CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MARCH 14, 2022

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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

T. J. Walker, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem *(Ward 4)*

André D. Knight (*Ward 1)*
Reuben C. Blackwell, IV (*Ward 2)*
Richard E. Joyner *(Ward 3)*
Lige Daughtridge *(Ward 5)*
W. B. Bullock *(Ward 6)*
Christine Carroll Miller *(Ward 7)*

CITY STAFF

Peter F. Varney, *Interim City Manager*
Pamela O. Casey, *City Clerk*
Vacant, *Assistant City Manager*
Elton Daniels, *Assistant City Manager*
Kirk Brown, *Director of Communications, Marketing and Public Relations*
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, MARCH 14, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE GEORGE W. DUDLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

NOTICE: The City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2022, may be held remotely via Zoom with Councilmembers accessing the meeting from individual locations. The City will be using Facebook to livestream the City Council meeting. To join the meeting click here: https://www.facebook.com/citybeat

1. Meeting Called to Order by the Mayor

2. Prayer

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

4. Consideration of:

A. Minutes of a Regular Scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting Held February 14, 2022:

1) City Manager Recruitment – Carl Stenberg: *Received information; Recommended Special Called Committee of the Whole be scheduled for February 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.*
2) Extension of Master Services Agreement with Aetna – Mark Browder, Mark III and Kena Cofield-Jones: *information only; no formal action;*
3) Red Light Cameras – Elton Daniels: *Request for Staff to look at Comprehensive Approach to Public Safety inclusive of Red Light Cameras, Traffic Lights and Speed Cushions;*
4) Crime Stats – Robert Hassell: *information only; no formal action;*
5) Quarterly Financial Update – Ken Hunter: *information only; no formal action;*
6) QVC Fire Video – Jamey Cooke and Corey Mercer: *information only; no formal action;* and
7) Closed Session – property acquisition, attorney-client, and personnel: *moved to Regular City Council Meeting*

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B. Minutes of a Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Held February 28, 2022, for the Purpose of Discussion Relative to the City Manager Recruitment Process; and

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C. Minutes of a Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting held February 28, 2022 ***View***

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes and Recommendations

5. Community Update – Interim City Manager Peter F. Varney

6. Petitions to be Received from the Public

Note: Please complete Citizen Sign-In Sheet and provide to Security Officer prior to opening of meeting. Please limit presentations to three (3) minutes. Time will be monitored.

7. Consideration of the Minutes and Recommendations from a Planning Board Meeting held on February 8, 2022: ***View***

****Overview of request(s) and recommendation(s) by the Director of Development Services or his designee***

Recommended Action: Acknowledge Receipt of Planning Board Minutes

A. Public Hearing Relative to the Following Rezoning Request Recommended for Approval and Found in Compliance with the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Board: ***View***

- Request by Nick Kukulinkski, on behalf of BH Bunn, Jr. Trust, to rezone ±34.33 acres at Raper Drive (PIN 384112757458) from A-1 to revised R-6

Recommended Action: 1) Receive Public Comment; and
2) Adopt Ordinance

B. Public Hearing Relative to the Following Rezoning Request Recommended for Approval and Found in Compliance with the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Board: ***View***

- Request by Sandra J. Tharrington to rezone ±28.92 acres at Bethlehem Road (PIN 374906377954) from R-10 to revised R-6

Recommended Action: 1) Receive Public Comment; and
2) Adopt Ordinance

C. Public Hearing Relative to the Following Rezoning Request Recommended for Approval and Found in Compliance with the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Board: ***View***

- Request by Rod Holloman, on behalf of Goldrock Road, LLC, to rezone ±27.42 acres at 601, 635 and 657 Goldrock Road from A-1 to revised R-6MFA

Recommended Action: 1) Receive Public Comment; and
2) Adopt Ordinance

8. Consideration of Ordinance Ordering the Community Code Inspector to Proceed with Demolition of the Following Dilapidated Dwellings: ***View***

- 1216-1218 Beckman Street
- 308 Ambler Avenue
- 815 Redgate Avenue

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance

9. Consideration of Citizen Request to Amend Administrative Policy No. XI.1 Entitled "Policy: Boards, Commissions and Committees Appointments" to Allow Service on More than One (1) Board, Commission or Committee ***View***

Recommended Action: 1) Affirm Current Policy; and
2) Authorize/Direct Staff to Advise Citizen of Council Action

10. 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

11. Consideration of Water Assessment Contract with Shirley Pearl Williams for Water Service at 300 Rouse Road [PIN 377926246600] ($1,000 water connection fees prepaid; remaining $3,265 to be assessed) ***View***

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

12. Consideration of Proposal for Core Network Improvements - award to Katalyst @ total cost of $266,515.78

Recommended Action: 1) Award Contract as Recommended; and
2) Authorize Staff to Issue Purchase Order and Execute Bid Documents in Accordance with the Council's Award

13. Consideration of Bid for One (1) Leica Laser Scanner System - award to Collision & Crime Forensic Solutions, LLC @ a total cost of $48,490.25 (includes scanner, basic warranty, accessories, training, and lifetime 24-hour technical and operational support; purchase proposed to be made in accordance with Sole Source procurement [NCGS 143-129(e) (6)] ***View***

Recommended Action: 1) Award Bid Contract as Recommended; and
2) Authorize the Purchasing Division to Issue Purchase Order and Execute Bid Document in Accordance with the Council's Award

14. Appointments:

a) Animal Care and Control Advisory Board – four (4) appointments: Wards 1, 2, 3, and 7;
b) Board of Adjustment - two (2) appointments: Ward 4; and Alternate Member;
c) Business Development Authority – two (2) appointments (Mayoral appointments);
d) Central City Revitalization Panel - five (4) appointments: one (1) Commercial Builder/Developer; two (2) Members-at-Large; and two (2) Ex-Officios;
e) Community Appeals Board - one (1) appointment: Ward 4;
f) Historic Preservation Commission – one (1) appointment;
g) Human Relations Commission – three (3) appointments: two (2) Mayoral appointment; one (1) City Council appointment – Ward 6;
h) Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities – one (1) appointment;
i) Redevelopment Commission – two (2) appointments;
j) Tree Advisory Board – four (4) appointments - Wards 1, 2, and 6;
k) Utility Service Review Board – three (3) appointments: Wards 1, 4, and 5;
l) Workforce Housing Advisory Commission – three (3) appointments: Ward 5; one (1) Faith-based Community member; and one (1) Business Community member; and
m) Braswell Memorial Library – one (1) appointment

15. Consideration of Resolution Exercising the Power of Eminent Domain to Acquire Certain Interests in the following Real Property (authorizes acquisition by condemnation): ***View***

- 816 S. Grace Street

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

16. Closed Session:

- Attorney-Client