

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2014**

The January 13, 2014 regular Council meeting of the Rocky Mount Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Rocky Mount Municipal Building located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Steven C. Angle presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Vice Mayor Gregory B. Walker and Council Members  
Bobby M. Cundiff, Jerry W. Greer, Sr., P. Ann Love, Robert  
L. Moyer, and Billie W. Stockton

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Angle.

For the record, the following were present: All members of Town Council as noted, Town Manager C. James Ervin, Assistant Town Manager/Community Development Director Matthew C. Hankins (and Planning & Zoning Administrator), Town Attorney John T. Boitnott, Chief of Police David Cundiff, Public Works Director Cecil R. Mason, Town Planner Patrick Rust, Superintendent of Water Department Robert Deitrich, Superintendent of Wastewater Department Timothy Burton, Fire Chief Charles Robertson, and Town Clerk Patricia H. Keatts.

Let the record show that the Finance Director was absent due to illness.

The Mayor led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

The Mayor recognized a Franklin County High School student from the government class of Mrs. Shepherd.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Prior to the meeting, Council had received the agenda for review and consideration of approval. The Assistant Town Manager requested that Council amend the agenda by removing Item No. 2 under *Closed Meeting* (Section 2.2-3711(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 or negotiating strategy of the public body (location undisclosed)).

There being no further comments, the Mayor entertained a motion:

Motion action taken:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Walker to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Love and carried unanimously by those present.

## **SPECIAL ITEMS**

The Mayor stated that William O. Helm, Jr. was presented officially a proclamation from the Town of Rocky Mount last week at a dinner at Ferrum College in honor of Mr. Helm. He further stated that for the record, a draft copy of said proclamation was before Council for approval.

There being no further comments, the Mayor entertained a motion:

**Motion action taken:**

Motion was made by Council Member Greer to approve to proclamation as presented, with motion on the floor being seconded by Vice Mayor Walker. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Let the record show there were no public hearings at this time.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Prior to the meeting, Council had received for consideration of approval the following draft minutes:

- December 8, 2013 Regular Council Meeting
- January 8, 2014 Special Council Meeting Work Session

The Mayor asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes, and there being none, the Mayor entertained a motion.

**Motion action taken:**

Motion was made by Council Member Stockton to approve the draft minutes as presented, with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Cundiff. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The approval of the *Consent Agenda* consists of approving any miscellaneous resolutions/proclamations, miscellaneous action, departmental monthly reports, and bill list that were submitted prior to the meeting for Council's review and consideration.

- Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations (*none at this time*)
- Miscellaneous Action (*none at this time*)

- Departmental Monthly Report
  - Community Development
  - Finance Department
  - Fire Department
  - Police Department
  - Public Works Department
  - Waste Water Department
  - Water Department
- Bill List

There being no comments, the Mayor entertained a motion.

Motion action taken:

Motion was made by Council Member Greer to approve the draft *Consent Agenda* as presented, seconded by Council Member Love. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Let the record show that no one had contacted the Town Clerk's Office wishing to come before Council to speak.

At this time, the Mayor opened the floor to anyone wishing to come forward to speak:

Let the record show that no one came forward to speak at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Update on the Harvester Performance Center**

The Assistant Town Manager came before Council to update them on the progress of the Harvester Performance Center:

- Construction Update:
  - Demolition complete in July.
  - Electrical, plumbing, mechanical, framing and site work dominated first six (6) months.
  - Stage nearly complete.
  - Drywall underway; waiting on insulation to be completed.
  - Glass replacement nearly complete.
  - Stairs nearly complete.
  - Plumbing complete and inspected.
  - Conduit, wiring, HVAC installation nearing completion; needs power to test.
- Not Yet Started:
  - Elevator installation (pit complete).
  - Interior doorways.
  - Exterior canopy.

- Exterior feature wall.
- Carpet, tiling, paint, stains, finishes and floors.
- Stage rigging and curtains.
- Kitchen and office casework.
- Landscaping.
- Sound and light installation.
- Generally on Schedule for April Opening:
  - Where found, delays were due primarily to:
    - o Basement drainage system.
    - o Roof, insulation and ceiling changes.
    - o Electrical service location change.
    - o Parking lot soil fill replacement.
    - o Unknown utility and drainage locations.
    - o Block wall conditions.
- Will be meeting Friday to determine whether any time is due to contractor.
- Supporting Activity:
  - Utility service changes underway.
  - Bookings underway:
    - o 25 shows currently scheduled from opening through June; more pending.
    - o Additional 80+ shows scheduled to rest of year; more pending.
    - o On target to reach 170+ shows per year.
  - Historic property tax credit investors to be approved by Economic Development Authority (EDA) in February.
  - Assistant General Manager position advertised.
  - Social media and advertising ongoing.
  - Media tours.

