

**CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA  
August 8, 2023  
6:30 p.m.**

- 1. Opening of meeting by Mayor John P. Hutchinson.**
- 2. Invocation by Rev. Darrel Bowles, First Methodist Church.**
- 3. Amendments and Changes to Agenda.**
- 4. Consent Agenda:**
  - A. Disposition of Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting.**
  - B. Tax Collector's Report. (See Pages 4-9)**

**Informational Items:**

  - 1.) Monthly Collection Report**
  - 2.) Uncollected Taxes as of July 31, 2023**

**Action Items:**

  - 1.) Refunds per County Assessor's Office.**
  - 2.) Discovery bills added to Tax Scroll.**
  - 3.) Releases per County Assessor's Office.**
- 5. Business by Planning Board.**
  - A. Set Public Hearing. (None)**
  - B. Hold Public Hearing. (None)**
  - C. Land Use Plan Update Process: Citizen Survey is now open and actively being circulated online. (See Pages 10-11)**
  - D. Minutes from Various Boards. (None)**

- 6. Consideration of Approval of request by NCDOT to support Federal grant to accelerate upgrade of US 74 to interstate standards from US 74 Business (east of Hamlet) to US 74 Business (west of Laurinburg) listed as I-6055 in NCDOT TIP. (See Pages 12-14)**
- 7. Business by Visitors.**
- 8. Business by City Clerk.**
- 9. Business by City Manager.**
- 10. Items of discussion by City Council Members.**
- 11. Business by Mayor.**
- 12. Adjournment.**

**Rockingham, NC**

**City Council Agenda**

**SUPPORT DOCUMENTS**



**UNCOLLECTED TAXES**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>'JULY 2023</b>
2023	3,310,681.49	
2022	57,304.64	
2021	17,445.11	
2020	9,369.86	
2019	6,416.81	
2018	5,113.79	
2017	4,565.91	
2016	4,341.98	
2015	4,727.27	
2014	5,107.53	
2013	7,027.35	
	3,310,681.49	Total Current Year
	121,420.25	Total Past Years
	3,432,101.74	Total All Years





CITY OF ROCKINGHAM

MONTHLY REFUNDS REGISTER

JULY 2023

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	AMOUNT	LATE LIST	TAGS	INTEREST	REFUNDED	CHECK #
1										
2	7/17/23	44630440	Lopez, Jeanette	Veh Tax Refund	2023		97.35		97.35	84670
3	7/17/23	69069531	Leak, Justice R	Veh Tax Refund	2023		24.77		24.77	84669
4	7/17/23	69721268	Jones, Steven	Veh Tax Refund	2023		18.71		18.71	84668
5	7/17/23	16292368	Davis, Jean Parris	Veh Tax Refund	2023		31.62		31.62	84660
6	7/18/23	12045	Creative Hair Designs	Overpay < \$1	2023	0.66			0.66	
7	7/18/23	10769301	Clark, Janice Faye Sweatt	Overpay < \$1	2023	0.10			0.10	
8	7/18/23	120854101	Smith & Stuart Ins Agency	Overpay < \$1	2023	0.36			0.36	
9	7/27/23	10040301	ROACH, GEORGE & VIRGINIA	Overpay < \$1	2023	1.00			1.00	
10	7/28/23	109591308	ANDERSON, CARL A	Overpay < \$1	2023	0.02			0.02	
11	7/31/23	30757	DBA OUTCOME HEALTH	Overpay < \$1	2023	0.06			0.06	
12	7/31/23	106400301	HATFIELD, JAYNE K	Overpay < \$1	2023	0.17			0.17	
13									0.00	
14		TOTALS			\$2.37	\$0.00	\$172.45	\$0.00	\$174.82	





## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor John P. Hutchinson and City Council Members

From: John R. Massey, Jr., Assistant City Manager

Date: August 1, 2023

Re: Land Use Plan Citizen Survey

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A critical component of the planning process to update the City's land use plan is citizen input. It is impossible to develop a plan for the growth and development of our community for the next ten years without knowing our citizens' thoughts and priorities on the issue. To this end, the Planning Board and City staff developed an online survey to collect citizen input as a part of the planning process. The survey is now open with links available from the City's website and Facebook page. A flyer containing a QR code link to the survey was just mailed with all City water bills. The flyer is also visible on the front door of City Hall, at the water department counter and Parks and Recreation counter – the two largest points of contact with citizens. City staff wants to discuss the importance of the survey at the City Council meeting so that those watching the meeting later in the month may be persuaded to participate.



