



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET
AND
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
PUBLIC HEARING
May 1, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

The following members
of Council were present:

Mayor C. Holland Perdue III
Vice Mayor Billie W. Stockton
Council Member A. Ralph Casey
Council Member David K. Clements
Council Member J. Tyler Lee
Council Member 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
Mark W. Moore, Assistant Town Manager
Jason Divers, Lieutenant - Patrol

The Rocky Mount Town Council (hereafter referred to as “Council”) Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Plan Public Hearing 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 members present.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Prior to the meeting, Council received the agenda for review and consideration of approval.

Motion: To approve the agenda 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. **Public Hearing**

3.1. A. Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Fiscal Year 24-28 CIP (*Note: No consideration of motion needed until May 8, 2023 Regular Council meeting.*)

3.2. B. Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Rates and Fees (*Note: No consideration of motion needed until May 8, 2023 Regular Council meeting.*)

A draft budget was submitted to Town Council at Council's April 10, 2023 meeting. Two work sessions were held to discuss the proposed budget and bring the budget to final form. Work sessions were held on April 18, 2023 and on April 20, 2023 after which the final budget was advertised for public input at the public hearing held on May 1, 2023. The budget was advertised for public input in the local newspaper on April 24, 2023.

Mayor Perdue called the following speakers that signed up to give Council public input.

Ms. Debra Russell of 10510 Virgil H. Goode Highway, Rocky Mount, VA shared with Council that Arrington Enterprises has 6 stores in the Rocky Mount and Franklin County area and asked Council not to increase the meals tax rate as people eat out for necessity and an increase was not needed nor was it appropriate at this time.

Mr. William Riddle of 480 Beechdale Road, Rocky Mount, VA expressed to Council to find ways that would reduce costs versus a tax increase on the people and would like to see Council accept the proposed idea of the Town renting or selling the Harvester Performance Center to Mr. Hochstein's management team with financial backers.

Mr. Simon Winch of 280 Woodwinds Road, Callaway, VA spoke regarding Council increasing revenue for the town, however Mr. Winch did not want to see an increase in taxes to increase that revenue.

Mr. Brian Hochstein, 2403 Goldfield Court, Greensboro, NC asked Council not to take a vote on the budget until material changes were made within it and did not want Council to increase the meals tax.

No comments were received from the public prior to the public hearing.

15. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 6:11 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Mullins

Seconded By: 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 – 0)

Action: Meeting was adjourned

C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk