

October 26, 2020

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 C. Saunders "Sandy" Roberson, Jr. presiding.

Councilmembers present: André D. Knight, Reuben C. Blackwell, IV, Richard Joyner, T. J. Walker, Lige Daughtridge, W. B. Bullock* and Christine Carroll Miller*.

**joining remotely*

Staff present: Rochelle Small-Toney, City Manager; Pamela O. Casey, City Clerk; Dorothy Brown Smith, Chief Communications and Marketing Consultant; Robin Cox, Communications Specialist**; Mark Adcox, Video Production Specialist**; Ken Hunter, Assistant to the Manager for Budget and Evaluation**; and Richard J. Rose, City Attorney.

***present as required*

Security Officer: Scoey Lewis, Police Corporal.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and requested a moment of silence for individual prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Joyner, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell, and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the minutes of a regular scheduled meeting of the City Council held September 28, 2020 be approved as submitted to the City Council prior to the meeting.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA (ADDED IN OPEN MEETING)

Motion was made by Councilmember Daughtridge, seconded by Councilmember Miller and carried by a roll call vote (Councilmembers Knight and Blackwell opposed; 5 ayes/2 nays;) that the agenda be amended to include:

- a) Consideration that the City Manager be required to provide to the Mayor and City Council a monthly financial report to include:
 - A revenue and expense report;
 - A fund balance report; and
 - A spreadsheet indicating fund transfers with a brief explanation of the transfer; and
- b) Consideration that the City Manager be required to provide to the Mayor and City Council a monthly financial report to include:
 - A Police Department report that includes: the CompStat report and a heat map indicating occurrence of crime city-wide and by Police district (4 districts)

The Mayor indicated consideration of the above will be added to today's agenda just prior to the Closed Session.

COMMUNITY UPDATE BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney provided the following community update. The Manager:

- Thanked City employees as well as the community for efforts in making Fall Cleanup Week and Citywide Cleanup Day a success. She stated employees cleaned up 21 different sites that resulted in 394 manhours and 6,350 pounds of collected litter across the City and added that community groups contributed to the cause with 82 volunteer hours that resulted in 1,200 pounds of litter collected.
- Reminded all that the City's extended moratorium on disconnection of utility services due to COVID-19 hardship will be lifted effective, Friday, October 30. She stated staff will work diligently with customers to make reasonable payment arrangements on past due balances and late fees will not be accessed for accounts until March 30, 2021. She advised that the Business and Collections Services Department will be working with customers who qualify for COVID-19 relief funds due to financial hardships and proof of financial hardship via lost wages must be provided to receive federal COVID-19 relief funds.
- Noted that Halloween is drawing near, and though it is not a government-recognized holiday, there are several guidelines the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has shared for those wishing to participate in activities. She added that a list of high-, moderate- and low-risk activities, can be found by visiting rockymountnc.gov. and said no matter what individuals choose to do, they should remember to wear a mask, wash their hands and maintain six feet of social distance as we all continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Noted that OIC continues to hold COVID-19 testing sites at the Rocky Mount Event Center. She said those tested will need to bring their photo ID and insurance cards; however insurance is not required for testing. Testing days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration can be performed prior to arrival by logging on to oicrmhub.com. Call 252-210-9856 for more information.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

- ***Lynette Koger:***
 - Questioned why Business & Collections Services is not open to the public;
 - Said she has seen people standing in the line at the drive-thru and said that is unsafe and there is a long line at the drive-thru;
 - Questioned why the public cannot come into the Council Chamber;
 - Complained about loud vehicles and motorcycles in the City
- ***Morrie Minges:***
 - Said there is a fire ant problem across the City, and some are coming into houses;
 - Questioned how the City clean-up went on October 11 adding she spent 5.5 hours cleaning up in front of her shop (on 301); questioned how many Councilmembers participated in the clean up
 - Questioned how to get in touch with the group that was awarded \$25,000 to paint [the street] saying she could do it for less;
 - Complained about the Ebony & Ivory building on N. Church Street saying it looks nasty
 - Asked if the Citizens Academy will meet again this year

The Mayor invited Ms. Minges to email him relative to any questions she may have.

