

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA JULY 26, 2021

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“Navigating Jim Crow: The Green Book and Oasis Spaces in North Carolina.”



When African-Americans traveled during the Jim Crow era, they often were turned away from staying at certain hotels and eating at particular restaurants. The Green Book was published yearly from 1937-1967 and listed black-owned businesses and black friendly businesses across the country. The exhibit will be on display until August 13 and highlights Green Book listings specific to Rocky Mount.

Special Events

Monday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m.

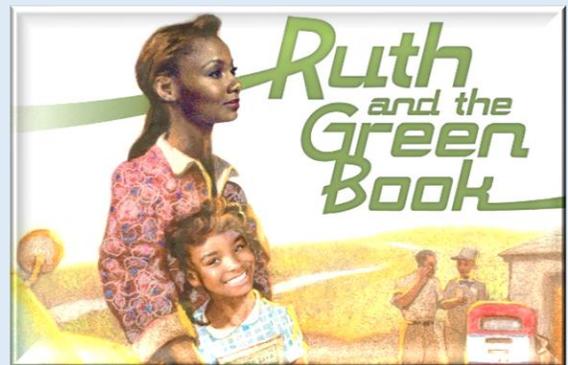
Vannette Pittman Woods will speak about her experiences growing up in her family business, the Lincoln Park Motel and Restaurant

Wednesday, July 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Vannette Pittman Woods and Angela Bryant will read from “Ruth and the Green Book,” and lead a discussion geared toward children

Thursday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Angela Bryant will talk about her family’s business, the Wright’s Motel and Chick Shack



The Maria V. Howard Arts Center's
SUMMER 2021 EXHIBITIONS



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SHOWCASE is an exhibition of local, regional, and state artists that had to include an animal, insect, bird, reptile, etc. in their artwork – Exhibit will be on display until August 15



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

RICHARD E. JOYNER, MAYOR PRO TEM
(Ward 3)

ANDRÉ D. KNIGHT (Ward 1)

REUBEN C. BLACKWELL, IV (Ward 2)

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*

VACANT, *Assistant City Manager*

ELTON DANIELS, *Assistant City Manager*

DOROTHY BROWN SMITH, *Communications & Marketing Consultant*

RICHARD J. ROSE, *City Attorney*





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PUBLIC PETITIONS

The Public Petitions portion of the City Council meeting is an opportunity for public comment and the City Council appreciates your attendance and thanks you for expressing your views and opinions. The City Council values all citizen input.

This is an opportunity to raise a question or present a request to the Council; however, in most cases Councilmembers will not respond to public comments but may refer a matter to the City Manager or staff for follow up.

Time will be monitored in order to give everyone an opportunity to speak and speakers will have three minutes.

Please be aware that sign-in sheets must be presented to the Security Officer prior to the opening of the City Council meeting.

If an organized group is present to speak on a common issue, please designate one person to present the group's comments.

If your comments are in regard to an item that is the subject of a public hearing, please wait until that item is introduced to speak. Time will also be monitored.

If your comments are in regard to an evidentiary hearing additional time may be granted.

The City Council requests that you PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- **Complete a sign-in sheet;**
- **Address comments to the Council as a whole and not to individual Councilmembers or City staff;**
- **Speak from the podium in a civil, non-argumentative and respectful manner;**
- **Personal attacks which have the potential to disrupt the meeting will not be tolerated and you will be asked to sit down or be removed from the meeting;**
- **Keep comments to three minutes**

Thank you!



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AGENDA FOR A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT TO BE HELD MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021 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. Consideration of Minutes of a Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting held June 14, 2021 [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes
5. Community Update - City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney
6. Presentations and Recognitions: [View](#)
 - Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of August 15-21, 2021 as Stormwater Awareness Week in the City of Rocky Mount to Public Works Director Brad Kerr; and
 - Presentation of Certificate of Achievement and Plaque from the Government Finance Officers Association for Excellence in Financial Reporting (27th consecutive year)
7. 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.
8. Consideration of Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (appropriates funds in the General Fund for the purchase of replacement solid waste rollout carts - \$318,000; funds derived from unspent funds in prior year) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance





9. Consideration of First Amendment to Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (CHDO) between the Down East Home Consortium (City) and the South Eastern North Carolina Community Development Corporation (SENCDC) for the Construction of Eight (8) Single Family Homes (1900 Block of Vance Street) for Low-Income Residents in Rocky Mount (partnership provided for in the Three-Year Consolidated Plan) – (amendment increases CHDO funding in the amount of \$129,000 due to rise in construction costs and materials) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Amendment and Authorize the City Manager, City Clerk and Appropriate Staff to Execute Same on behalf of the City

10. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Submission of Application for North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Program Funding for the Expansion of SePRO's Manufacturing Plant at 1259 Atlantic Avenue (planned investment = \$2,500,000 in renovation and uplift of plant and adds 20 new jobs with annual payroll of \$895,000; grant = \$190,000) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution (*confirms the City has or will comply with State and local laws; and provides authority for the City Manager to execute additional documents pertaining to grant application*)

11. Consideration of Municipal Computerized Traffic Signal System Agreements Associated with Maintenance and Operation of Computerized Traffic Signal System and State-Owned Signals (134):
- a. Schedule C – Reimbursement schedule for maintenance of State-owned traffic signals within the City - \$172,000; [View](#) and
 - b. Schedule D – Operational contract and reimbursement rates of State-owned traffic signals within the City - \$90,000 [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Agreements and Authorize the Mayor, Finance Director and City Clerk to Execute the Same on Behalf of the City.

12. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing an Upset Bid Process for Property Owned by the City at 811 and 815-821 Hammond Street and Approval of Home Purchase Agreement with Kevin Jones (appendix 2) – (offer of \$200 - \$100 for each lot [2]; receipt of certificate of occupancy within 18 months; deed to contain restrictive covenants requiring houses to be occupied by individual(s) whose income is not more than 80% of the area median income for at least ten (10) years; requires note/deed of trust and at least annual monitoring) [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Home Purchase Agreement with Kevin Jones; and
2) Adopt Resolution (authorizes upset bid process and authorizes City Clerk to advertise offer for upset bids pursuant to G.S. 160A-269)





13. Consideration of Resolution Approving Administrative Policy No. II.44 Entitled “Policy: Downtown Residential Production Grant” (provides for rebates equal to \$7,500 per residential unit created/renovated; maximum incentive = \$150,000) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Approving Policy

14. Consideration of the following Bids/Re-Bids:

- a) Atlas One (mobile phone application services) - award to MobilePD @ first year cost of \$99,415.96 (includes project commencement, plan stage, design, implementation, testing, deployment and system acceptance); purchase proposed to be made in accordance with Sole Source procurement [NCGS 143-129(e) (6)]; [View](#)
- b) FY 2022 Hourly Tree Trimming – award to Xylem, Incorporated; 3-year contract @ cost not to exceed \$200,000; will require 20% MWBE participation; [View](#)
- c) Lump Sum Tree Trimming and Mowing Service - award to Xylem, Incorporated @ 3-year total cost of \$1,581,274.14; includes Option 4 of mowing entire right-of-way for the City’s Electrical System once each year; will require 20% MWBE participation; [View](#)
- d) Consideration of Water Purification Chemical Contracts – costs not to exceed \$1,068,000; twelve-month contract periods with options to renew up to total of two (2) additional one-year terms: [View](#)
 - 1) Liquid Ferric Sulfate – Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. - 350 tons @ unit price \$2.272.50 per ton = \$795,375.00;
 - 2) Dry Caustic Soda – Univar USA, Inc. – 500 tons @ \$393 per ton = \$196,500.00;
 - 3) Liquid Calcium Hydroxide – Polytec, Inc. -700,000 lbs. @ \$0.1480 per pound = \$103,600.00;
 - 4) Hydrofluorosilic Acid (HFS) – Univar USA, Inc. – 22,500 lbs. @ \$0.81 per pound = \$18,225.00;
 - 5) Dry Polymer – Sterling Water Technologies, LLC - 20,000 lbs. @ \$1.8970 per pound = \$37,940.00;
 - 6) Liquid Sulfur Dioxide – JCI Jones Chemicals – 17 tons @ \$1,400 per ton = \$23,800.00;
 - 7) Calcium Thiosulfate - Water Guard, Inc. - 60,000 lbs. @ \$1.93 per pound = \$115,800.00;
 - 8) Corrosion Inhibitor - Sterling Water Technologies, LLC - 32,000 lbs. @ \$0.6799 per pound = \$21,756.80; and
 - 9) Bulk Sodium Hypochlorite - Water Guard, Inc. – 265,000 gals. @ \$0.73 per gallon = \$193,450.00;
- e) Battle Park Site Work and Demolition - award to Bridgeview Contracting, Inc. @ total cost of \$91,500; will require 10% MWBE participation; [View](#)
- f) Refuse & Recycling Container Solutions and Related Products, Equipment and Services - Recreation and Playground Equipment for Meadowbrook Park - based on bid awarded by Omnia Partners Group Purchasing Program - award to Toter, LLC @ total cost of \$297,189.20 for roll out carts [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Award Bids as Recommended;
2) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Bid Contracts for (a) through (e) on Behalf of the City and
3) Authorize the Purchasing Division to Issue Purchase Order and Execute Bid Document for (f) in Accordance with the Council’s Award





15. Annual Appointments:

- a) Animal Care and Control Advisory Board - five (5) appointments: Mayor, Wards 1, 2, 3 and 5;
- b) Board of Adjustment - three (3) appointments: Ward 4; and Alternate Member;
- c) Business Development Authority – two (2) appointments;
- d) Central City Revitalization Panel - six (6) appointments: one (1) Commercial Builder/Developer; one (1) Member-at-Large; and two (2) Ex-Officios;
- e) Community Appeals Board - two (2) appointments: Wards 4 and 6;
- f) Historic Preservation Commission - three (3) appointments;
- g) Housing Authority - three (3) appointments: two (2) members and one (1) public housing member;
- h) Human Relations Commission – one (1) Mayoral appointment; one (1) City Council appointment – Ward 2
- i) Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission – four (4) appointments;
- j) Mayor’s Commission on Persons with Disabilities – five (5) appointments;
- k) Redevelopment Commission – three (3) appointments;
- l) Step Board – one (1) appointment (Councilmember);
- m) Transportation Advisory Committee – three (3) appointments (Councilmembers);
- n) Tree Advisory Board – two (2) appointments - Wards 2 and 4;
- o) Utility Service Review Board – three (3) appointments: Wards 1, 3 and 4; and
- p) Workforce Housing Advisory Commission – four (4) appointments: Ward 5; one (1) Faith-based Community member; one (1) Housing Developer member; and one (1) Business Community member

16. Consideration of Removal of Ward 7 Board Member (Stacey Graham) from Animal Care and Control Advisory Board (*no longer meets residency requirements*) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Remove Board Member as Recommended

17. Closed Session:

- Personnel