The Assistant Town Manager presented the Harvester Performance Center project funding:

## Harvester Project Funding

Non-Taxpayer Fund Sources	Goal	Actual	%
Private Donors	\$350,000	\$5,600	1.6
Corporate	\$350,000	\$25,000	7.1
Foundations (non-Tobacco)	\$500,000	0	0
Foundations (Tobacco)	\$500,000	\$500,000	100
Historic Property Tax Credits	\$1,000,000	\$965,000	96.5
<b>TOTAL GOALS</b>	<b>\$2,700,000</b>	<b>\$1,495,600</b>	<b>55.4</b>
Cost with change orders	\$2,600,000	\$2,644,350	56.6
<b>Current Taxpayer Portion</b>		<b>\$1,153,079</b>	<b>43.6</b>

It was pointed out by the Assistant Town Manager that 56.4% funding for the project was non-taxpayer money.

The Mayor thanked the Assistant Town Manager for all that he was doing to keep the project on pace and Council updated.

Let the record show there were no further comments or questions from Council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Review and consideration of request of Mr. Johnny Nolen, Race Director for Johnny CASA 5Miler-5k Race/Walk Event, to allow them to be able to hold their annual event.

Council heard a request to hold the annual Johnny CASA race event from the Race Director, Mr. Johnny Nolen. Mr. Nolen stated the event is scheduled for October 11, 2014, starting at 8:30 a.m. Prior to the meeting, the Chief of Police had reviewed the request and the proposed route, with him approving as submitted.

There being no further comments, the Mayor entertained a motion.

**Motion action taken:**

Motion was made by Council Member Greer to approve the request as submitted, with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Love. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

- B. Review and consideration of request of Ms. Tammy White, General Manager of Aaron's of Rocky Mount, to allow them to be able to hold a Sound Quality and Car Audio competition.

On behalf of Ms. Tammy White, the Town Manager presented her request for Aaron's of Rocky Mount to hold a Sound Quality and Car Audio competition at their location (at Rocky Mount Plaza) on April 26, 2014 (rain date of April 27, 2014), with the event taking place during the day and ending before dark. The show is to help support Bikes for Tykes. Prior to the meeting, the Chief of Police had reviewed the request, with him approving as submitted.

**Motion action taken:**

Motion was made by Council Member Greer to approve the request as submitted, with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Stockton. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Let the record show there were no committee reports at this time.

## **OTHER MATTERS, CONCERNS AND RISE 'N SHINE APPEARANCES**

### A. Referrals to Planning Commission from Town Council

Let the record show there were no referrals at this time.

### B. Rise 'N Shine Appearances

Let the record show that the Town Manager appeared on the *Rise 'N Shine* show this morning.

## **COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Let the record show there were no Council concerns at this time.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

At 7:20 p.m., motion was made by Council Member Greer to go into *Closed Meeting*, and seconded by Council Member Stockton and carried unanimously to discuss the following:

- 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 (Beautification and Urban Development (BUD) Commission appointment).

At 7:45 p.m., motion was made by Council Member Love to come out of *Closed Meeting* and to reconvene the meeting back into open session, with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Moyer and carried unanimously by those present.

## **CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING**

Whereas, the Town of Rocky Mount Council has convened a *Closed Meeting* on this date 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 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.

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Steven C. Angle, Mayor

- Motion was made by Council Member Stockton certifying that: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter was discussed; 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 was discussed. Motion was seconded by Council Member Love. The Mayor swore to adopt the motion on the floor by Council Member Stockton that this was all that was discussed as defined in Section 2.2-3712 Code of Virginia. Voting yes were Vice Mayor Gregory B. Walker and Council Members Bobby M. Cundiff, Jerry W. Greer, Sr., P. Ann Love, Robert L. Moyer, and Billie W. Stockton.

The Mayor reported that no action was taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:47 p.m., motion was made by Council Member Greer to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Moyer and carried unanimously by those present.

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Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia H. Keatts/Town Clerk

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