

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JULY 5, 2012**

The Rocky Mount Town Council held a reorganizational meeting on July 5, 2012 at the Rocky Mount Municipal Building at 4:00 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, Billie W. Stockton, and all other staff as noted in the minutes.

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, Town Attorney John Boitnott and Town Clerk Patricia H. Keatts.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

○ Motion was made by Council Member Greer to approve the agenda 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.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A. Consideration of Appointment of Town Officers

1. Town Manager

○ Motion was made by Council Member Greer to appoint C. James Ervin to serve as Town Manager for the Town of Rocky Mount (for a term beginning July 1, 2012 to expire June 30, 2014), 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.

2. Town Clerk

○ Motion was made by Council Member Love to appoint Patricia H. Keatts to serve as Town Clerk for the Town of Rocky Mount (for a term beginning July 1, 2012 to expire June 30, 2014), with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Greer. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

3. Town Attorney

○ Motion was made by Council Member Stockton to appoint John T. Boitnott to serve as Town Attorney for the Town of Rocky Mount (for a term beginning July 1, 2012 to expire June 30, 2014), with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Greer. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

4. Fire Marshal

○ Motion was made by Council Member Greer to appoint Charles Robertson to serve as Fire Marshal for the Town of Rocky Mount (for a term beginning July 1, 2012 to expire June 30, 2014), 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.

B. Consideration of Appointment of Vice Mayor

○ Motion was made by Council Member Greer to appoint Gregory Walker to serve as Vice Mayor for the Town of Rocky Mount (for a term beginning July 1, 2012 to expire June 30, 2014), 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.

C. Consideration of Appointment of Council Committee Members

At the beginning of the meeting, each Council member had received a printout of the proposed committee assignments that the Mayor had chosen for each Council member, using a list of priorities that they had submitted for him to choose from. The Mayor indicated that he tried to the best of his ability to put each Council member on the committees of their choice, but if they did not like the committees chosen, they could discuss the committee selection further.

- Council Member Moyer noted that he was very upset that a citizen from the Town had approached him about knowing which committees that he would be

serving on prior to him receiving the list. The Mayor assured him that only the Town Manager and Town Clerk knew what committee selections had been made, and that he knew that they would not be passing this information on to any citizen prior to Council's review. The Town Clerk and Town Manager also confirmed this. The Mayor asked who the citizen was so he could address this with him, with Council Member Moyer stating he is not sure the citizen would like for their name to be mentioned. The Mayor stated that he could not address the issue if he could not talk with the citizen. The Town Clerk further reported to Council that only two Council members had reviewed the list several days ago, but that the list had not been taken out of her office by either Council member. Council Member Moyer also expressed strongly his disappointment of not being able to still serve on the committees he had previously served on.

- Council Member Cundiff noted that he would like to stay on the committees he had previously served on due to the fact that he had invested time and energy on those committees.
- Vice Mayor Walker indicated that he was sure that some of the reasoning for the change of who was serving on the committees now was so there would be a fresh approach on the committees by new committee members, but that he also understood Council Member Cundiff's thoughts on this.
- Council Member Stockton noted that he would be willing to serve on whatever committee the Mayor was willing to place him on.

After much discussion on how best to handle the placement of Council members on the committees, it was the conclusion of the Mayor and Council to use the prior committee list dated July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012, replacing Council Member Billie Stockton where former Council Member Robert Strickler's name had been on the committee list. Therefore, the new 2012-2014 committee list is as follows:

- Community & Economic Development
 - Vice Mayor Gregory Walker (Chair)
 - Council Member Bobby Cundiff (Vice Chair)
 - Council Member Ann Love (Voting Member)
- Finance & Human Services
 - Council Member Billie Stockton (Chair)
 - Council Member Robert Moyer (Vice Chair)
 - Council Member Bobby Cundiff (Voting Member)

