

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA JUNE 12, 2023



**FRIDAY, JUNE 16
Five Points**

**SAT. AND SUN.,
JUNE 17 AND 18**

**Helen P. Gay Rocky Mount
Historic Train Station**

downtownrockymount.com



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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 BATTS, 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, JUNE 12, 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 Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting held February 13, 2023
[View](#)
Recommended Action: Approve Minutes
5. Consideration of additions or deletions to the agenda
6. Community Update – City Manager Keith Rogers Jr.
7. Presentations and Recognitions:
 - Presentation of Lion’s Club Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year Plaques and Checks [View](#)
8. 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.
9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Consideration of Request from Public Works, for an Ordinance Approving Temporary Street Closings for the Juneteenth Community Empowerment Festival (*ordinance adoption requirement of NCDOT standards*): [View](#)
 - Friday, June 16, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.
Temporary Closures of Tarboro Street (US 64 Business) from NE Main Street to Atlantic Avenue (NC 97), N Washington Street from Hill Street to E Thomas Street (US 64 Business), Albemarle Avenue from E Thomas Street to Tarboro Street and W Rose Street from Albemarle Avenue to Atlantic Avenue;

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- Saturday & Sunday, June 17 & 18, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.
Temporary Closure of S Church Street (US 301 Business) from Andrews Street to Nash Street, Hammond Street from S Franklin Street (US 301 Business) to SW Main Street, SW Main Street from Hammond Street to a point 200 feet north of Hammond Street and Coastline Street

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance Approving Temporary Street Closure

B. Consideration of the Following Tax Releases and/or Refunds: [View](#)

- Schedule A - Report of taxes under \$100 approved for release and/or refund by the City Manager; and
- Schedule B - Report of taxes over \$100 recommended for release and/or refund by the City Council

City Manager Recommendation: Approve Tax Releases

C. Consideration of Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing Disposal by Electronic Auction via GovDeals, Inc. [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing Disposal by Electronic Auction

D. Consideration of a Quitclaim Deed for 0.023-acre gap between the property line of the Ruby Grey Heirs and the Municipal Stadium to the Nash Board of Education [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Authorize Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Quitclaim Deed

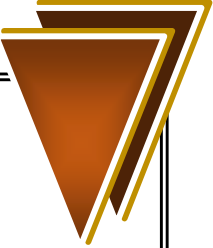
E. Consideration of Resolution to accept and appropriate ARP funds in the amount of \$400,000 from North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure [View](#)

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

F. Consideration of Adoption of the Following FY 2022-2023 Ordinances:

Budget Ordinance Amendments:

1. Appropriates funds in the Emergency Telephone (E911) Fund for Qualified improvements to the E911 Telecommunications Center (\$159,820) [View](#)
2. Appropriates funds in the General Fund for necessary Site Survey and Engineering Work for Peele Road Economic Development Site (\$268,000); [View](#) and



Project Ordinance Amendment:

3. Appropriates Funds from the Occupancy Tax Fund to the General Fund as Appropriated in FY 2022-2023 Annual Operating Budget (\$250,000) [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Ordinances

- G. Consideration of the 2023 Annual Action Plan for the Down East Home Consortium [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Approve Plan and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Any Required Documentation or Certifications

- H. Consideration of 1) Rescinding Resolution R-2021-51 entitled, “Resolution Declaring Official Intent of the City of Rocky Mount to Reimburse Expenditures Made for the Construction of Fire station # 2 (the project has increased from \$4,100,000 to \$11,100,000); and 2) Resolution Declaring Official Intent of the City to Reimburse Expenditures Made for the Construction of Fire Station 2 (expected maximum obligation = \$11,100,000 approved in annual budget; expected financing = secured installment pursuant to NCGS 160A-20; resolution requirement of United States Treasury) [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Rescind Resolution R-2021-51; Adopt new Resolution


- I. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the filing of an Application for Approval of an Installment Financing Contract Authorized by NCGS 160A-20 for Fire Station #2 [View](#)


City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

- J. Consideration of Offer from Glandon Forest Equity, LLC on behalf of Dollar General to purchase property located at 1006 Cokey Road (\$200,000) [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Resolution Authorizing an Upset Bid Process (authorizes City Clerk to Advertise Offer for Upset Bids Pursuant to G.S. 160A-269; and, if no qualifying upset bid received, authorizes appropriate City Officials to execute Purchase Agreement)

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda inclusive of:

- 1) Approve Street Closure;
 - 2) Approve Tax Releases;
 - 3) Authorize Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Quitclaim Deed
 - 4) 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;
 - 5) Approve Annual Action Plan
 - 6) Rescind Resolution R-2021-51
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- 7) Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions;
 - 8) Adopt Resolution Authorizing an Upset Bid Process (authorizes City Clerk to Advertise Offer for Upset Bids Pursuant to G.S. 160A-269; and, if no qualifying upset bid received, authorizes appropriate City Officials to execute Purchase Agreement)

10. **Public Hearing** Relative to the Proposed Budget for FY 2023-2024 [View](#)

Recommended Action: Receive Public Comment

11. Consideration of the Minutes and Recommendations from a Planning Board Meeting held on May 9, 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: [View](#)

- Request by Shields Family Partnership to rezone two parcels containing ±0.32-acers at 803 Carter Street & 612 N. Tillery Street from I-1 to B-5

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

12. Consideration of Resolution requested by City Council in response to SB 169 [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