Councilmember Daughtridge stated it is his understanding that the North Carolina Department of Transportation is in charge of Highway 301 and Highway 97 and the Manager acknowledged that is correct as those locations are state roads; however, she added the City goes out to clean up whenever possible. Councilmember Miller added that she and her husband regularly pick up trash as they walk, and she is aware other Councilmembers pick up trash as well and said until people have self-respect and respect for the community nothing will change.

o ***Samuel Battle:***

- Requested a moment of silence to remember recently deceased, Coach Wright;
- Thanked one of the Councilmembers for attending Coach Wright's funeral;
- Complained about the state of Unity Cemetery (behind Shaq's After Dark) stating that many Black people who helped to build Rocky Mount are buried there;
- Said there have been 16 shootings out of 17 days this month and said people wonder what is going on. He added that is guns, drugs and gangs and, though law enforcement tries to help, the gangs need leadership from Black leadership and the kids need love; but added maybe that is fool's talk; he said mothers' need help because many fathers are not present

Councilmember Blackwell responded by saying he and Councilmember Knight tried to get the City to adopt Unity Cemetery almost twenty (20) years ago but were hindered by other members of Council and a significant portion of the community and were told Unity Cemetery was not City business. He said WHIG TV, Jerry Fisher and several community leaders said they would raise money and do it. He added that Barnhill Contracting donated some equipment and the City dug some ditches and crushed up the road at the Council's initiation. He said he has no problem with Mr. Battle getting the community reactivated. He stated he wants to set the record straight and just because people say things does not mean they are true. Councilmember Blackwell said if the listeners here think the Council is not doing anything regarding gun violence, poverty and helping households then they should check the real record because Councilmembers have dedicated their lives to these causes. He added that is what OIC is doing and has exceptional programs that get people job place employment, rebuild families and take care of those coming back from prison and in the streets and he said he rejects the nonsensical allegations that Council doesn't care. He said if he didn't care he would not be doing the work he is doing which can be verified.

He added the Police Department could not do anything if the City Council did not fund it and to say the City Council can stop people from shooting guns is as foolish as saying he can make it rain. Mr. Blackwell said what is happening across the country cannot be blamed on a handful of elected officials. He said the eradication of poverty is what impacts violence in inner city communities. Councilmember Blackwell said what will help take care of gun violence is building up neighborhoods.

Councilmember Knight said if laws were passed to not allow guns in people's hands it would help eradicate some of the shootings. He said Council does not condone Black on Black shootings. He said he cannot go in someone's home and tell their child what to but will try to instill in them the right thing if he sees them. Mr. Knight said law enforcement is in the hands of the Chief of Police and the demographics for the job of Police Chief are different than those of a Sheriff.

○ **Curmilus Dancy:**

- Said he is for justice no matter who it is for or against;
- Said he joined Black Workers for Justice in 1988 and the NAACP in 1992 and knows the real history in Rocky Mount and was a part of it;
- Said MLK, Jr. Park was birthed in the 1990's and was originally a landfill; he added that private funds were raised for the park; said some citizens, the NAACP and Black Workers for Justice spoken out in opposition of the location;
- Said some Councilmembers tried to get the City to take ownership of Unity Cemetery in the early 2000's and were faced with opposition; he said the group in opposition hauled in heavy equipment to help clean the cemetery due to years of neglect but, it was difficult to use heavy equipment to clean up the cemetery due to the damage it would cause to the graves and the clean-up crusade slowly faded away;
- Said next the fight came for housing;
- Said it is a shame that some want to discredit the majority of Councilmembers when they don't know the real history;
- Reported that he comes to Council meetings when he thinks it is necessary because he does not like misinformation; he said no one asks him to attend

○ **Bronson Williams:**

- Said he started a new tv show last week called News & Views which is a public forum and will run from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and will talk about issues impacting the community;
- Said some are looking at a campaign to ask the General Assembly to make Rocky Mount its own county;
- Said the General Assembly's actions in the 1800's took land from Edgecombe County and gave it to Nash County and created controversy which remains today; he added that education has been a hot button issue for decades;
- Said for Rocky Mount to be one county and one city would be a resolution to issues happening today and provide unity;
- Said all have personal responsibility for clean up and every year there is a group that cleans up the cemetery in Princeville; he said very often the City Council is asked to provide things not in its purview and it is time we roll up our sleeves and do the requisite work;
- Encouraged the Council to continue to do the good job they are doing

Note: the speaker below was not called during the public petitions portion of the meeting and spoke following approval of the Tax Releases and/or Refunds.

