

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MARCH 13, 2023

The Juneteenth Committee
and The City of Rocky Mount Presents

MOTOWN REVUE

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Reception 5:30-6:30 p.m. • Showtime 7-10 p.m.

Imperial Centre Theatre

Age 21+

Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, Ticket includes Reception

For info and tickets, call 252-886-1104 or 252-458-1782.



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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)

JABARIS D. WALKER (Ward 7)

CITY STAFF

KEITH ROGERS JR., CITY MANAGER

KIM BATTIS, CITY CLERK

VACANT, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

ELTON DANIELS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

KIRK BROWN, *Communications & Marketing Director*

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 13, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE GEORGE W. DUDLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

The City will be using YouTube to livestream the City Council meeting. To view 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 City Clerk
4. Consideration of the Minutes of a Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Held November 28, 2022: [View](#)
 - FY 2022 Audit Review – Martin-Starnes & Associates: *Information only; no formal action;*
 - Purchased Gas Adjustment - Chris Beschler: *Information only; no formal action*

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes

5. Administration of Oath to City Manager, Keith Rogers Jr., by retired Superior Court Judge, Honorable Quentin T. Sumner
6. Consideration of additions or deletions to the agenda
7. Community Update - City Manager Keith Rogers Jr.
8. Presentations and Recognitions:
 - Presentation of Certificate Congratulating Verner Avery on his Retirement from his longtime Downtown Business, The Clothes Doctor





9. 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.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Temporary Street Closure: [View](#)

- Consideration of Request from Public Works for Resolution Approving Temporary Street Closure for the Emmanuel Health Education, Inc. “We Are One Prostate Cancer Bike Walk Run Ride” on June 23rd from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

Temporary Closure: 100 Block of South Washington Street from Hill Street to Tarboro Street

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance Approving Temporary Street Closure

B. Consideration of the following Applications for New/Renewal of Existing Taxi Rights: [View](#)

- Christopher R. Baker Rocky Mount Cab 11, 12 (Renewals) One Additional
- Denise Alisha Hunter Rocky Mount Cab 24 (Renewal) Two Additional
- Tommie G. Hedgepeth Rocky Mount Cab New Applicant

City Manager Recommendation: Approve Taxicab Licenses and authorize City Clerk to execute Taxicab Licenses

C. Consideration of Resolution and Authorization for Depository Accounts and Treasury Management Services to Update Banking Authorizations at PNC Bank (changes authority from Peter F. Varney to Keith Rogers Jr.) [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Resolution and Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to Execute Same on Behalf of the City

D. Consideration of Stop Loss Contract for Health Insurance with Aetna Life Insurance beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with two additional one-year renewals (the quoted premium rate for Fiscal Year 2024 will not result in net additional costs) [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Agreement on behalf of the City





- E. Consideration of Medical Insurance Contract with Aetna Life Insurance Company beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with two additional one-year renewals (the quoted premium rate for Fiscal Year 2024 will not result in net additional costs) [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Agreement on behalf of the City

- F. Notification to Council of Intent and Request for Authorization to Apply for \$110,000 grant through the Foundation for the Carolinas Longleaf Fund (FFTC) to replace playground equipment at the Thelonius Monk Park (the grant includes \$130,000 in City matching funds to match the \$110,000 in grant funds requested) [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Authorize Staff to Apply for Grant and the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Any Required Documentation for the Grant Including Subsequent Grant Final Application/Agreements

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda inclusive of:

- 1) Temporary Street Closure
- 2) Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions
- 3) Approval of Applications for New/Renewal of Taxi Rights
- 4) Authorization for the Mayor, City Clerk or City Manager to Execute Any Required Documentation for the above referenced Contracts, Agreements and Grant (Including Subsequent Grant Final Application/Agreements)

11. Consideration of Rescheduling the Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting on April 10, 2023 to April 3, 2023

Recommended Action: Reschedule Meeting

