



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**September 9, 2024
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
Vincent Copenhaver, Finance Director
Michael "Kevin" Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
Daniel Pinard, Economic & Cultural Development Director
Dennis "Moe" Potter, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Mark W. Moore, Assistant Town Manager
Phillip Young, Chief of Police, RMPD
Amy D. Gordon, Assistant Finance Director/Human Resource Director

The Regular 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 all members were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Perdue led in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Prior to the meeting, Council received the agenda for review and consideration. Mayor Perdue amended the agenda to include under the Consent Agenda, Economic Development Authority (EDA) re-appointment of Dr. Bernice Cobbs.

Motion: To approve the amended agenda

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Council Member Mullins

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. Approval of Consent Agenda

4.1 Miscellaneous Action

Franklin County High School Homecoming Parade

Franklin County Family Resource Center – Promoting Safe Families Domestic Violence Awareness Event

Re-appointment of Dr. Bernice Cobbs to the EDA

4.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations

4.3 Approval of Draft Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting Draft Minutes – July 8, 2024

4.4 Departmental Monthly Reports

Community Development Department

Finance Department

Fire Department

Police Department

Public Works Department

Wastewater Department

Water Department

Motion: To approve the amended consent agenda

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: 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)

5. **Old Business**

5.1 Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Proposed Monument for U.S. Colored Troops from Franklin County

Council was given on the Diaz, a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding, drafted by Town Attorney Boitnott. The draft was to outline the terms and conditions of the agreement for the NAACP monument for the U.S. Colored Troops. Some of the items covered in the draft were the final location of the monument within the Veterans Park, the final monument design (using basic terms), the timeline in which the monument is to be completed by the end of 2025, and Town Manager Wood would be authorized to sign the agreement for the Town if Council wanted to move forward with the agreement tonight.

Motion: To approve and authorize the Town Manager to proceed with the memorandum of understanding with the Franklin County Chapter of the NAACP including the outline of the terms and conditions of the agreement for the NAACP monument for the U.S. Colored Troops. Some of the items covered in the draft were the final location of the monument within the Veterans Park which Council Member

Mullins stated is the location that Council approved and would be the only location of the monument, the final monument design (using basic terms) the timeline in which the monument is to be completed by the end of 2025, and Town Manager Wood would be authorized to sign the agreement for the Town if Council wanted to move forward with the agreement tonight.

Motion By: Council Member Mullins

Second: 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)

6. Hearing of Citizens

Mr. Eric Anspaugh of 429 Creighton Drive in the Callaway area spoke regarding Raising the Shade 1850-1910 which was made possible in part by a grant from The Monuments Across Appalachian Virginia Project, funded by the Mellon Foundation and administered through Virginia Tech. The grant is being managed by the NAACP with the support of Virginia Tech's staff and utilization of numerous volunteers serving on different committees.

Mrs. Glenna Moore of 45 Scenic River Drive, Rocky Mount, VA. spoke to Council regarding Raising the Shade 1850-1910, the interest that Rocky Mount has regarding the Civil War and those who fought for freedom. Mrs. Moore shared the different locations of Confederate Monuments on South Main Street.

7. New Business

7.1 Resolution for Kidney Transplant Program from Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital

Mr. Billy Kingery was in attendance on behalf of Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Motion: To approve the resolution for Kidney Transplant Program for Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Second: Council Member Mullins

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)

8. Closed Meeting and Action

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

Time: 6:11 p.m.

Virginia Code Section:

Section 2.2-3711(A).7 Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

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: To go into closed session

Motion By: Council Member Lee

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: 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Perdue Called for a Roll Call Vote for each Council Member to Certify 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, September 9, 2024, 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

Motion: To come out of closed session

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Second: 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)

10. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 6:21 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded By: Council Member Clements

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