

# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA JUNE 8, 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.**

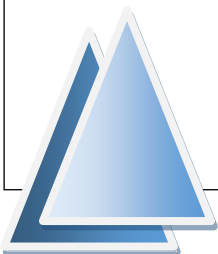
At these meetings, the City's business is conducted and ordinances and resolutions, the laws of Rocky Mount, are enacted. Ordinances take effect upon their adoption when approved by a majority of the Council. All ordinances must be in writing. They are introduced at one meeting and adopted at a subsequent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

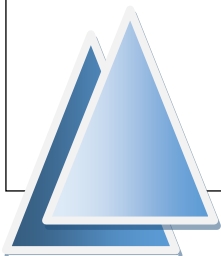
PAMELA O. CASEY, *City Clerk*

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, JUNE 8, 2020 AT 7:00 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 Special Called (rescheduled) and Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting from May 26, 2020 [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes

5. Consideration of Minutes and Recommendations from a Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Held May 26, 2020 to Discuss Council Relations and Future Projects [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes

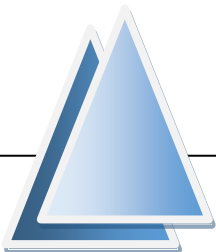
6. Consideration of Minutes and Recommendations from Budget Review Sessions [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Minutes;  
2) Approve Removal/Storage of Confederate Statue Currently at Battle Park;  
and  
3) Adopt Resolution Against Racial Injustice and Declaration that Black Lives Matter

7. Community Update – City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney

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. **Public Hearing** Relative to the Proposed Budget for FY 2020-21 [View](#)

Recommended Action: Receive Public Comment

*\*\*Written comments will be received from interested citizens and written comments will be accepted up to 24 hours after the public hearing. Please submit written comments to [pamela.casey@rockymountnc.gov](mailto:pamela.casey@rockymountnc.gov)*

10. Consideration of Certification by the City Clerk of the Sufficiency of Petition Submitted for Annexation No. 316 – 3786 Weatherford Street (contiguous) and Scheduling a Public Hearing [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt Resolution of Certification of Sufficiency of Petition for Annexation (sufficient);  
2) Adopt Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing for July 13, 2020; and Instruct Department of Development Services to Prepare Feasibility Study

11. Consideration of a Proposal from the John Hackney Agency for Property and Liability Insurance Services for Fiscal Year 2021:

- Primary Carrier: Travelers Insurance Company - insurance program not to exceed \$1,450,000 (increase of \$111,000 - overall 8% increase) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Proposal.

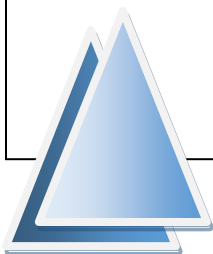
12. Consideration of Applications for the following New Taxi Right Licenses:

- a. Roosevelt Lunnon, Jr. [View](#)
- b. Gerald Lonnell Burney [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Issuance of New Taxi Right Licenses as Recommended and Authorize the City Clerk to Execute the Same on Behalf of the City

13. Consideration of Execution of Delegation of Authority Form Required by the Public Transportation Division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation in Connection with a Grant Contract for Tar River Transit (authorizes Amy Staton, Finance Director; Nicki Gurganus, Accounting Manager; and Katie Pait, Accountant to submit reimbursement requests, budget revisions, budget amendments and period of performance extensions) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Authorize the Mayor to Execute Delegation of Authority Form on Behalf of the City.





14. Consideration of Request to Apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant through the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources to Assist with Battle Park Renovations (\$500,000; requires 50% match for every dollar received)[*note: grant is a different grant than was requested at the May 26, 2020 City Council Meeting*] [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Authorize Staff to Submit 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

15. Appointments:

*NOTE: some terms will expire June 30, 2020 (not listed)*

- 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 (Ward 7)
- 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 – (Councilmember)

