

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MAY 8, 2023

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Every other Thursday

MAY 11 - AUGUST 31 AT 6 P.M.

On The Imperial Centre Lawn in Downtown Rocky Mount.

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FEATURING:



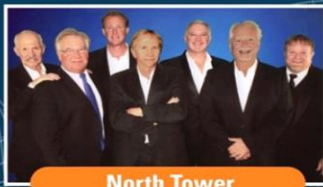
Jim Quick & Coastline
May 11



Part Time Party Time Band
May 25



Cruis-O-Matic
June 8



North Tower
June 22



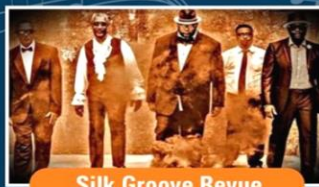
The Holiday Band
July 6



The Embers
featuring Craig Woolard
July 22



The Main Event Band
August 3



Silk Groove Revue
August 17



Band Of Oz
August 31

[View Main Agenda](#)



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, MAY 8, 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 additions or deletions to the agenda
5. Community Update - City Manager Keith Rogers Jr.
6. Presentations and Recognitions:
 - a. Consideration of Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating the Rocky Mount Parks and Recreation Department's 10-U All-Star Basketball Team on Winning the 2022 10-U SWAC State Basketball Championship; [View](#) and
 - b. Consideration of Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating the Rocky Mount Parks and Recreation Department's 12-U All-Star Basketball Team on Winning the 2022 12-U SWAC State Basketball Championship; [View](#) and
 - c. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming May 10-16, 2023 as Peace Officers Week and May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Day to Police Chief Robert Hassell; [View](#) and
 - d. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of May 2023 as Preservation Month in the City of Rocky Mount to Development Services Interim Director JoSeth Bocook [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions



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. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Consideration of FY 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance Amendment Appropriating \$845,000 in the General Fund and \$747,000 in the Powell Bill Fund for Dirt Street Reconstruction; and Transferring \$500,000 of existing Sewer Fund appropriations for related sewer distribution improvements (total amendment \$2,092,000) [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment

B. Consideration of Ordinance Approving Installation of All-Way Stop at the following intersections:

- Eastern Avenue and Holder Drive
- Oakwood Drive and Holder Drive
- Daughtry Street and Sycamore Street

(Petitions of support representing more than 75% of the adjacent residences were received; Estimated cost of the signage is \$500 - to be paid out of Public Works operating budget) [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance

C. Consideration of rebid - RFP 320-230123AG REBID – Breakaway Light Poles – award and issue purchase order to Wesco Distribution in the amount of \$94,905 [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Authorize the Purchasing Division to Issue Purchase Order and Execute Bid Document in Accordance with the Council's Award

D. Consideration of Ordinance Extending the Corporate Limits of Rocky Mount - Annexation No. 328 - 9121 West Mount Drive – PIN 373920904637 (Ward 4, if approved) [View](#)

*****Note - Public Hearing was held on December 12, 2022***

Action: Adopt Ordinance

E. Consideration of Ordinance Extending the Corporate Limits of Rocky Mount - Annexation No. 329 – 9041 and 9053 West Mount Drive - PIN 3738 0099 1544; PIN 3739 2090 8350; PIN 3739 2080 9143; PIN 3738 0090 6177 (Ward 4, if approved) [View](#)

*****Note - Public Hearing was held on December 12, 2022***

Action: Adopt Ordinance





Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda inclusive of:

- 1) Adoption of Ordinances;
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Division to Issue Purchase Order and Execute Bid Document in Accordance with the Council's Award

9. **Public Hearing** Relative to the Proposed Closing of S. Washington Street at CSX Railroad Crossing
[View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Receive Public Comment; and
2) Adopt Resolution Closing Street at CSX Railroad Crossing

10. Consideration of the Minutes and Recommendations from Planning Board Meetings held on March 14, 2023 and April 11, 2023: [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:

- Request by Butterfields Butter, LLC [Matthew McClure, representative] to rezone the ±3.07-acre parcel located at the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Sherrod Street and the unimproved portion of Parrish Street [PIN 376904442800] from R-6MFA to I-2 [View](#)

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

B. Public Hearing Relative to the Following Rezoning Request Denied by the Planning Board:

- Request by DeLeon Parker, Jr. as a representative for the property owner Oak Level Ventures, LLC to rezone three parcels [PINs 373908986297, 373909899925U, 373908983727] having a total area of ±22.43 acres addressed as 1930 Bethlehem Road from R-100 to R-6MFACD

***Note - Recommendation from Planning Board is to Deny Request based on concerns voiced by residents of the area – including, increased traffic, flood hazards, stormwater runoff and loss of wildlife habitat. The petitioner has requested that action be postponed. [View](#)*

Recommended Action: Petitioner has requested for Public Hearing to be postponed
(postpone until July 10, 2023 City Council Meeting)





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

- Request by James D. Gailliard as representative for the property owner Word Tabernacle Church to rezone four parcels [PINs 373920809143, 373800991544, 373800906177, 373920908350] having a total area of ± 59.41 acres addressed as 9041 and 9053 West Mount Drive from Nash County R-30 to O-I [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Receive Public Comment; and
2) Postpone Action until May 22, 2023 City Council Meeting

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

- Request by James D. Gailliard as representative for the property owner Word Tabernacle Church to rezone the ± 7.11 acre parcel located at 9121 West Mount Drive from Nash County R-30 to O-I2 [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Receive Public Comment; and
2) Postpone Action until May 22, 2023 City Council Meeting

11. **Public Hearing** and Explanation of Feasibility Study Relative to Annexation No. 330 – Mason & Pearce [S. Halifax Rd.] (Ward 6, if approved) [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Explanation of Feasibility Study by the City Manager or Designee;
2) Acknowledge Receipt of Feasibility Study; and
3) Adopt Ordinance Extending the Corporate Limits

12. **Public Hearing** and Explanation of Feasibility Study Relative to Annexation No. 331 – Arrow Road (Ward 5, if approved) [View](#)

Recommended Action: 1) Explanation of Feasibility Study by the City Manager or Designee;
2) Acknowledge Receipt of Feasibility Study; and
3) Adopt Ordinance Extending the Corporate Limits

