



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 5, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

The following members
of Council were present:

Mayor C. Holland Perdue III
Council Member Billie W. Stockton
Council Member A. Ralph Casey
Council Member Elect David K. Clements
Council Member J. Tyler Lee
Council Member Elect Benjamin K. Mullins
Council Member Mark H. Newbill

The following staff
members were also
present:

John T. Boitnott, Town Attorney
Robert J. Wood, Town Manager
Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk/Executive Admin. Assistant
Jessica Heckman, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Mark Moore, Assistant Town Manager
Phillip Young, Chief of Police/RMPD
Edward L. Hodges, Fire Marshall

The Reorganizational Council Meeting of the Rocky Mount Town Council (hereafter referred to as "Council") was held in the Council Chambers of the Rocky Mount Municipal Building located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia, with Mayor C. Holland Perdue III presiding.

1. Roll Call

The Town Clerk called each member of the Rocky Mount Town Council by name to account for all Council Members and Council Members Elect that were present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Prior to the meeting, Council received the agenda for review and consideration. An amended agenda was later sent out at the request of Mayor Perdue, for Council's review and consideration of approval.

Motion: To approve the amended agenda

Motion By: Council Member Newbill

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Council Member Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Elect Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Elect Mullins, and Council Member Newbill.

Approved (6 to 0)

3. Reorganizational Meeting

3.1 Administration of Oath of Office for the Recently Elected Town of Rocky Mount Council Members

3.1.1 Mayor C. Holland Perdue III

3.1.2 Council Member Elect Benjamin K. Mullins

3.1.3 Council Member Elect David K. Clements

3.1.4 Council Member A. Ralph Casey

The Honorable Annie M. Tyree, Deputy Clerk of Court came forward at this time to administer the oath of office for the newly elected and the reelected Council Members.

3.2 Review and Consideration of Appointment of Vice Mayor

Motion: To nominate Council Member Stockton as Vice Mayor

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (5): Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill.

Approved (5 to 0)

3.3 Review and Consideration of Appointment of Town Officers

- 4.3.1 Mr. Robert J. Wood, Town Manager
- 4.3.2 Mr. John T. Boitnott, Town Attorney
- 4.3.3 Mrs. Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk
- 4.3.4 Mr. Edward L. Hodges, Fire Marshall

The Honorable Annie M. Tyree, Deputy Clerk of Court came forward at this time to administer the oath of office for the appointment of Town Officers.

3.4 Review and Consideration of Appointment of Committee Members for Council Committees

- Community & Economic Development
- Finance & Human Services
- Town Charter Review
- Public Safety & Utilities

Mayor Perdue stated that the committees and those who serve on them would be for a period of 1-year and would be reviewed in 2024.

Motion: To approve the Council Committees as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Vice Mayor Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill.

Approved (6 to 0)

3.5 Review and Consideration of Appointment of Council Members and other Representatives for the Following Committees.

- West Piedmont Planning District
Mr. Lucas Tuning (Citizen Representative)
Mr. A. Ralph Casey (Council Representative)
Mr. J. Tyler Lee (Council Representative)
- Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission
Mr. David K. Clements (Council Representative)
Mr. Robert J. Wood (Non-elected Commission Representative)

Motion: To approve the Citizen Representative and Council Representatives to the West Piedmont Planning District and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Mullins

Seconded: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill.

Approved (6 to 0)

4. **Review and Consideration of Adoption of Town Meeting Calendar Including a Proposed Change of Town Council Meeting Start Time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Motion: To approve changing the meeting time of the Rocky Mount Town Council from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and to make a change to the Town Ordinance from a Town Council meeting time of 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill

Approved (6 to 0)

The meeting time of 6:00 p.m. will begin immediately with the Town Council Regular Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2023.

5. **Review and Consideration of Potential Online Streaming of Town Council Meetings.**

The goal for the Council meetings to begin streaming is January 9th, but the streaming might not begin until the February 13th Council meeting as the Town will need to make a few changes to the meeting electronic setup to stream the meetings.

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion By: Council Member Mullins

Seconded: Council Member Lee

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill

Approved (6 – 0)

6. **Closed Session and Action**

Motion: To go into closed session under the Virginia Code Section cited below.

Time: 6:09 p.m.

Virginia Code Section:

Section 2.2-3711(A).1 Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

Action: To go into a closed meeting

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill

Approved (6 – 0)

Going Into Closed Session

Returning from Closed Session

Town Clerk Dillon Stated the Recording had Resumed

Time: 6:58 p.m.

Upon returning from Closed Session, Mayor Perdue read the resolution that had been prepared for the Arrington family as the family arrived late to receive it.

Mayor Perdue called for a roll call vote for each Council Member to certify the discussion during the closed meeting.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS REQUIRED:

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
Vice Mayor Stockton	Present	Certify
A. Ralph Casey	Present	Certify
David K. Clements	Present	Certify
J. Tyler Lee	Present	Certify
Benjamin K. Mullins	Present	Certify
Mark H. Newbill	Present	Certify
Mayor, C. Holland Perdue III	Present	Certify

Certified: (7): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, Council Member Newbill, and Mayor C. Holland Perdue III

Certificate of Closed Meeting Discussion:

Council certified unanimously that nothing was discussed in the closed meeting other than what was stated in the motion to enter the closed meeting. No action was taken during the closed meeting.

Whereas, the Rocky Mount Town Council has convened a closed meeting on Monday, January 5, 2023, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, requires certification by this Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved that the Rocky Mount Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each members' knowledge: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the public body.

C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

15. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 7:03 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded By: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements,
Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member
Newbill

Approved (6 – 0)

Action: Meeting was adjourned

C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk