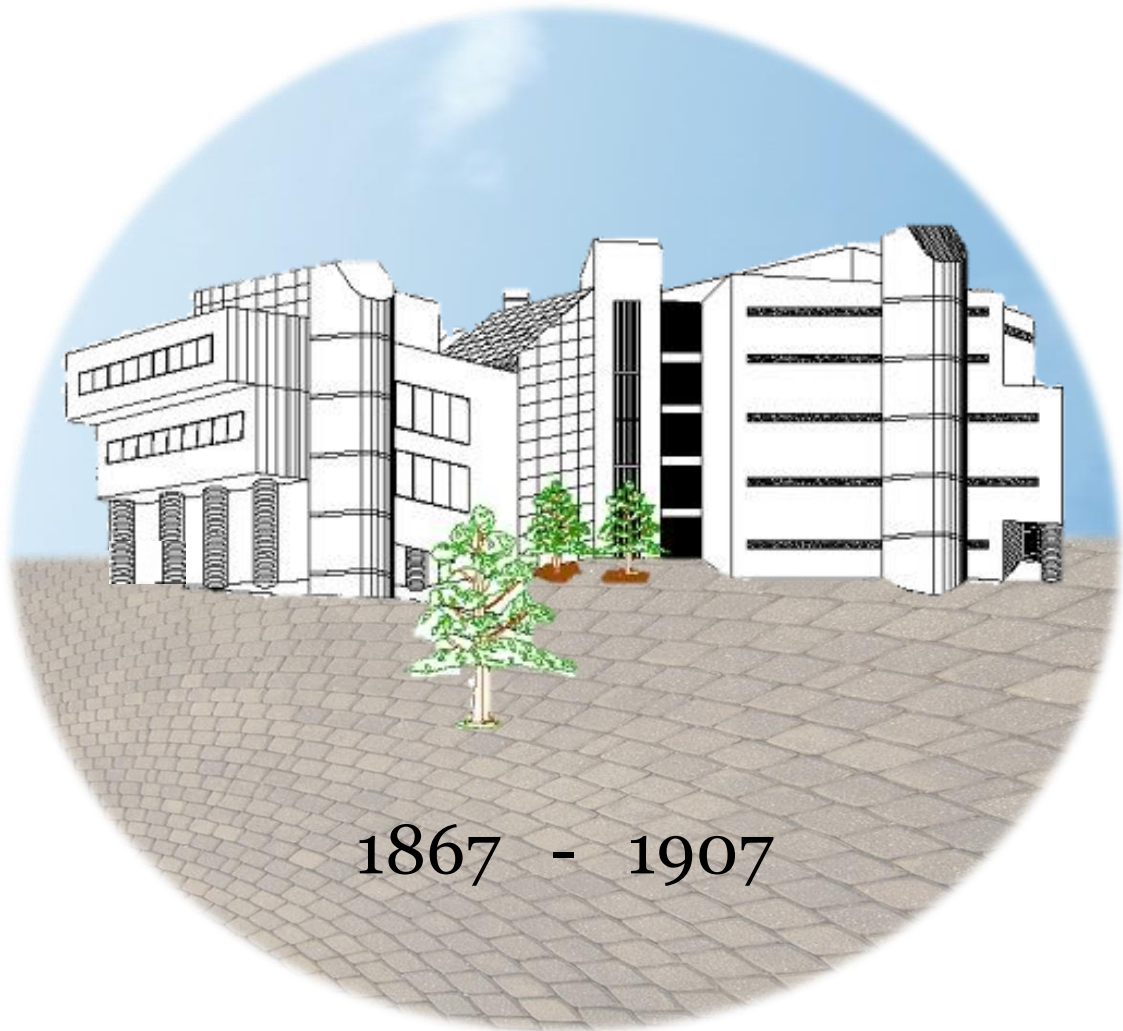


CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MARCH 23, 2020



ROCKY MOUNT, NC
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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.

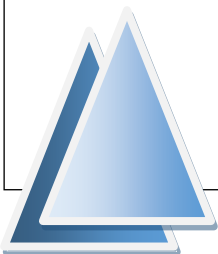
At these meetings, the City's business is conducted and ordinances and resolutions, the laws of Rocky Mount, are enacted. Ordinances take effect upon their adoption when approved by a majority of the Council. All ordinances must be in writing. They are introduced at one meeting and adopted at a subsequent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

C. SAUNDERS ROBERSON, JR.

CITY COUNCIL

ANDRÉ D. KNIGHT, MAYOR PRO TEM
(Ward 1)

REUBEN C. BLACKWELL, IV (Ward 2)

RICHARD E. JOYNER (Ward 3)

T. J. WALKER, JR. (Ward 4)

LIGE DAUGHTRIDGE (Ward 5)

W. B. BULLOCK (Ward 6)

CHRISTINE CARROLL MILLER (Ward 7)

CITY STAFF

ROCHELLE D. SMALL-TONEY, *City Manager*

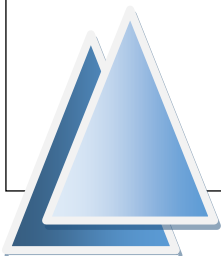
PAMELA O. CASEY, *City Clerk*

ELTON DANIELS, *Assistant City Manager*

NATASHA HAMPTON, *Assistant City Manager*

DOROTHY BROWN SMITH, *Communications & Marketing Consultant*

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, MARCH 23, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE GEORGE W. DUDLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

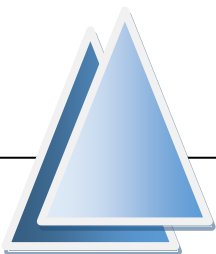
1. Meeting Called to Order by the Mayor
2. Prayer
3. Roll Call by the City Clerk
4. Approval of the Minutes of a Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council Held February 24, 2020
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Recommended Action: Approve Minutes

5. Community Update – City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney
6. 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

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Consideration of the Following Tax Releases and/or Refunds: [View](#)
 - Schedule A - Report of taxes under \$100 approved for release and/or refund by the City Manager.
 - Schedule B - Report of taxes over \$100 recommended for release and/or refund by the City Council.





