

CONTRACT WITH ROCKY MOUNT

As members of the Rocky Mount City Council, we propose not just to change its laws and policies, but even more important, to restore the bonds of trust between the people and their elected representatives.

That is why, in this era of official evasion, posturing and finger pointing, we offer instead a detailed commitment toward the City's renewal, a written guarantee with no fine print.

The recent audit completed by the N.C. State Auditor shines the light on many short comings of this great City's leadership. We choose to utilize it as the beginning of a City Council that respects the values and shares the faith of this community.

Our goal is to restore accountability to the City Council. To end its cycle of scandal and disgrace. To make us all proud again of the way our community and their elected officials governs itself. To move forward together as One Rocky Mount.

From this day forth, the Rocky Mount City Council will immediately pass the following major reforms, aimed at restoring the faith and trust of the citizenry in their government by operating in an open and transparent way:

FIRST, require all policies and laws that apply to the rest of the City of Rocky Mount also apply equally to the City Council;

SECOND, televise every City Council meeting so every member of the public who is interested can view, whether live or recorded;

THIRD, select an independent auditing firm to conduct a comprehensive internal audit of the City of Rocky Mount complete with continuous quality improvement (CQI) processes that are disclosed to the public to seek to provide efficient and effective government every year for waste, fraud or abuse;

FOURTH, designate the Internal Audit and CQI processes include the Mayor;

FIFTH, require every member of the City Council, the Mayor and City Manager and City Assistant Managers sign the State's ethics contract with the City and provide a Statement of Economic Interest;

SIXTH, post every dealing or contract with the City that may have a perceived direct or indirect conflict of interest on the City's website for public viewing with the explanation of why it is not a conflict;

SEVENTH, require an independent forensic audit completed this fiscal year, since some have denied the NC Auditor's work product, and have this audit refreshed every year going forward;

EIGHTH, require every councilmember to disclose publicly all property tax and utility bills owed to the City immediately and then annually,

NINTH, require every councilmember to take the UNC School of Government ethics course every twelve months during his or her term of office,

TENTH, require that the Mayor read at the beginning of every City Council meeting:

- It is the duty of every member of City Council to avoid both conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflict.
- Does any member of the city council have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the City Council in this City Council meeting?
- If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict, and refrain from any participation in the matter involved and only vote if required by law.

_____ Date _____
Andre Knight

_____ Date _____
Reuben C. Blackwell, IV

_____ Date _____
Richard Joyner

_____ Date _____
T.J. Walker

_____ Date _____
Lige Daughtridge

_____ Date _____
W.B. Bullock

_____ Date _____
Chris Carroll Miller

_____ Date _____
Mayor Sandy Roberson