- Public Facilities & Special Events
 - Council Member Robert Moyer (Chair)
 - Council Member Jerry Greer (Vice Chair)
 - Vice Mayor Gregory Walker (Voting Member)

- Public Safety
 - Council Member Jerry Greer (Chair)
 - Vice Mayor Gregory Walker (Vice Chair)
 - Council Member Robert Moyer (Voting Member)

- Public Utilities
 - Council Member Bobby Cundiff (Chair)
 - Council Member Ann Love (Vice Chair)
 - Council Member Billie Stockton (Voting Member)

- Streets, Sidewalks & Streetlights)
 - Council Member Ann Love (Chair)
 - Council Member Billie Stockton (Vice Chair)
 - Council Member Jerry Greer (Voting Member)

The Town Manager confirmed to Council that since this is the Mayor's choice in selecting the committee members, no motion was necessary from the Council.

D. Consideration of Appointment of Council Member to Planning Commission

Council Member Cundiff questioned if there should be a Council member voting twice on an item if that Council member is serving on the Planning Commission as well. There was discussion regarding this matter, with the Town Attorney stating that the Town of Rocky Mount Code states that Council may have someone from Council serve on the Planning Commission. Also discussed that Council could remove that member from serving, and also not renewing the reappointment of the next Planning Commission member up for renewal. The current liaison between Council and the Planning Commission, Council Member Greer, stated that he has no problem with being removed. There was further discussion that having a Council member on the Planning Commission has always been an advantage to Council.

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

○ Motion was made by Vice Mayor Walker to reappoint Council Member Greer to serve as a liaison between Council and the Planning Commission, 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 four to two, with the abstentions of Council Members Greer and Cundiff.

Let the record show that the Town Attorney confirmed to the Town Manager that Council Member Stockton would not have an issue voting on matters regarding the Planning Commission, even though his wife (Janet Stockton) was Chair of the Planning Commission.

E. Consideration of Appointment of Assistant Town Manager as Planning & Zoning Administrator

Council Member Cundiff raised the question on why the Town Planner could not hold this position instead of the current Planning & Zoning Administrator. The Town Manager explained that the Town Council could have anyone they wanted in this position, but the person chosen needs to be knowledgeable as he has to put the Town's seal on subdivision plans that he understands well enough to approve on behalf of the Town, and as of right now, the current Planner does not have the experience to do this type of job. Council Member Cundiff pointed out that whoever does this job needs to be available to the public, and as right now, that is not the case. The Town Manager explained to Council that in the absence of the Planning & Zoning Administrator, he approves the subdivision plans.

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

○ Motion was made by Council Member Greer to appoint the Assistant Town Manager as Planning & Zoning Administrator, with motion on the floor being seconded by Vice Mayor Walker. There being no discussion, let the record show the motion passed five to one, with Council Member Cundiff casting the dissenting vote.

F. Consideration of Appointments to Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) (one non-elected representative and one elected representative)

The Town Manager indicated to Council that former Council Member Robert Strickler had served on the RVARC, and since that term has expired and he is no longer on Council, the only other Council member that had said they would serve as Council liaison on RVARC was Council Member Cundiff.

There being no discussion from Council, the Mayor entertained a motion.

○ Motion was made by Vice Mayor Walker to appoint the Town Manager (as non-elected representative) and Council Member Cundiff (one elected representative) to serve on the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission), with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Stockton. Let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

G. Consideration of Appointment of Council Member to Beautification & Urban Design (B.U.D.) Commission

The Mayor confirmed that he currently serves as Council liaison on the B.U.D. Commission.

There being no discussion, the Mayor entertained a motion.

○ Motion was made by Council Member Cundiff to appoint Mayor Angle to continue serving on the B.U.D. Commission, with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Greer. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion passed unanimously by those present.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:35 p.m., motion was made by Council Member Greer to adjourn, seconded by Vice Mayor Walker and carried unanimously by those present.

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia H. Keatts/Town Clerk

/phk