



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**May 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

The following members
of Council were present:

Mayor C. Holland Perdue III
Vice Mayor Benjamin K. Mullins
Council Member A. Ralph Casey
Council Member David K. Clements
Council Member J. Tyler Lee
Council Member Mark H. Newbill
Council Member Lucas A. Tuning

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
Vincent Copenhaver, Finance Director
Michael "Kevin" Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
Dennis "Moe" Potter, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Brian Schofield, Public Works Superintendent
Phillip Young, Chief of Police
Daniel Pinard, Economic & Cultural Development Director
Blake Flinchum, Grant Coordinator

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 that 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.

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

4.1 Miscellaneous Action

Antique Farm Days Tractor Parade

Supplemental Appropriations Resolution for Authorization to Revise Appropriations to the FY2024-2025 Budget

4.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations

James Guilliams Resolution of Recognition for 30 Years in DQ Band

4.3 Approval of Draft Minutes

Town Council Regular Meeting Draft Minutes - April 14, 2025

Town Council Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget Work Session No. 1
Draft Minutes – April 17, 2025

Town Council Fiscal year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget and Fiscal Year 2026-
2030 Capital Improvement Plan Public Hearing Draft Minutes – May 5, 2025

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 consent agenda

Motion By: Vice Mayor Mullins

Second: Council Member Tuning

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

5. **Special Items**

5.1 Introduce the new Virginia Main Street Executive Director

Missy Morris is the new Virginia Main Street Executive Director. She shared she has lived in Franklin County for 8 years and looks forward to working with everyone.

6. Old Business

- 6.1 Resolution to adopt and appropriate the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, adopt the Tax Rates, Fees and Utility Rates, and adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program

Staff and Council began discussing the budget on April 14th, had a worksession on April 17th, and a public hearing on May 5th. This evening for Council's consideration is a resolution to adopt and appropriate the budget and then to adopt the tax rates, fees, and utility rates as well as adopting the FY2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program.

Motion: To adopt the resolution and appropriate funds as presented

Motion By: Vice Mayor Mullins

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

After the Hearing of Citizens, Council Member Lee asked for a roll call vote for the adoption of the FY2025-2026 Budget, Tax Rates, Fees, and Utility Rates and to adopt the FY2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program.

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
Benjamin K. Mullins	Present	YES
A. Ralph Casey	Present	YES
David K. Clements	Present	YES
J. Tyler Lee	Present	NO
Mark H. Newbill	Present	YES
Lucas A. Tuning	Present	YES
C. Holland Perdue III	Present	YES

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

Nayes: (1): Council Member Lee

Approved on a Vote of (6 to 1) therefore, the Motion Does Pass and the FY2025-2026 Budget, Tax Rates, Fees, and Utility Rates and the adoption of the FY2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program was Adopted.

7. **Hearing of Citizens**

Glenna Hawkins Moore of 45 Scenic River Drive, Rocky Mount, VA, told a story of how 70 brave men from Franklin County joined President Abraham Lincoln's call to fight with the United States Colored Troops who were **Union Army regiments during the American Civil War** that was primarily comprised of African Americans. Raising the Shade: Franklin County 1850 – 1910 was born to share the stories of the unsung heroes and to erect statues to remember those men by.

8. **Closed Meeting and Action**

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

Time: 6:08 p.m.

Virginia Code Section:

Section 2.2-3711(a).5 Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the businesses or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

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. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively.

Motion: To go into closed session

Motion By: Council Member Casey

Second: Council Member Tuning

Motion Discussion: None

Action: To go into a closed meeting

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

Approved (6 – 0)

Going Into Closed Session

Returning from Closed Session

Town Clerk Dillon Stated the Recording had Resumed.

Time: 6:12 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 Mullins	Present	Certify
A. Ralph Casey	Present	Certify
David K. Clements	Present	Certify
J. Tyler Lee	Present	Certify
Mark H. Newbill	Present	Certify
Lucas A. Tuning	Present	Certify
Mayor, C. Holland Perdue III	Present	Certify

Certified: (7): Vice Mayor Mullins, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Newbill, Council Member Tuning, 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, May 12, 2025, 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 Tuning

Second: Council Member Lee

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 – 0)

8. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 6:14 p.m.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Mullins

Seconded By: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 – 0)

Action: Meeting was adjourned

C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk