

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MAY 26, 2020



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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 TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE GEORGE W. DUDLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Note: Meeting to be held on Tuesday due to Memorial Day holiday (pursuant to adopted meeting schedule)

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 May 11, 2020
[View](#) (747 KB)
Recommended Action: Approve Minutes
5. Consideration of Minutes of a Regular Scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting Held May 11, 2020: [View](#) (731 KB)
 - 1) Battle Park Grant Funding Program - Joel Dunn - *information only; no formal action*
 - 2) Main Street Economic Development Incentive - Water/Sewer Services - Elton Daniels - *recommendation that policy be placed on May 26, 2020 agenda for Council consideration*
 - 3) Draft Heritage Pedestrian Trail Conceptual Plan - Brad Kerr - *information only; no formal action*
 - 4) Review of Third Quarter FY 2020 Report of Revenues and Expenditures - Kenneth Hunter - *information only; no formal action*
 - 5) Closed Session:
 - Economic Development
 - Personnel – *removed from agenda, by consensus*

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes and Recommendations
6. Community Update – City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney





7. Presentations and Recognitions: [View](#) (553 KB)
- Presentation of the American Public Power Association Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) Awards to Chris Beschler, Director of Energy Resources, by Roy Jones, Chief Executive Officer of ElectriCities of North Carolina, Inc. (via teleconference); and
 - Presentation of 2019 North Carolina Public Power Awards of Excellence and American Public Power Association (APPA) Mutual Aid Commendation to Chris Beschler, Director of Energy Resources, by Roy Jones, CEO of ElectriCities (via teleconference)

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. Consideration of Tax Releases and/or Refunds: [View](#) (370 KB)

- Schedule A – taxes under \$100 approved for release and/or refund by the City Manager

Recommended Action: Acknowledge Receipt of Report from the City Manager of Schedule A Taxes Approved for Release and/or Refund

10. Consideration of Parks and Recreation Battle Park Master Plan [View](#) (11,448 KB)

Recommended Action: Approve/Adopt Plan

11. Consideration of Requests to Apply for the following Grants through the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources to Assist with Battle Park Renovations:

- a) Pre-application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant – Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program (\$500,000; requires 50% match for every dollar received); and [View](#) (298 KB)
- b) Application for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant (\$350,000; requires 50% match for every dollar received) [View](#) (545 KB)

Recommended Action: 1) Authorize Staff to Submit Pre-application/Application on Behalf of the City; and
2) Authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney to Execute Any Required Documentation, Certifications and Subsequent Grant Agreement on Behalf of the City





12. Consideration of Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the following Housing Incentive Agreements: [View \(4,190 KB\)](#)

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

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager, Finance Director, Community & Business Development Director and City Clerk to Execute Agreements and any other Required Documentation of Behalf of the City

13. Consideration of Joint Assignment of Owner's Representation Agreement for the Rocky Mount Event Center to DCF, LLC (required to utilize the New Market Tax Credit Program to reimburse costs for the Owner's Representation Contract; \$279,872.90) [View \(3,170 KB\)](#)

Recommended Action: Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Assignment Agreement on Behalf of the City

14. Consideration of Ordinance Approving Amendments to Administrative Policy No. X.2.9 Entitled "Water and Sewer Connection Fees" (provides economic incentive to develop properties in the Downtown Core Overlay Zone) [View \(2,610 KB\)](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance Approving Policy Amendments

15. Consideration of Resolution Supporting the "HEROES Act" [View \(39 KB\)](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution (*Mayor's recommendation*)





16. Appointments:

- a) Animal Care and Control Advisory Board - 1 vacancy (Ward 1)
- b) Board of Adjustment - 2 vacancies (Ward 6 and Alternate)
- c) Central City Revitalization Panel - 2 vacancies (Ex-Officios)
- d) Community Appeals Board - 2 vacancies (Wards 4 and 5)
- e) Historic Preservation Commission - 5 vacancies
- f) Human Relations Commission - 1 vacancy
- g) Mayor's Commission - 1 vacancy
- h) Tree Advisory Board - 3 vacancies (Wards 2, 3 and 4)
- i) Utility Service Review Board - 3 vacancies (Wards 4, 6 and Ward 7)
- j) Workforce Housing Advisory Commission - 3 vacancies (Ward 7; Faith-based Community; Business Community)
- k) Braswell Memorial Library - 2 vacancies
- l) Tar River Transit Governing Board (Councilmember)
- m) Step Board (Councilmember)
- n) Upper Coastal Plain Brownfields Coalition Steering Committee

