

# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MAY 22, 2023

## ONE SUMMER TWO SHOWS

IN THE THEATRE AT THE IMPERIAL CENTRE



### K-7 Youth Theatre Experience

**Rehearsals:** June 5 - 28

**Days:** Monday - Friday

**Time:** 1 - 5 p.m.

**Performances:** June 29 & 30 at 7:30 p.m.

**Ages:** Kindergarten - (rising) 7th grade

**Cost:** \$100/1st child, \$75/2nd child,  
FREE/3rd child



### Youth Summer Experience 8-12 Graders

**Audition Dates:** June 5 or 6

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**For the audition:** Prepare a monologue of your choice, 16 bars of a song in the style of Little Shop of Horrors and wear movable clothing.

**Performances:** July 20-22 at 7:30 p.m. and  
July 23 at 2 p.m.

[View Main Agenda](#)



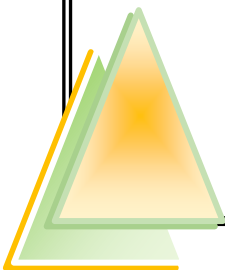
## ROCKY MOUNT CITY COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT

*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.**

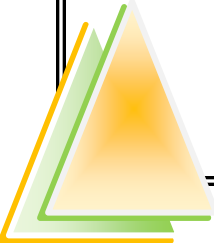
At these meetings, the City's business is conducted and ordinances and resolutions, the laws of Rocky Mount, are enacted. Ordinances take effect upon their adoption when approved by a majority of the Council. All ordinances must be in writing. They are introduced at one meeting and adopted at a subsequent 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*





ROCKY MOUNT  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
THE CENTER OF IT ALL

## **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!



**ROCKY MOUNT**  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
THE CENTER OF IT ALL

**AGENDA FOR A REGULAR RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT TO BE HELD MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 AT 4:00 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. A. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 23, 2023 [View](#)
  - December Crime Report – Robert Hassell: *Received report; no formal action;*
  - Travel Policy for Mayor and City Council – Peter Varney: *Received report; no formal action;*
  - Closed Session: Attorney Client Privilege
- B. Minutes of Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting held January 23, 2023 [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes
5. Consideration of additions or deletions to the agenda
6. Community Update - City Manager Keith Rogers Jr.
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. Request from Emmanuel Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church – temporary closure of the 600 Block of Henry Street – Saturday, June 10, 2023 – 10 am to 2 pm for Community Day Event [View](#)

*City Manager Recommendation: Approve Street Closure*



B. Consideration of the Following Requests for Fireworks Displays: [View](#)

- 1) The City of Rocky Mount - at 550 Independence Drive (Sports Complex) scheduled for, July 3, 2023;
- 2) Englewood Baptist Church - on Church Property at 1350 South Winstead Avenue scheduled for, July 4, 2023; and
- 3) Rise Church - at 3520 Bishop Road scheduled for, July 2, 2023

*City Manager Recommendation: Approve Requests for Fireworks Displays*

C. Consideration of receipt of 2023 Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Award in the amount of \$5,500 to fund public education efforts (grant requires a 20% match in the amount of \$1,100 – to be covered by budgeted funds) [View](#)

*City Manager Recommendation: Authorize receipt of grant award and Authorize Mayor/City Manager, City Clerk to execute required documentation including final application, subsequent grant agreement and certifications and assurances on behalf of the City*

D. Consideration of Ordinance Approving Administrative Policy No. X.7.38 Entitled “Policy: Electric Rate Schedule – Electric Vehicle Level II Charging Rates” [View](#)

*City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance*

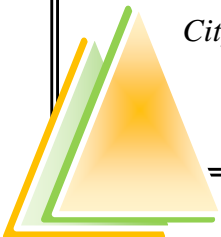
E. Consideration of Rebid - #320-070223AG REBID Preventative Maintenance on City Owned Generators 2023 - award to Gregory Poole Equipment Co. @ a total cost of \$95,387.11 [View](#)

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

F. Consideration of FY 2022-2023 Budget Review Work Session Schedule: [View](#)

- Monday, May 22 - Proposed Budget presented to Council during Regular Council Meeting (4 p.m., Council Chambers)
- Wednesday, May 24 - Virtual Town Hall on Proposed Budget (7 p.m., Zoom and YouTube)
- Thursday, May 25 - Council Budget Work Session (4 p.m., Committee Room)
- Wednesday, May 31 - Council Budget Work Session (4 p.m., Committee Room)
- *Additional dates if necessary*
- Monday, June 12 - Public Hearing on Proposed Budget during Regular Council Meeting (7 p.m., Council Chambers)
- Monday, June 26 - Adoption of Budget during Regular Council Meeting (4 p.m., Council Chambers)

*City Manager Recommendation: Approve Work Session Schedule for Budget Review*





Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda inclusive of:

- 1) Approve Street Closure;
- 2) Approve Fireworks Displays;
- 3) Authorize Mayor/City Manager, City Clerk to execute required documentation including final application, subsequent grant agreement and certifications and assurances on behalf of the City;
- 4) Adopt Ordinance;
- 5) Authorize the Purchasing Division to Issue Purchase Order and Execute Bid Document in Accordance with the Council's Award; and
- 6) Approve Work Session Schedule for Budget Review

9. **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 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

*\*\*Continued from May 9, 2023 City Council Meeting*

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

10. **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 James D. Gailliard to rezone the ±7.11 acre parcel located at 9121 West Mount Drive from Nash County R-30 to O-I2

*\*\*Continued from May 9, 2023 City Council Meeting*

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

11. Presentation of Budget by City Manager, Keith Rogers Jr.