B. Consideration of Recommendation from the Chief of Police to Declare Surplus and Retire K-9 Police Dog “Harry” and Award K-9 “Harry” to Corporal William Whitley in accordance with the provisions of NCGS 160A-266(c)

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Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda (inclusive of approval of tax releases and retirement of Police Dog); and authorize the City Manager to Execute the Retirement Letter on Behalf of the City.

8. Consideration of Ordinance Ordering the Community Code Inspector to Proceed with Demolition of the Following Dilapidated Dwellings: [View](#)

- 502 Clyde Street
- 1229 Hill Street
- 1014 Arlington Street
- 811 Clark Street

** Deferred from February 24, 2020 City Council meeting*

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance

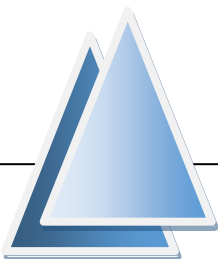
9. Consideration of Sale of 1110 Sycamore Street to Olga Korol to (bid of \$3,000 advertised for upset bids – none received) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Accepting Offer to Purchase Property (authorizes Mayor and City Clerk to execute Deed)

10. Consideration of the Following Recommendations from the Traffic Engineer: [View](#)

- Adopt:
 - a) 55 MPH speed limit on Red Oak-Battleboro Road (SR1524) between 0.713 miles west of NC 4 and 1.036 miles west of NC 4;
 - b) 55 MPH speed limit on Red Oak-Battleboro Road (SR1524) between US 301 and 0.027 miles west of US 301; and
 - c) 45 MPH speed limit on Red Oak-Battleboro Road (SR1524) between the Edgecombe County line and US 301

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance Amending the Traffic Control Ordinance Map





11. Consideration of Mutual Aid Agreement with Members of the Carolinas Public Gas Association for Emergency Assistance in the Event of a Natural Disaster [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Agreement and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Same on Behalf of the City

12. Consideration of Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing Disposal by Electronic Auction via GovDeals, Inc. [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing Disposal by Electronic Auction

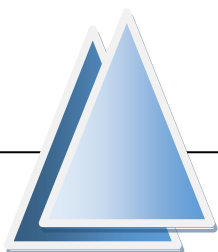
13. Consideration of the following Bids:

- a) Sunset Avenue Transportation Corridor Study - award to Stantec Services, Inc @ total cost of \$114,938 (NC DOT will reimburse City 80% of study cost; study area: Sunset Avenue from Buck Leonard Boulevard to Halifax Road); [View](#)
- b) One (1) New Elgin Crosswind Regenerative Air Street Sweeper - based on bid awarded by Sourcewell Group Purchasing Program, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (Contract # 122017-FSC-Sewer Vacuum, Hydro-Excavation, and Street Sweeper Equipment with Related Accessories and Supplies) - award to Public Works Equipment and Supply, Inc. @ total cost of \$249,894; and [View](#)
- c) Workstation and Office Furniture - award to Institutional Interiors, Inc. @ \$151,584.66 – Development Services and \$27,649.11 – Community and Business Development for a total cost of \$179,233.77 (purchase through the NC Division of Purchase and Contract Group Purchasing Program – Contract #420A [in accordance with NCGS 143-129 (e)(3) Group Purchasing Programs]) [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Award Bids as Recommended;
2) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Bid Contract for (a) on Behalf of the City and
3) Authorize the Purchasing Division to Issue Purchase Orders and Execute Bid Documents for (b) and (c) in Accordance with the Council's Award

14. Consideration of Selection of Development Partner for the Tarboro Street Housing Project (development of between 50-60 housing units) - selection of the Woda Cooper Companies recommended [View](#)

Recommended Action: Award Project as Recommended





15. Appointments:

- a) Animal Care and Control Advisory Board – 2 vacancies (Wards 1 and 5)
- b) Board of Adjustment – 2 vacancies (Ward 6 and Alternate)
- c) Business Development Authority – 1 vacancy
- d) Central City Revitalization Panel – 2 vacancies (Ex-Officios)
- e) Community Appeals Board – 2 vacancies (Wards 4 and 5)
- f) Historic Preservation Commission – 5 vacancies
- g) Human Relations Commission – 1 vacancy
- h) Mayor’s Commission – 1 vacancy
- i) Tree Advisory Board – 3 vacancies (Wards 2, 3 and 4)
- j) Utility Service Review Board - 3 vacancies (Wards 4, 6 and Ward 7)
- k) Workforce Housing Advisory Commission – 3 vacancies (Ward 7; Faith-based Community; Business Community)

