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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA JANUARY 8, 2024



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission presents

Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Well Done is Better than Well Said”

36TH ANNUAL UNITY BREAKFAST

When: Monday, Jan. 15, breakfast at 7 a.m., program at 8 a.m.

Keynote Speaker: Jan Withers, Director of the N.C. Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Location: Rocky Mount Event Center



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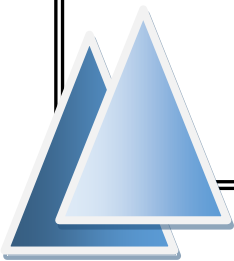
ROCKY MOUNT CITY COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT

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.

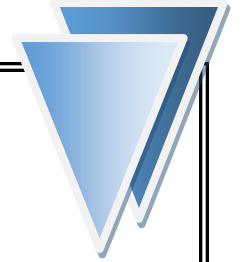
Councilmembers receive the agenda for a Council meeting, together with detailed background material, on the Thursday prior to each regular meeting. This gives them the opportunity to study each item on the agenda prior to the meeting and consult with the City Manager or City staff members. If no additional 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

LIGE DAUGHTRIDGE, MAYOR PRO TEM
(WARD 5)

ANDRÉ D. KNIGHT (WARD 1)

REUBEN C. BLACKWELL, IV (WARD 2)

RICHARD E. JOYNER (WARD 3)

T. J. WALKER, JR (WARD 4)

TOM HARRIS (WARD 6)

JABARIS D. WALKER (WARD 7)

CITY STAFF

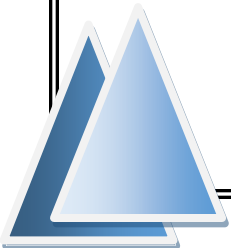
KEITH ROGERS JR., CITY MANAGER

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!



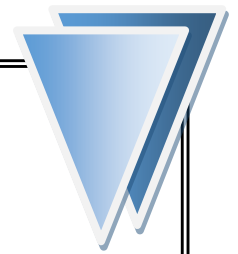
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AGENDA FOR A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT TO BE HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE GEORGE W. DUDLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

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 August 28, 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:
 - a. Consideration of Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating the Rocky Mount Middle School Football Team on Winning the 2023-2024 Tri-County Football Championship; and [View](#)
 - b. Consideration of Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating the Rocky Mount Academy Football Team on Winning the 2023-2024 North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association 8-Man Football Championship [View](#)
 - c. Presentation of Medal of Valor to Sgt. Cameron Joyner and Cpl. Vicky Hussey [View](#)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions



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 presentations 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 and/or Refunds

B. Consideration of Recommendation for Approval of Award of Duty Badge and Sidearm to Police Lieutenant Michael Whitley for 30 Years of Dedicated Service [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Approval of award of duty badge and sidearm

C. Consideration of Recommendation for Approval of Award of Duty Badge and Sidearm to Police Sergeant William Motley for 29 ½ Years of Dedicated Service [View](#)

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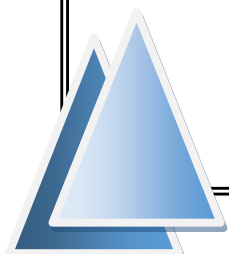
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E. Consideration of Resolution accepting American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant award in the amount of \$400,000 to perform a drainage study in the Edgemont Neighborhood [View](#)

*City Manager Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution; and
2) Authorize City Manager to Execute all required documents on behalf of the City*

F. Consideration of Temporary Easement, Agreement for Entry and Vendor Registration Form for City owned property located at 4757 Primrose Place [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Adopt Resolution Authorizing City Manager and City Clerk to Execute the Temporary Easement, Agreement for Entry and for the City Manager to sign the Vendor Registration Form





G. Consideration of RFQ 320-170523AG Re-Bid – Tubular Steel Poles - Award to Wesco for a total cost of \$609,849.00 [View](#)

*City Manager Recommendation: 1) Award Re-Bid as Recommended
2) Authorize the Purchasing Department to Issue Purchase Order in Accordance with the Council's Award*

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda inclusive of:

- 1) Approve Tax Releases and/or Refunds;
- 2) Approve awarding of Duty Badges and Sidearms;
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***Item was postponed from November 13, 2023 and December 11, 2023 City Council Meeting*

****Petitioner had requested action be postponed until January 8, 2024*

Recommended Action: 1) Receive Public Comment; and
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12. Consideration of the Minutes and Recommendations from a Planning Board Meeting held on December 12, 2023 and Acknowledge Receipt of Planning Board Minutes: [View](#)

**Overview of request(s) and recommendation(s) by the Director of Development Services or her designee*

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 Omar Bayyari Mohammad (A.M.E. Automotive & Services Express) to rezone a ±1.44-acre site at 14500 US 64 Alt. West Hwy. from B-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) to B-5CD (Conditional Commercial Services District) - *with a condition that salvage operations and junk yards are prohibited on the subject property*

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13. **Public Hearing** and Explanation of Feasibility Study Relative to Annexation No. 332 – Harper & Williams (Sunset Avenue) (Ward 5, if approved) [View](#)

City Manager Recommendation: Postpone Item to February 12, 2024 City Council Meeting

14. **Public Hearing** Relative to the Following Rezoning Request Recommended for Approval and Found in Compliance with the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Board on November 14, 2023: [View](#)

- Request by Thomas White (Axiom Development, LLC) to rezone a ±48.9-acre parcel, having a PIN 382008972953U and a ±9.45-acre portion of the property having a PIN 382012960747 from I-2 (Heavy Industrial District) and GI (Nash County General Industrial) to R-6MFA (Multifamily Residential district)

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A	=	APPROVAL	C	=	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
AD	=	APPROVAL DENIED	T	=	TABLED
NA	=	NO ACTION	RA	=	REMOVED FROM AGENDA
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- *Curmilus Dancy*
- *Nathlyn Ohree*

- *Richard Petway*
- *Cooper Blackwell*
- *Mumtaz Shaik*
- *Theresa Alston Stokes*
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15. Closed Session (*added in open meeting*):

- Personnel

MEETING RECESSED @ 9:15 P.M. TO RECONVENE TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 @ 11:00 A.M.