



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**May 10, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

The following members of Council were present:

Mayor Steven C. Angle  
Council Member Billie W. Stockton  
Council Member Robert L. Moyer  
Council Member Mark H. Newbill  
Vice Mayor Jon W. Snead  
Council Member R. Ralph Casey

Council Member J. Tyler Lee was not present

The following staff members were also present:

John T. Boitnott, Town Attorney  
Cherie Compton, Acting Town Clerk  
Robert Wood, Town Manager  
Mark Moore, Assistant Town Manager  
Jessica Heckman, Town Planner  
Ken Criner, Chief of Police  
Kevin Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent  
Tim Burton, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent  
Brian Schofield, Public Works Superintendent  
Linda P. Woody, Finance Director  
Rebecca H. Dillon, Executive Administrative Assistant

**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 Steven C. Angle presiding.**

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**1. Roll Call**

The Acting Town Clerk called each member of the Rocky Mount Town Council by name to account that each one was present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Angle led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

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

**Motion: To approve the agenda with the additions**

**Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead**

**Seconded: Council Member Newbill**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: (5): Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey**

**Approved (5 to 0)**

4. **Special Items**

Mayor Steven C. Angle introduced Robert J. Wood as the new Town Manager.

Mayor Steven C. Angle presented a plaque, key to the town, and a resolution honoring C. James Ervin and congratulating him on his retirement from his position as Town Manager for the Town of Rocky Mount. Rocky Mount Town Council, the Mayor and Town Staff congratulated Mr. Ervin on his 14-year tenure as Town Manager and thanked him for his service and dedication to the Town, its residents and businesses and extends their gratitude to Mr. Ervin for his steadfast dedication and unshakable leadership to making Rocky Mount all that it is today and preparing it for continued success in the future.

5. **Public Hearing**

The applicant, Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital, requests a rezoning of two parcels located at 55 Taliaferro Street and 75 Taliaferro Street, Rocky Mount, Virginia, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Numbers 2070052900 / 2070052800, from Residential (R1) to Central Business District (CBD) in order to combine the two parcels with their adjoining property creating one parcel.

Town Planner Jessica Heckman presented the staff report and proffers offered by Carilion 1) Tax Map & Parcel numbers 2070052900, 2070052800 will be combined with Tax Map & Parcel Number 2070054200 to create a single combined parcel 2) A privacy fence and evergreen trees will be installed along the adjoining property 3) After construction phases are completed, evergreen trees will be installed along Taliaferro Street 4) Existing parcel

entrances on Taliaferro will be gated during construction. After completion of construction, the entrances will be removed

5) During construction phases, the temporary construction yard will be fenced in with a chain-link safety fence with screening fabric.

Planning Commission held a public hearing prior to the Council meeting with recommendation to approve the request with a 5-2 vote with the proffers offered with the addition on a 75-foot setback.

Carl Cline from Carilion Memorial Hospital came forward and described updates that were needed at the hospital to help it grow and become more utilized.

Kyle Lynch, 165 Taliaferro, expressed concern that the main construction entrance being on Taliaferro.

Liz Parcell, 260 Avalon Drive, commented on proffers, and had concerns about the construction time frame, the dust from construction and suggested they utilize the South Main entrance more.

Margaret Bisnett, 70 Taliaferro Street, had concerns about Taliaferro Street being narrow now, increased traffic from construction could be a problem, suggested using the other entrance on South Main.

Council Member Mark Newbill asked Mr. Cline about the time frame for the phases of the construction and if he had any notion to move most of the traffic to the other entrance. Mr. Cline stated he would be willing to look into that suggestion. Council Member Moyer asked about on street parking Mr. Cline stated that there would be no vehicles parked on street they would all be on hospital property.

Hearing no further comments Mayor Steven C. Angle asked for a motion.

