

# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA JULY 25, 2022

## SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS

**JULY 29**

**SOUTH ROCKY MOUNT  
COMMUNITY CENTER**  
719 Recreation Dr., Rocky Mount

**AUGUST 12**

**MEADOWBROOK PARK**  
509 Glendale Dr., Rocky Mount

**AUGUST 5**

**LANCASTER PARK**  
1509 Barnes St., Rocky Mount

**AUGUST 19**

**SUNSET PARK**  
550 N. Taylor St., Rocky Mount  
(Special Populations Day)

**FREE FOOD • MUSIC • FIELD GAMES • FAMILY FUN**

**6:00 TO 8:00PM** Weather Permitting • No Rain Dates

For more information, contact 252-467-4902, or visit  
the Booker T. Washington Community Center  
727 Pennsylvania Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 27801



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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*)

TOM HARRIS (*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, JULY 25, 2022 AT 4:00 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, July 25, 2022, may be held remotely via Zoom with Councilmembers accessing the meeting from individual locations. The City will be using YouTube to livestream the City Council meeting. To join the meeting click here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CITYTV19>

1. Meeting Called to Order by the Mayor
2. Prayer
3. Roll Call by the Deputy City Clerk
4. Consideration of the Minutes of a Regular Scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting Held June 13, 2022 [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes

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 speaking. Please limit presentations to three (3) minutes. Time will be monitored.*

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Consideration of Request from Belinda Whitaker for an Ordinance Approving Temporary Street Closure for the “2022 Your Choice Research Center (YCRC) Walk/Run for Life” on September 24, 2022, from 6 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (*ordinance adoption requirement of NCDOT standards*):

[View](#)

- Right lane of North Church Street from the US 64 East On/Off ramp to the US 64 West On/Off ramp
- B. Consideration of Recommendation for Approval of Award of Duty Badges and/or Approval of Purchase of Sidearm to: [View](#)
- 1) Police Corporal Christopher Whichard for 16 Years of Dedicated Service – award of duty badge; and
  - 2) Police Corporal Wade Butler for 15½ Years of Dedicated Service – award of duty badge and approval for the purchase of sidearm





Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda (inclusive of adoption of Ordinance and award of duty badges/approval of sidearm purchase)

8. Consideration of Lease Agreement with Billy Horne, d/b/a Cream of Ice for City-Owned Property at 209 NE Main Street (3-year lease; rent = \$7,200 per year with 3% escalation annually; term July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025; lease advertised pursuant to G.S. 160A-272) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Authorizing Lease Agreement (authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City)

9. Consideration of Lease Agreement with Joel Boseman and Steve Wordsworth for Use of City's Farm for Pasture for Cattle and Hunting (10-year agreement with option for 2 additional 5-year terms; provides for 14.3% increase for grazing fee and 25% increase for hunting; term: July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2032; lease advertised pursuant to G.S. 160A-272) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Authorizing Lease Agreement (authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City)

10. Consideration of Second Amendment to License Agreement with Franklin Street Properties, LLC to Maintain Use of Loading Dock inside Right-of-Way of Gay Street (loading dock constructed by licensee; allows trucks to load/unload parallel to building; revises termination date from December 1, 2025, to December 1, 2035; lease advertised pursuant to G.S. 160A-272) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Authorizing Lease Agreement (authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City)

11. Consideration of 1) Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Urban Transit (\$591,893; no local match required); and 2) Project Ordinance Appropriating Grant Funds [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Approve Grant Agreement and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Grant Agreement and any Required Documentation and Certifications on Behalf of the City; and  
2) Adopt Project Ordinance





12. Consideration of the Following Recommendations from the Traffic Engineer: [View](#)

- Adopt:

- 25 MPH speed limit for Wood Green Subdivision (reduces speed from 35 MPH; estimated cost \$500)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance Amending the Traffic Control Ordinance Map

13. Consideration of Resolution Amending Administrative Policy No. VI.1 Entitled “Policy: Electric Service” (updates terms and conditions under which the City provides electric service to customers)

[View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

14. Consideration of Petition Submitted by Paul Allen, Jr. on behalf of Ebenezer Baptist Church and David Ellis Requesting the Closing of an Alley 18-Foot Wide Adjacent to Ebenezer Baptist Church [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Acknowledge Receipt of Petition; and  
2) Adopt Resolution Declaring Intent to Close (schedules public hearing for September 12, 2022)

15. Consideration of Resolution in Support of Petition Naming US 64 Exit 469 in Honor of Kel Landis, III [View](#)

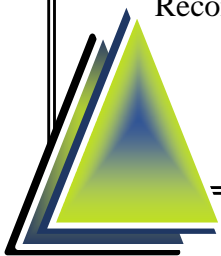
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