### Land Use Plan Citizen Survey

The City of Rockingham is working to update its ten-year land use plan and is seeking your input. The plan establishes priorities for the City, guides growth and development, and influences annual budgeting and capital expenditures. Please take a few minutes to complete our online survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9S83763>

Thank you.



## Monty Crump

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**From:** Norman, Patrick A <pnorman@ncdot.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 8:09 AM  
**To:** Land, Bryan R; Martie T. Butler; Smith; Bob; Seth Hatchell;  
jeff.pressley@richmondnc.com; Jason Robinson; Mark Ward; Sampson; Robert;  
janet.robertson@lrcog.org; Crump, Monty; Christian, Matthew; cnichols@laurinburg.org;  
Yost; Steve; cenglish@laurinburgchamber.com; kristi@richmondcountychamber.com  
**Cc:** Vetter, Gretchen A; Hulsey, Steven L; Kluttz, Alison W.; Meredith Van Duyn; Allison  
McAuliffe  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for a USDOT project grant application  
**Attachments:** 2023 I-6055 MPDG Letter of Support Template.docx

Greetings!

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is looking at developing a project along US 74 (Future I-74) to increase resiliency, safety, and mobility for North Carolina industries and residents. This project would further progress NCDOT's goals of upgrading US 74 to interstate standards and setting the framework for several long-term benefits for the Sandhills Region. NCDOT remains committed to this project and is submitting a Federal grant application (due August 21, 2023) to help fund this project. If awarded, this grant would accelerate the delivery of the project to upgrade US 74 to interstate standards from US 74 Business (east of Hamlet) to US 74 Business (west of Laurinburg), listed as I-6055 in NCDOT's *State Transportation Improvement Program*.

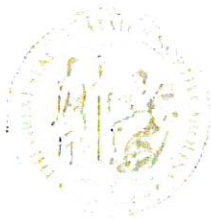
As a stakeholder, we believe you may benefit from this project and hope you would be willing to provide a letter of support for this grant application. Attached is a template of the letter for your use. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Gretchen Vetter at NCDOT (919-707-4740, [gavetter@ncdot.gov](mailto:gavetter@ncdot.gov)) or Steven Hulsey at NCDOT (919-707-6634, [shulsey@ncdot.gov](mailto:shulsey@ncdot.gov)).

Thank you for your support.

**Patrick A. Norman, PE**  
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Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) remains committed to connecting our people, places, and the movement of goods from the mountains to the coast through the **MORE I-74 Project** (the “Maximizing our Rural Economy on I-74 Project” or “the Project”) application to the Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program. The Project offers an opportunity to improve rural surface transportation in the Sandhills Region of North Carolina, constructing a missing link of Interstate 74 (I-74), which is one of North Carolina’s most important Strategic Transportation Corridors (STC). If awarded, this grant would accelerate the delivery of the project to upgrade US 74 to interstate standards from US 74 Business (east of Hamlet) to US 74 Business (west of Laurinburg), listed as I-6055 in NCDOT’s *State Transportation Improvement Program*.

**NAME OF ORGANIZATION** strongly supports this much needed Project. The MORE I-74 Project will convert ten miles of the current US Highway 74 to interstate standards, improving freight mobility, improving traffic operations and safety for both passenger vehicles and trucks along the corridor, boosting regional economic development opportunities, connecting people to major employment centers, and fortifying the extension of a coastal hurricane evacuation route. The Project will provide the missing link to connect sections of interstate already functioning at federal standards and serving the regional transportation function in accordance with the North Carolina STC Plan.

While the MORE I-74 Project addresses multiple evaluation criteria for the MPDG program, improving the economic competitiveness of North Carolina’s rural communities along Future I-74 is at the heart of this project. North Carolina has recently celebrated announcements by electric vehicle and battery plants, train manufacturers, and other industries that are investing billions here to make more products in America. It is a strategic investment in serving and fortifying a rural region of the state whose prime geographic location, strong workforce development efforts, and multi-modal resilience via rail, highway, and airports can offer a unique blend of economic development opportunities.