○ **Melanie Rountree:**

- Said she is a homeowner and grew up and raised her two children in the home in which she resides;
- Said she is here today because she has unruly renters as neighbors and has been dealing with the issue since January 2020;
- Said she believes the gentleman is running a car repair business next door and works on cars, dirt bikes and four-wheelers at all hours of the day and night regularly interrupting her sleep;

- Said she spoke to the neighbor about the noise and his barking dog on two occasions to no avail;
- Said she called the non-emergency number at the Police Department to complain about the noise and has 17 documented phone calls to the Police and also reached out to officials at the Police Department and was told they would send out Community Code to investigate;
- Said Community Code came out and took photographs, but she has never heard from them despite numerous telephone calls to the Police Department;
- Said she reached out to the homeowner via telephone and the homeowner said the renter told him he works on lawn mowers;
- Said the homeowner contacted the Police Department and requested a record of complaints and was told there had been 7 complaints made though she can document there were more;
- Said she believes she is entitled to peace, quiet and reasonable comfort in her home and requested assistance in resolving the issue

At the request of Councilmember Joyner, City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney explained that noise complaints are handled by the Police Department, but the operating of an illegal business is a Code issue. She stated she will look into the status of the complaint.

Councilmember Walker told Ms. Rountree that her residence is in his Ward and invited her to contact him should she have issues at any time.

Councilmember Blackwell thanked Ms. Rountree for coming forward and stated her complaint is a familiar one and there needs to be a balance between making income and impacting neighbors. He questioned whether enforcement was a City or State requirement. Mr. Blackwell agreed that traffic calming in neighborhoods is needed. He questioned what is being done across the country relative to violations relative to noise, illegal businesses and speeding in neighborhoods.

The City Manager stated in Charleston, South Carolina violators are being charged and have to appear in Court noting she is not sure it is permissible in North Carolina. She said the City is guided by State code and sufficient time is required to allow property owners to make corrections. She added some are local and some are state violations and that staff will be in touch with Ms. Rountree.

Councilmember Daughtridge stated it would be helpful if citizens were made aware of the process.

Ms. Rountree stated she felt she was pushed off and her calls were not returned. She said one of the Police Officer's told her to buy some white noise.

The City Manager stated a long-term solution is being considered.

The Mayor apologized for overlooking Ms. Rountree's petition.

FY 2022 SECTION 5310, 5311 AND 5339 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANTS/PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened a public hearing relative to FY 2022 Section 5310, 5311 and 5339 Community Transportation Program Grants for funding of \$822,118 through the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Program, for a portion of the Tar River Transit

administrative, operating and capital expenses. It was explained this grant will require a local match of \$259,694.

No one appeared and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed and noted written comments will be accepted up to 24 hours after the public hearing in accordance with NCGS 166A-19.24 and such comments can be submitted to the City Clerk.

Motion was made by Councilmember Joyner, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the Transit Grant application(s) be approved; that **Resolution No. R-2020-34** entitled **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION FY 2022** be adopted; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any required documentation, certifications and delegation of authority, including the subsequent grant agreement(s) on behalf of the City.

AMENDMENT TO 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN/PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and City Council were informed that the City is required to hold a public hearing for the proposed FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment relative to the reallocation of funds for the proposed activities to be funded under the CARES Act/Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Council was further advised that the anticipated amount of CARES Act supplemental funding is \$328,242 which will be used to assist those affected by COVID-19. Approval of the amendment was recommended.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

No one appeared and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed and noted written comments will be accepted up to 24 hours after the public hearing in accordance with NCGS 166A-19.24 and such comments can be submitted to the City Clerk.

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the Amendment to the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan be approved as recommended; that the Mayor be authorized to execute the application for Federal Assistance Forms and any other required documentation or certifications on behalf of the City; and that **Ordinance No. O-2020-48** entitled **GRANT PROJECT AMENDMENT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CARES ACT FUNDING PROJECT** be adopted.

