

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA OCTOBER 23, 2023



**AMERICA
RECYCLES DAY**
SATURDAY, NOV. 11
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
**Golden East
Crossing Mall**

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accepted items.

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 **GOLDEN EAST**
CROSSING

 **KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL**
ROCKY MOUNT DIVISION CENTER
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

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Engine Plant

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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.

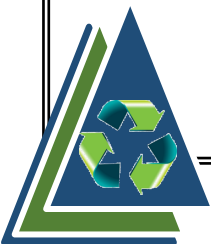
At these meetings, the City's business is conducted and ordinances and resolutions, the laws of Rocky Mount, are enacted. Ordinances take effect upon their adoption when approved by a majority of the Council. All ordinances must be in writing. They are introduced at one meeting and adopted at a subsequent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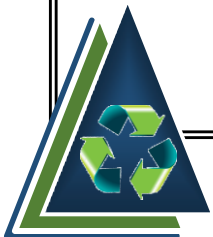


AGENDA FOR A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT TO BE HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE GEORGE W. DUDLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

*** 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. Consideration of Minutes of a Regular Scheduled City Council meeting held June 12, 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: [View](#)
 - Consideration of Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Heroic Efforts of Employees of the Streets and Stormwater Division in Saving the Life of a Fellow Employee; and
 - Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming October 29, 2023 as Wilson-Rocky Mount-Tarboro Chapter of the Links, Incorporated 75th Anniversary Celebration Day; and
 - Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of October 2023 as Disability Employment Awareness Month in the City of Rocky Mount to Archie Jones, Director of Human RelationsRecommended Action: Adopt Resolution
8. Petitions to be Received from the Public

Note: Please complete Citizen Sign-In Sheet and provide to Security Officer prior to speaking. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes. Time will be monitored.





9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. 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

B. Consideration of Request from the Public Works Department for an Ordinance Approving a Temporary Street Closing for the Fourth Annual Downtown Rocky Mount Halloween Bash (ordinance adoption requirement of NCDOT standards): [View](#)

- The Temporary Closure is along Tarboro Street between Main Street and Washington Street;
- Traffic both days will be detoured onto NE Main Street, West on East Thomas Street, North on Falls Road and East onto Goldleaf Street;
- The first closure and detour will be in effect from 3:00 pm on Saturday October 28, 2023 to 12:00 am (midnight) on Sunday October 29, 2023; and
- The second closure and detour will be in effect from 3:00 pm on Tuesday October 31, 2023 to 12:00 am (midnight) on Wednesday, November 1, 2023

City Manager Recommendation: Approve Temporary Street Closure

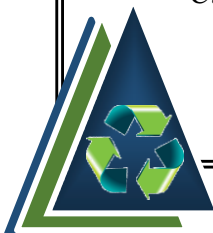
C. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Lease Agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK) for City-Owned Property at 101 Coastline Street (10-year lease; rent shall consist of a pro-rata share of the stations operational cost on an annualized basis. This pro-rata share will start at \$6,300 monthly for year one of the contract. Rent will escalate annually at a rate equal to the Consumer Price Index for subsequent years - lease was advertised pursuant to G.S. 160A-272 [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Resolution

D. Consideration of the following Project Ordinances: [View](#)

- 1) Appropriates Funds in the Public Safety Fund for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the purchase of technology improvements (\$46,239 = \$32,367 allocated to the City of Rocky Mount; \$13,871.70 allocated to Nash County)
- 2) Appropriates Funds in the Public Safety Grants Fund for the 2023 Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG23) for the purpose of purchasing replacement self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) [\$453,925; local match = \$41,266]

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Ordinances





E. Consideration of Resolution Certifying Sufficiency by the City Clerk and Scheduling Public Hearing for November 13, 2023 for the following Annexation Petition (Department of Development Services Staff will prepare Feasibility study): [View](#)

- Annexation No. 333 – Culpepper Limited Partnership (Bethlehem Road) Property – contiguous (Resolution Certifying Sufficiency, Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing)

*City Manager Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution Certifying Sufficiency; and
2) Adopt Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing (November 13, 2023)*

F. Consideration of Certified Statement and Letter from the City Manager to North Carolina Department of Transportation Certifying FY 2023 Funds (\$224,999) were Expensed by Fiscal Year End (6/30/2023) and that FY 2024 Funds (\$426,000) will be spent by the End of FY 2024 (requirement of State Maintenance Assistance Program [SMAP] funding application for Transit) [View](#)

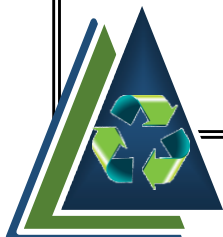
*City Manager Recommendation: 1) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Required Certification on Behalf of the City; and
2) Authorize the City Manager to Execute Letter of Intent*

G. Consideration of Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the Amended and Restated Full Requirements Power Sales Agreement (FRPSA) between the City of Rocky Mount and the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA) [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda inclusive of:

- 1) Approve Tax Releases;
- 2) Approve Temporary Street Closing;
- 3) Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions;
- 4) Authorize Mayor to Execute Lease Agreement on behalf of the City; and
- 5) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Required Certification on Behalf of the City; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Letter of Intent





10. **Public Hearing** Relative to FY 2023 Section 5310, 5311 and 5339 Community Transportation Program Grants for Funding through the North Carolina Department of Transportation (will fund a portion of administrative, operating and capital expenses incurred by Tar River Transit – total funding = \$2,069,182/local match = \$245,433 [View](#))

Recommended Action: 1) Receive Public Comment;
2) Adopt Resolution; and
3) Authorize the City Manager, Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Required Documentation and Certifications, including Subsequent Grant Agreement(s)

11. Appointments:

- a. Animal Care and Control Advisory Board - three (3) appointments: Wards 1, 2, and 7;
- b. Board of Adjustment - two (2) appointments: (2) Alternate Members;
- c. Business Development Authority – one (1) appointment (Mayoral appointments);
- d. Central City Revitalization Panel - four (4) appointments: one (1) Historic Preservation Commission; one (1) Commercial Builder/Developer; and two (2) Ex-Officios;
- e. Community Appeals Board - two (2) appointments: Wards 2, and 4;
- f. Historic Preservation Commission – one (1) appointment;
- g. Mayor’s Commission on Persons with Disabilities – one (1) appointment;
- h. Planning Board - one (1) appointment – Ward 4;
- i. Tree Advisory Board – one (1) appointment – Ward 2;
- j. Utility Service Review Board – three (3) appointments: Wards 1, 4, and 7; and
- k. Workforce Housing Advisory Commission – four (4) appointments: Ward 5, one (1) Business Community member, and two (2) Faith-Based Community members

