

1. Agenda

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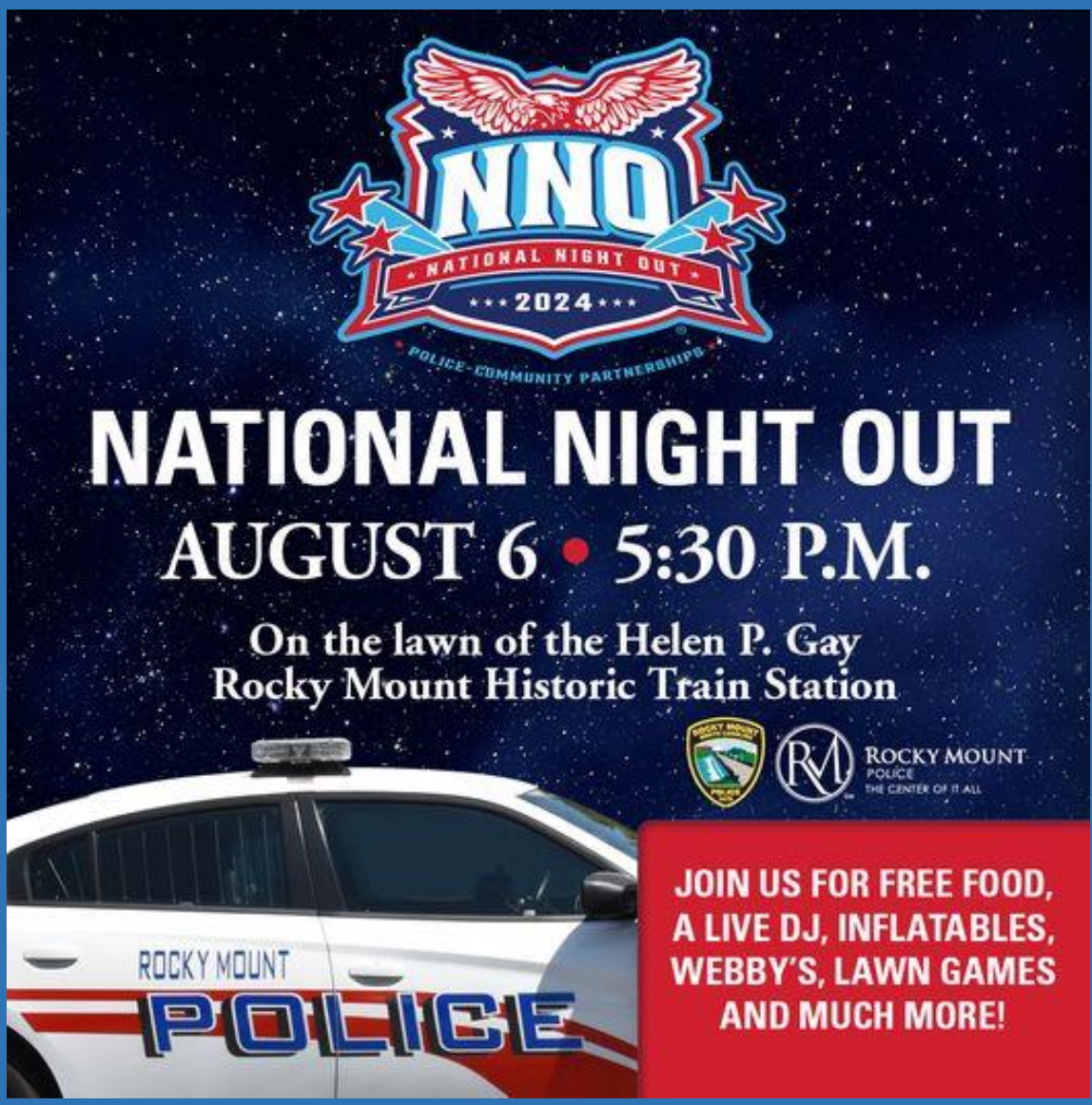
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CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