PRESENTATION OF SIDEARM

The City Council received a recommendation from Chief of Police George Robinson that the duty sidearm and badge of Captain Bobby Marty Clay be awarded to him in recognition of more than twenty-seven (27) years of service, pursuant to the Police Departments' General Order concerning the recognition of retiring officers and in compliance with state law. He advised the Council that Captain Clay will retire effective November 1, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Daughtridge, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the recommendation of the Chief of Police for award of the duty sidearm and badge to Captain Bobby Marty Clay be approved.

AD VALOREM TAX RELEASES

The City Council received the following schedules of ad valorem taxes recommended for release and/or refund:

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>				
2020	9	GARZONE, STEVEN W & TIFFANY L 716 DREXEL RD ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803	20.00	DOG NO DOGS
		TOTAL RELEASE:	20.00	

SCHEDULE B - taxes over \$100 recommended for release and/or refund by the City Council:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>NAME/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TAX</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<u>EDGECOMBE COUNTY</u>				
2020	112	EDGECOMBE GENCO LLC PO BOX 218 CHAPPEL HILL, TX 77426	110,257.70 11,025.77	CITY VALUATION PEN CORRECTION
		TOTAL RELEASE:	121,283.47	
2020	7630	KOROL, OLGA 1106 SYCAMORE ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	459.29	CITY VALUATION CORRECTION
		TOTAL RELEASE:	459.29	
2020	7757	MAYO, ANNE F 1420 HILL ST ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	172.40	CITY ELDERLY/DISABLED EXEMPTION
		TOTAL RELEASE:	172.40	
2017	7083	PODIAS, GEORGE PT LTS 3-4 BLK E EDGEMONT TE ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	165.42 2.48	CITY FORECLOSURE INT
		TOTAL RELEASE:	167.90	
2018	7078	PODIAS, GEORGE PT LTS 3-4 BLK E EDGEMONT TE ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	380.70 67.57	CITY FORECLOSURE INT
		TOTAL RELEASE:	448.27	
2019	7091	PODIAS, GEORGE PT LTS 3-4 BLK E EDGEMONT TE ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801	380.70 33.31	CITY FORECLOSURE INT
		TOTAL RELEASE:	414.01	

NASH COUNTY

2020	2497	FASTENAL COMPANY NCROC PO BOX 1206 WINONA, MN 55987 TOTAL RELEASE:	249.29	CITY	VALUATION CORRECTION
			249.29		
2014	20594	FCD LLC 3057 BELMONT LAKE DR ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	826.85 444.43	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
			1,271.28		
2015	20554	FCD LLC 3057 BELMONT LAKE DR ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	862.49 312.49	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
			1,174.98		
2011	20658	FORDS COLONY AT ROCKY MOUNT LLC 684 CHIMNEY HILL WAY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	534.60 431.69	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
			966.29		
2012	20620	FORDS COLONY AT ROCKY MOUNT LLC 684 CHIMNEY HILL WAY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	453.08 3.40	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
			456.48		
2011	20708	FORDS COLONY AT ROCKY MOUNT LLC 3200 FORDS COLONY DR ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	454.05 366.65	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
			820.70		
2012	20670	FORDS COLONY AT ROCKY MOUNT LLC 3200 FORDS COLONY DR ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	478.82 210.82	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
			689.64		
2011	20646	REALTEC INCORPORATED 3057 FORDS COLONY DR ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	784.08 633.14	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
			1,417.22		
2012	20608	REALTEC INCORPORATED 3057 FORDS COLONY DR ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	826.85 593.26	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
			1,420.11		
2013	20608	REALTEC INCORPORATED 3057 BELMONT LAKE DR ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804 TOTAL RELEASE:	826.85 518.85	CITY INT	FORECLOSURE
			1,345.70		

Motion was made by Councilmember Joyner, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that receipt of the report from the City Manager of Schedule A taxes approved for release and/or refund be acknowledged and that the tax releases and/or refunds listed on Schedule B be approved.