The Project is a step toward realizing North Carolina’s vision of resilient freight movement through the Sandhills Region. By connecting the Port of Wilmington with inland facilities like CSX Transportation’s Hamlet Terminal, interchanging with other major interstates such as I-95, and connecting to regional industrial megasites and business centers, the Future I-74 corridor offers vital transportation service to existing and future customers.

This project also aims to foster equity and will provide much a needed investment to serve and strengthen an underserved, rural region of North Carolina that is entirely within historically disadvantaged and persistent poverty Census tracts (9711, 105.2, and 106.01). Investments to improve this highway to interstate standards will compound with other federal commitment to bring broadband fiber to the rural Sandhills region as well. NCDOT completed the *U.S. 74 Resiliency Study* (January 2023), finding that improvements to the overall US 74 corridor are needed to manage extreme weather event risks to ensure vulnerable populations are served appropriately. The upgrade of this portion of the

corridor will identify and explore ways to reduce failure risk, keeping key transportation assets in service when needed most.

<Optional brief overview of the business/organization and its place/importance in the area/region>

For these reasons, we thank you for your consideration of NCDOT's application and ask for your support for the *MORE I-74 Project* for federal MPDG grant funding to accelerate its construction.

Sincerely,

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

**DEPARTMENTAL  
ACTIVITY REPORTS  
for  
COUNCIL'S INFORMATION**

To: Monty Crump, City Manager  
From: Dave Davis, Recreation Director  
Date: August 2, 2023  
Subject: Activity Report

The following are activities currently involving our department.

Dental awareness – The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services offered a dental sealant and awareness program to our Day Camp and Swim Camp students. Johnnie Brigman, a public health dental Hygienist, spearheaded this project that provided this valuable service to over 50 children.

This Service was extended at no charge and if compared to a private practice would easily have exceeded \$12,000.

Flag Football – This second year program offered by our department has continues to exceed our expectations. We currently have over 120 participants (boys and girls) on twelve teams in three different divisions.

Fall Soccer – Registration concludes Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Summer Programs – Our summer programming that includes day camp, swim camp, and public swimming concludes Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. We have had another successful summer serving over one hundred children a day among the three offerings.

Hinson Lake – Activity is substantial this time of year with current week-end reservations extending through the fall months.



George C. Gillenwater



Chief of Police

To: Monty Crump

From: G.C. Gillenwater  
Chief of Police

Date: August 1, 2023  
Ref: July Activity Report

On behalf of the Rockingham Police Department, I am pleased to submit this report for your consideration. The following activities have been undertaken by officers of the Rockingham Police Department.

**Total Calls for the Month:** 1554  
**Public Service Calls** 315

**Charges Generating Arrest:**  
**Felonies:** 72  
**Misdemeanors:** 77  
**Drug Violations:** 09  
**Juvenile:** 11  
**Citations:** 89

**Accidents Reported/Investigated:**  
**Property Damage only:** 55  
**Personal Injury:** 05

**Officer Hours Spent in Court:** 10  
**Officer Training Hours Logged** 166



FIRE CHIEF  
HAROLD ISLER  
ADMIN. ASST.  
KRISTY PLAYER

**July**

We are pleased to submit the monthly fire report on the activities undertaken by the Rockingham Fire Department during the month of July 2023.

Total Alarms:	<u>52</u>	In Town:	<u>52</u>	Out of Town:	<u>0</u>
Turn In Alarms:	<u>2</u>	Silent Alarms:	<u>50</u>	Structure fire:	<u>2</u>
Wrecks:	<u>15</u>	Alarm Malf:	<u>11</u>	Good Intent:	<u>5</u>
Service Call:	<u>4</u>	Assist Police:	<u>1</u>	Trash/outside fire:	<u>2</u>
Power line down:	<u>2</u>	Assist Ems:	<u>1</u>	Unauthorized burn:	<u>1</u>
Smoke scare:	<u>0</u>	Cooking fire:	<u>1</u>	Vehicle fire:	<u>4</u>
Electrical:	<u>1</u>	Bomb Threat:	<u>0</u>	Spill/Leak:	<u>3</u>

**Hours Spent on Calls: 15 hours 9 minutes**

Total Property Exposed to Fire:	<u>\$95,000.00</u>
Total Property Damaged by Fire:	<u>\$27,500.00</u>
Total Property Saved:	<u>\$67,500.00</u>

During the month of July members of the fire department averaged 59 training hours per person; part-paid members averaged 7 hours per person for the month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Isler  
Fire Chief