JULY 22, 2024



The poster features a dark blue background with a starry pattern. At the top center is the National Night Out 2024 logo, which includes an eagle with wings spread, the letters 'NNO' in a large, stylized font, and the text 'NATIONAL NIGHT OUT' and '2024' below it. The logo also includes the phrase 'POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP'. Below the logo, the text 'NATIONAL NIGHT OUT' is written in large, bold, white capital letters, followed by 'AUGUST 6 • 5:30 P.M.' in a slightly smaller font. Underneath, the location is specified as 'On the lawn of the Helen P. Gay Rocky Mount Historic Train Station'. To the right of this text are the Rocky Mount Police logo and the text 'ROCKY MOUNT POLICE THE CENTER OF IT ALL'. At the bottom left, there is a partial view of a white Rocky Mount Police car with 'ROCKY MOUNT POLICE' written on its side. At the bottom right, a red box contains the text 'JOIN US FOR FREE FOOD, A LIVE DJ, INFLATABLES, WEBBY'S, LAWN GAMES AND MUCH MORE!' in white capital letters.

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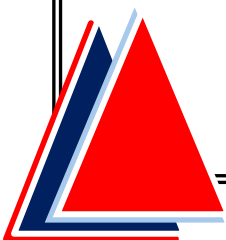
ROCKY MOUNT CITY COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT

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.

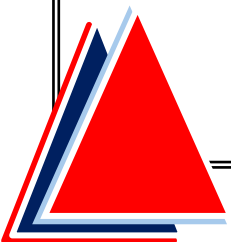
At these meetings, the City's business is conducted and ordinances and resolutions, the laws of Rocky Mount, are enacted. Ordinances take effect upon their adoption when approved by a majority of the Council. All ordinances must be in writing. They are introduced at one meeting and adopted at a subsequent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

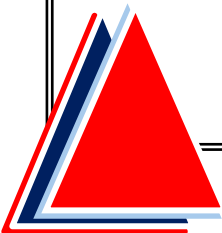
KEITH ROGERS JR., CITY MANAGER

KIM BATTS, CITY CLERK

ELTON DANIELS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

NYKI HILL, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

COLIN McGRATH, CITY ATTORNEY (INTERIM)





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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 values all citizen input.

This is an opportunity to express views and concerns about the City of Rocky Mount 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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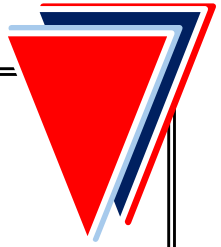
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1. Meeting Called to Order by the Mayor
2. Prayer
3. Roll Call by the City Clerk
4. Consideration of :
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Recommended Action: Approve Minutes
5. Consideration of additions or deletions to the agenda
6. Community Update - City Manager Keith Rogers Jr.
7. Petitions to be Received from the Public
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8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
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City Manager Recommendation: Approve Water Assessment Contract; Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute contract on behalf of the City





B. Consideration of Resolution Endorsing Submission of North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) grant application for new Intellirupter/Tripsaver technology, Reconductoring circuit 32 between Substation 10 and 6, and installing an overhead transmission loop to Substation 14 (Recipients of the grant are required to cost match with one-third [1/3] of amount of the awarded funding for each project. The funding amount awarded will not be known unless Rocky Mount is awarded a grant) [View](#)

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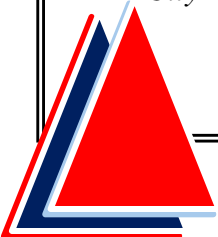
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Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda inclusive of:

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- 3) Adopt Resolutions and Ordinances

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*Item deferred from the July 8, 2024 City Council Meeting

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

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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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*approved with additional language added to allow attachment/release of tax liens pursuant to NCGS 105-373

* A~ Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution

- **A~ 11. Consideration of Demolition for 109 Owens Circle (*added in open meeting*)

**to demolish the Property at 109 Owens Circle after ensuring legal processes have been adhered to, allocate funds for demolition and place lien on property when appropriate

- *** 12. Housing Programs (*added in open meeting*)

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***Mayor Pro Tem Daughtridge to ensure item is scheduled for a detailed discussion at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting

13. Closed Session – Personnel (*added in open meeting*)