

# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA December 11, 2023

*Organizational Meeting*

*Swearing in of Reelected Officials*

*Term: 2023 through 2027*



*C. Saunders Roberson  
Mayor*



*Andre Knight  
Ward 1*



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*T. J. Walker, Jr.  
Ward 4*



*Lige Daughtridg  
Ward 5*

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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

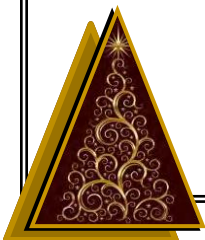
KEITH ROGERS JR., CITY MANAGER

KIM BATTS, CITY CLERK

ELTON DANIELS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

NYKI HILL, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

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, DECEMBER 11, 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>

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**I. Explanation**

*The North Carolina General Statutes require Cities to hold organizational meetings each Municipal election year after the results of elections are certified. During the organizational meetings, newly elected or re-elected officials are administered the oath of office and other organizational matters are acted upon. This being a municipal election year, the Rocky Mount City Council is holding its organizational meeting this evening.*

**II. Opening of Meeting**

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 July 24, 2023 [View](#)  
Recommended Action: Approve Minutes

**III. Organization**

5. A. Administration of Oath to Recently Re-elected City Councilmember by the Honorable Lamont Wiggins, Resident Superior Court Judge, Judicial District 7B:
  - André D. Knight – Ward 1
- B. Administration of Oaths to Recently Re-elected Mayor and City Councilmembers by retired Superior Court Judge, Honorable Quentin T. Sumner:
  - C. Saunders Roberson, Jr. - Mayor
  - T. J. Walker, Jr. – Ward 4
  - Elijah “Lige” L. Daughtridge – Ward 5





6. Seating of Newly Sworn Mayor and Councilmembers

#### **IV. Business Session**

7. Roll Call of Newly Sworn Council by the City Clerk
8. Election of City Treasurer (two-year term expires December 2025)
9. Election of Mayor Pro Tem (one-year term expires December 2024)
10. Administration of Oath to the Mayor Pro Tem by the Honorable Quentin T. Sumner, Retired Superior Court Judge

#### ***Recess to Recognize Re-elected Mayor and City Councilmembers (15 minutes)***

11. Presentations and Recognitions: [View](#)

- Consideration of Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating Rocky Mount High School Junior Mckinley Battle on Winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Class 3a Individual Tennis State Championship

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

12. Community Update – City Manager Keith Rogers Jr.
13. 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.***

14. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Consideration of 1) Amending Resolution R-2023-39 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 \$11,100,000 to \$11,400,000); and 2) Amending Resolution R-2023-40 entitled, “Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of an Installment Financing Contract” to update cost of the project [View](#)

*City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Amended Resolutions: R-2023-39 – Amended and R-2023-40 - Amended*

- B. Consideration of Resolution Certifying Sufficiency by the City Clerk and Scheduling Public Hearing for January 8, 2024 for the Following Annexation Petition (Department of Development Services Staff will prepare Feasibility study): [View](#)

- Annexation No. 332 – Harper & Williams (Sunset Avenue) – contiguous (Resolution Certifying Sufficiency, Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing)

*City Manager Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution Certifying Sufficiency; and  
2) Adopt Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing (January 8, 2024)*





C. Consideration of FY 2024 Installment Financing Contract with TD Equipment Finance, Inc for Equipment (\$6,955,000 - fixed interest rate of 4.30% for a 59-month term) and Resolution Approving Proposal: [View](#)