Councilmember Miller stated she would like to receive a report on the status of the foreclosures at a future meeting.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE/BUILDING REUSE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney reported that the following three (3) applications for funding assistance will be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for funding from its Building Reuse Program:

- a. Project Boulevard - renovation of vacant 227,000 square foot manufacturing plant; new investment of \$24.6M; creation of 22 new jobs in 2 years and 38 new jobs in 5 years; local cash match of \$10,000 to be used for planning and grant administration;
- b. Project X-ray - renovation of vacant 47,000 square foot Blue Hawaiian building (total investment \$3.5M); creation of 62 new jobs in 2 years and 68 new jobs in 5 years; local cash match of 5% of grant amount to be used for planning and grant administration; and
- c. The Jay Group Building Reuse Project - renovation of vacant 196,671 square foot Cooper-Standard building; new investment of \$4M; creation of 15 new jobs in 2 years and 75 new jobs in 5 years; local cash match of \$8,000 to be used for planning and grant administration

It was noted that a condition of the Rural Center grant is job creation as set out above and the grant agreement will provide that the funds must be returned in the event the project fails to produce the full-time jobs.

The City Council was provided with an Authorizing Resolution for each of the projects. The resolutions provide authority for the City Manager to execute additional documents pertaining to the grant applications. The City Council was advised that funding for any required local match will be provided by the Carolinas Gateway Partnership.

Motion was made by Councilmember Daughtridge, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the following authorizing resolutions confirming that the City will comply with State and local laws be adopted:

- a) Resolution No. **R-2020-35** entitled **AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUILDING REUSE PROGRAM - "PROJECT BOULEVARD BUILDNG REUSE";**
- b) Resolution No. **R-2020-36** entitled **AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUILDING REUSE PROGRAM - "PROJECT X-RAY BUILDNG REUSE";** and
- c) Resolution No. **R-2020-37** entitled **AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUILDING REUSE PROGRAM - "THE JAY GROUP BUILDNG REUSE PROJECT."**

SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES

The City Council was advised that as a part of settlement of an ongoing lawsuit against the City instituted by the American Entertainers LLC the City has agreed to certain amendments to the City's Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance and Land Development Code. The amendments will include a new definition for "straddle dancing" and for such dancing to be prohibited in a sexually oriented business and will modify the current six-foot dance buffer to three-foot.

Motion was made by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that **Ordinance No. O-2020-49** entitled **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT AMENDING ARTICLE VII (SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS) OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION FOR "STRADDLE DANCE", TO PROBIT STRADDLE DANCES IN SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS AND TO MODIFY THE CURRENT SIX-FOOT DANCE BUFFER IN FAVOR OF THE NEW PROHIBITION AGAINST STRADDLE DANCING** be adopted.

City Attorney Richard J. Rose advised that Council will receive an amendment to the Land Development Code in the near future.

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT/ANIMAL CONTROL STORAGE BUILDING

The City Council was advised that the Rocky Mount Police Department's Animal Control applied for and was awarded a grant from the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association (NCVMA) for \$2,500 for the purchase of a storage building to be located at the Animal Shelter site.

Consideration was given to the following FY 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance Amendment to appropriate the grant funds.

Motion was made by Councilmember Joyner, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that **Ordinance No. O-2020-50** entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR ANIMAL CONTROL STORAGE BUILDING** be adopted.

REORGANIZATION - COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AND CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN AMENDMENT

City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney recommended that the City's current Community & Business Development/Downtown Development Office be reorganized and a new department entitled Office of Downtown & Business Development be created which will report directly to the City Manager. She provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council to provided further information relative to her recommendation.

Discussion was held by Council.

The City Council was provided with the following amendments to the City's Pay and Classification Plan for consideration:

- a. Reassign Office of Downtown and Business Development and amend job classification:

Current Dept./ Division	New Dept./Division	Classification	Pay Grade
Community & Business Development/Downtown Development	City Manager's Office/Office of Downtown & Business Development	Downtown Development Manager	22
Community & Business Development/ Administration	City Manager's Office/Office of Downtown & Business Development	Downtown & Business Coordinator	15

b. Create new position and amend job classification and pay range;

Dept/Division	Classification	Range	Pay Grade
City Manager's Office/Office of Downtown & Business Development	Administrative Assistant	13	1

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and carried by a roll call vote of 4-3 (Councilmembers Daughtridge, Miller and Bullock opposed; 4 ayes/3 nays) that the recommended reorganization be approved and that **Resolution No. R-2020-38** entitled **RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN** be adopted.