**Motion: To approve the request as submitted**

**Motion By: Council Member Stockton**

**Seconded: Council Member Casey**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: (5): Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, Council Member Casey, and Council Member Moyer**

**Approved (5 to 1)**

**6. Approval of Draft Minutes**

- April 12, 2021- Special Called Meeting Minutes
- April 12, 2021- Regular Called Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** To approve

**Motion By:** Council Member Stockton

**Seconded:** Vice Mayor Snead

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes:** (5): Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey

**Approved (5 to 0)**

7. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

This month's consent agenda consists of the following items:

- 7.1 Miscellaneous Action (none at this time)
- 7.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations (none at this time)
- 7.3 Departmental Monthly Reports
  - Community Development Department
  - Finance Department
  - Fire Department
  - Police Department
  - Public Works Department
  - Wastewater Department
  - Water Department

**Motion:** To approve

**Motion By:** Council Member Newbill

**Seconded:** Council Member Stockton

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes: (5): Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey**

**Approved by unanimous vote**

**8. Hearing of Citizens**

Mayor Angle opened the floor to any citizens wishing to speak.

Let the record show no one came forward to speak and there were also no prior emails sent.

**9. Old Business**

**Town of Rocky Mount Fiscal Year 2022 Approval of Budget**

Council was presented a draft budget and was reviewed during two work sessions. The proposed budget was advertised for public input and a public hearing was held there was no public input received at the public hearing.

**Motion: To approve the budget as presented.**

**Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead**

**Second: Council Member Casey**

**Motion Discussion: None**

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
J. Tyler Lee	Absent	
Robert L. Moyer	Present	Yes
Mark H. Newbill	Present	Yes
Jon W. Snead	Present	Yes
Billie W. Stockton	Present	Yes
A. Ralph Casey	Present	Yes
Mayor, Steven C. Angle	Present	Yes

**Ayes: 6**

**Nays: 0**

**Action: The motion to approve the budget for FY2022, including Mayor Angle, was approved on a vote of 6 to 0 in favor of the budget.**

Town of Rocky Mount Fiscal Year 2022 Approval of Tax Rates and Fees

There were no proposed changes in the tax rates and fees for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Motion: To approve the tax rates and fees as presented.**

**Motion By: Council Member Newbill**

**Second: Council Member Casey**

**Motion Discussion: None**

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
J. Tyler Lee	Absent	
Robert L. Moyer	Present	Yes
Mark H. Newbill	Present	Yes
Jon W. Snead	Present	Yes
Billie W. Stockton	Present	Yes
A. Ralph Casey	Present	Yes
Mayor, Steven C. Angle	Present	Yes

**Ayes: 6**

**Nays: 0**

**Action: Mayor Angle voted yes to approve the Tax Rates and Fees. The motion to approve the Tax Rates and Fees for FY2022, including Mayor Angle, was passed on a vote of 6 to 0 in favor of the Tax Rates and Fees.**

Feasibility Study Grant of \$25,000 for Co-Working Incubator Space

Assistant Town Manager Mark Moore presented the resolution and asked for acceptance of the \$25,000 grant from The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) awarded the Town for a feasibility study for a co-working incubator space in Downtown Rocky Mount.

**Motion: To approve the resolution as written**

**Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead**

**Seconded: Council Member Stockton**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: (5): Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey**

**Approved by a unanimous vote****10. New Business**

None at this time

**11. Committee Reports**

None at this time

**12. Other Matters, Concerns and Rise 'N Shine Appearances**

Mayor Angle informed everyone that new Town Manager made an appearance on the Rise N' Shine and did a wonderful job and fit right in

**13. Closed Meeting and Action**

Mayor Angle read aloud sections.

Enter Closed Meeting

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

**Time:** 7:37 p.m.

**Virginia Code Section:**

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. (Town Manager)

**Motion By:** Council Member Casey

**Second:** Council Member Stockton

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes: (5):** Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey

**Approved (5 to 0)**

**Action:** To go into a closed meeting

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 10, 2021, 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.

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Steven C. Angle, Mayor

## 8. **Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn

**Time:** 7:40 p.m.

**Motion By:** Council Member Newbill

**Seconded By:** Council Member Casey

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes: (5):** Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

**Action:** Meeting was adjourned

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Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cherie Compton, Acting Town Clerk