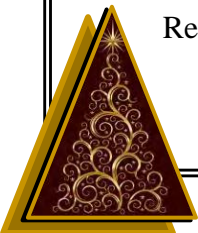
<u>Item</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
1	Lenco BearCat (Police)	General	\$341,100
2	Pierce Enforcer Heavy Duty Rescue (Fire)	General	\$1,132,000
3	Knuckle Boom Loader (Env. Services)	General	\$206,000
4	Pac Mac 8 yd. Mini Loader (Env. Serv.)	General	\$145,000
5	(2) Labrie Automizer Sideloaders (Env. Serv.)	General	\$858,500
6	Backhoe (Environmental Services)	General	\$125,500
7	Front End Loader (Environmental Services)	General	\$377,000
8	Rear Loader (Environmental Services)	General	\$318,000
9	Steel Recycling Trailer (Env. Services)	General	\$127,500
10	Wheel Loader (Environmental Services)	General	\$408,500
11	(2) Dump Trucks 6.5yd (Streets)	General	\$225,500
12	Flatbed Dump Truck (Streets)	General	\$110,000
13	Crawler Dozer (Streets)	General	\$320,000
14	Tandem Dump Truck (Streets)	General	\$151,000
15	Dump F570 Crew Cab (Cemetery)	General	\$118,000
16	Tractor/Mower (Sports Complex)	General	\$71,500
17	Dump F570 Crew Cab (Parks Maintenance)	General	\$127,000
18	Tractor/Mower (Parks Maintenance)	General	\$74,000
19	Flatbed Dump Truck (Parks Maintenance)	General	\$110,000
20	Rubber Tire Backhoe/Loader Combination	Water	\$118,000
21	WWTP Rectangular Clarifiers Festoon	Sewer	\$214,000
22	WWTP Gear Box	Sewer	\$242,000
23	Remote Slope Mower	Stormwater	\$65,000
24	Tornado Regenerative Air Sweeper	Stormwater	\$367,000
25	Compact Excavator	Stormwater	\$73,000
26	Leaf & Debris Collector	Stormwater	\$307,000
27	Flatbed Dump Truck	Stormwater	\$110,000
28	Dump Truck 6.5yd.	Stormwater	\$113,000
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>			<b>\$ 6,955,000</b>

*City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Resolution (authorizes execution and delivery of installment financing agreement and such certificates and documents necessary; and authorizes the Mayor, Finance Director and City Manager, or any one of them, to execute necessary documentation on behalf of the City)*

D. Consideration of 2024 City Council and Committee of the Whole (COW) Meeting Schedules [View](#)

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda inclusive of:

- 1) Adoption of Resolutions; and
- 2) Approval of Schedules







15. **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 Race Trac, Inc. to rezone a  $\pm$  7.01-acre site having PIN 38214343819, located on Wesleyan Boulevard, southeast of the junction with Thomas Betts Parkway, from I-2 (Heavy Industrial District) to B-5 (Commercial Services District)

*\*\*Item was postponed from November 13, 2023 City Council Meeting*

*\*\*\*Petitioner is requesting action be postponed until January 8, 2024*

Recommended Action: Postpone Public Hearing until January 8, 2024

16. **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 Kupona Properties, LLC to rezone  $\pm$ 8.24-acre site at 2947 Old Battleboro Road, from A-1 (Agricultural Residential District) and O-I (Office and Institutional District) to R-6MFA (Medium-Density Multifamily Residential District)

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

17. **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 Thomas Wayne Hopkins to rezone an  $\pm$ 0.856-acre site at 52 Green Pasture Road, from B-5 (Commercial Services District) to A-1 (Agricultural Residential District)

*\*\*\*Item to be postponed until January 8, 2024 per City Manager*

Recommended Action: Postpone Public Hearing to January 8, 2024

18. **Public Hearing** and Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property for Economic purposes (336 acres located in an area bounded on the west by North Old Carriage Road, on the north by U.S Highway 64, on the east by Interstate 95, and on the south by Dozier Road and Sunset Avenue) Resolution sets a purchase price of \$15,200,000 [View](#)

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





19. Appointments: [View](#)

- a) Animal Care and Control Advisory Board - two (2) appointments: Wards 1, and 2;
- 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) Tree Advisory Board - one (1) appointment – Ward 2;
- i) Utility Service Review Board - three (3) appointments: Wards 1, 4, and 7; and  
Workforce Housing Advisory Commission - four (4) appointments: Ward 5, one (1) Business Community member, and two (2) Faith-Based Community members