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 \$10,515. Council was advised that, if awarded, the funds would be used to support and develop programming and general operations for the Senior Center or to construct, renovate or maintain same. The Council was advised the grant requires a local match of \$3,505 (25%).

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the grant application and local match 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; and that staff be authorized to submit the application to the Upper Coastal Plain Area Agency on Aging.

NORTH CAROLINA SCIENCE MUSEUMS GRANT

The City Council was advised that the Rocky Mount Children's Museum is in year two of the two-year North Carolina Science Museums Grant Program (NCSMGP). Council approval was requested for payment of the FY 2020 Contract in the amount of \$37,970.35 and approval for execution of the FY 2021 Contract in the amount of \$37,970.35. It was noted that these grant funds will be used to augment City funds in the Museum operating budget for the lease and shipping of traveling exhibits at the Imperial Centre.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the request for payment of the FY 2020 Contract (\$37,970.35) be approved; and that the Mayor and City Clerk, or appropriate staff, be authorized to execute the FY 2021 Contract on behalf of the City.

REBID/WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT 3MW GENERATION SYSTEM

The City Council received the tabulation of rebids received for the Water Treatment Plant 3MW Generation System. Re-bids were received and opened on September 28, 2020 after all necessary legal procedures had

been implemented, including advertisement, and the bid tabulation is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2020-19**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Daughtridge, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the bid be awarded to PowerSecure at a total cost of \$2,398,410 and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the bid contract on behalf of the City.

SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASE/MOTOROLA RADIO PURCHASE

The City Council received a proposal for a "sole-source" purchase for Motorola radios pursuant to G.S. 143-129(e)(6) based on standardization or compatibility. The information furnished by the Purchasing Division supporting the recommendation will be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2020-20**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Daughtridge seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the "sole-source" purchase for Motorola radios at a total cost of \$145,734.75 be approved and that the Purchasing Division be authorized to issue a purchase order for the system in accordance with the Council's award.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Knight and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that Gloria Valentine Davis be appointed to the Mayor's Commission. This unexpired term shall expire on June 30, 2021.

No action was taken to fill the remaining vacancies on the City's Boards, Commissions and Committees.

FINANCE REPORTS (ADDED TO AGENDA IN OPEN MEETING)

Motion was made by Councilmember Daughtridge, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the City Manager be required to provide to the Mayor and City Council a monthly financial report to include:

- A revenue and expense report;
- A fund balance report; and
- A spreadsheet indicating fund transfers with a brief explanation of the transfer.

Discussion was held to clarify the information requested.

POLICE REPORT/RECORDS (ADDED TO AGENDA IN OPEN MEETING)

Motion was made by Councilmember Daughtridge and seconded by Councilmember Miller that the City Manager be required to provide to the Mayor and City Council monthly Police records to include:

- A Police Department report that includes: the CompStat report and a heat map indicating occurrence of crime city-wide and by Police district (4 districts)

Discussion was held and the City Manager provided information relative to efforts to recruit for the new Police Chief.

Councilmember Knight suggested that the Motion be amended to provide for the Police Chief to make monthly reports at Committee of the Whole meetings.

By consensus, the Motion was amended as recommended.

Motion was made by Councilmember Daughtridge, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the motion be approved, as amended.

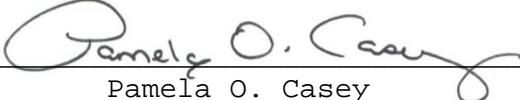
CLOSED SESSION

The Mayor stated that a Closed Session has been requested for matters concerning attorney-client privilege.

Motion was made by Councilmember Daughtridge, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays) that the City Council go into Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. The minutes of the Closed Session shall be filed as **ESM-565** at the end of **Minute Book 37** upon approval for release by the City Attorney.

REGULAR SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor convened the City in regular session at 7:45 p.m. and a Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried by roll call vote (7 ayes/0 nays; the vote for Councilmember Bullock was recorded in the affirmative pursuant to NC 160A-75) that the meeting be adjourned.


 Pamela O. Casey
 City Clerk