16. Consideration of Amendment to Downtown Residential Production (DRP) Grant Agreement with Dukes Properties & Construction, LLC Relative to Renovation of 118-130 S. Pearl Street (13 residential apartments and a small eatery; total development costs = \$578,000/DRP grant = \$97,500) to Allow for an Additional \$11,300 for Replacement of Apron and Sidewalk [View](#)

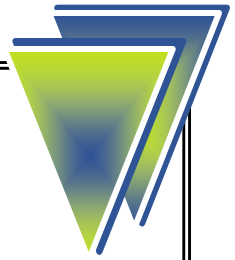
Recommended Action: Approve Amendment to Grant and Authorize the Interim City Manager to Execute Amendment and/or any Required Documentation

17. Consideration of Resolution Approving Third Amendment to Lease Agreement with the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce - 4,800 square feet on the Second Floor and 400 square feet on the Third Floor of the Helen P. Gay Historic Train Station (4-year lease; February 1, 2019 – February 1, 2023 @ original rent of \$2,197 monthly; automatic annual renewal of lease after 4 years unless terminated; 1<sup>st</sup> amendment reduced rent to \$1,100 per month; 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment continued reduced rent through 6/30/2022; 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment extends reduced rent of \$1,100 through 12/31/2022) [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt Resolution Approving Third Amendment to Lease Agreement; and  
2) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Same on Behalf of the City







18. Consideration of Neighborhood Restoration & Preservation Incentive Grant Agreement for Truth Tabernacle Ministries, Inc. for Rehabilitation of Single-Family Residential Home at 719 Arlington Street - \$40,000 [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Grant Agreement and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Same Behalf of the City

19. Consideration of Acquisition of Real Property (former home of Dred Wimberly; consists of 2 parcels – parcel 1 has frontage along E. Raleigh Boulevard; parcel 2 located directly behind first parcel/no frontage along right-of-way) @ cost of \$22,500 and \$3,100, respectively; unpaid taxes on parcel 2 = \$3,062.97) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Authorize Property Acquisition at Recommended Price

20. Consideration of the following Bids:

- a) Denton Street Pool Improvements - award to H.G. Reynolds Co., Inc. @ a total cost of \$1,429,520, which includes total base bid (\$1,009,300) and alternates A1-A5 (\$420,220); 20% MWBE participation; [View](#)
- b) Falls Road Structure Renovation – award to H.G. Reynolds Co., Inc. @ total cost of \$626,246.43 plus 5% contingency; [View](#)
- c) Consideration of Water Purification Chemical Contracts – costs not to exceed \$2,290,575.60; 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 \$2.833 per ton = \$991,550;
  - 2) Dry Caustic Soda – Univar USA, Inc. – 500 tons @ \$988 per ton = \$494,000;
  - 3) Liquid Calcium Hydroxide – Polytec, Inc. -700,000 lbs. @ \$0.1750 per pound = \$122,500;
  - 4) Hydrofluorosilic Acid (HFS) – Univar USA, Inc. – 22,500 lbs. @ \$1 per pound = \$22,500;
  - 5) Dry Polymer – Sterling Water Technologies, LLC - 20,000 lbs. @ \$2.35 per pound = \$47,042;
  - 6) Liquid Sulfur Dioxide – JCI Jones Chemicals – 17 tons @ \$1,700 per ton = \$28,900;
  - 7) Calcium Thiosulfate - Water Guard, Inc. - 60,000 lbs. @ \$2.08 per pound = \$124,800;
  - 8) Corrosion Inhibitor - Sterling Water Technologies, LLC - 32,000 lbs. @ \$1.10 per pound = \$35,193.60; and
  - 9) Bulk Sodium Hypochlorite - Water Guard, Inc. – 265,000 gals. @ \$1.60 per gallon = \$424,000
- d) Three (3) Labrie Automizers Mounted on New Autocars - award to Joe Johnson Equipment, LLC @ a cost of \$1,151,899.88 (purchase proposed to be made in accordance with Sole Source procurement [NCGS 143-129(e) (6)]) [View](#)

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





21. Consideration of Resolution of Intent to Enter into Lease Agreement with D' Chill Spot, LLC for City-Owned Property at 207-211 East Thomas Street (Thorpe Building; 2-year lease; rent = \$41,800 per year; term August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2024; resolution authorizes the Clerk to advertise proposed agreement pursuant to NCGS 160A-272) [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

22. Closed Session:  
Attorney-Client

