



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 13, 2025
5:00 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
Daniel Pinard, Economic & Cultural Development Director
Amy D. Gordon, Assistant Finance Director/Human Resource Director
Missy Morris, Virginia Main Street Executive 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 for all of the members that were present.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Prior to the meeting, Council received the agenda for review and consideration. The agenda for the meeting was amended just prior to the meeting beginning.

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Council Member Tuning

Seconded: Vice Mayor Mullins

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)

3. **Discuss future uses for Town owned property at Old Franklin Turnpike and US Highway 220**

Mr. Todd Gordon with EPR made a presentation to Council regarding the planning for the Town owned property, and there was discussion and some questions, but no action followed.

4. **Closed Meeting and Action**

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

Time: 5:32 p.m.

Virginia Code Section:

Section 2.23711(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. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in the subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

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 business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

Section 2.23711(A).3 Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of negotiating strategy of the public body.

Motion: To go into closed session

Motion By: Council Member Clements

Second: Council Member Lee

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, 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: 5:55 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 Wednesday, August 13, 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 Lee

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 – 0)

8. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 6:02 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

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