



ROCKY MOUNT, NC
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ROCKY MOUNT CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

**CITY COUNCIL
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5:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. Crime Statistics
Interim Police Chief C. Williams,
2. Proposed Three Year-
Consolidated Plan, Annual
Action Plan and Analysis of
Impediments for Fair Housing Choice
Peter Varney, Interim Community
and Business Development Director
3. Closed Session
Attorney/Client Privilege
Real Estate

MEMORANDUM



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To: Rochelle Small-Toney, City Manager
Cc: Elton Daniels, Assistant City Manager
From: Charles Williams, Interim Chief
Date: 4/5/2021
Re: Presentation of Crime Statistics

The purpose of this memo is to present a summary of the city wide crime numbers to the Committee of the Whole during the April 12, 2021 meeting.

Discussion

The presentation covers the crime incidents throughout the city currently and compares them to last year during the same time period. The crimes tracked in this presentation are crimes labeled as part 1 crimes in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by the federal government. These crime numbers are tracked by the FBI and shared with the Bureau of Justice Statistics for tracking purposes.

The presentation includes investigation outcomes for the violent crimes and the related arrests. It also includes maps depicting the areas of shots fired, incidences of aggravated assault and murder. The presentation also highlights the efforts and successes of the police department to combat the violent crime occurring in the city.

Requested Action

None

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Williams".

Charles Williams
Interim Chief of Police



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March 2021 Crime Report

March 2021 Data

April 12, 2021
Charles Williams, Interim
Chief of Police





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NIBRS Part 1 Comparison

CRIMES	March 2020	March 2021	+/-	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	+/-
Murder	0	0	0	3	4	1
Rape	0	0	0	1	3	2
Com Robbery	3	0	-3	8	9	1
Ind Robbery	2	1	-1	10	6	-4
Agg Assault	23	20	-4	61	88	26
Violent	28	21	-8	83	110	26
Commercial B&E	5	15	10	14	31	17
Residential B&E	22	13	-9	65	41	-24
Non Residential B&E	3	3	0	5	6	1
Larceny	101	71	-30	280	204	-76
MV Theft	5	6	1	10	21	11
Arson	0	1	1	1	2	1
Property	136	109	-27	375	305	-70
Total	164	130	-35	458	415	-44

The table is a comparison of crime numbers by month and year to date compared to the same time periods last year.



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- ▲ Murder
- ▲ Aggravated Assault
- ▲ Shooting Into OCC Build/Veh
 - Victims with Injuries 10
 - Victims Without Injuries 10
 - Grand Total of Victims 20
 - Cases Cleared by Arrest 3
 - Inactive Cases 3
 - Open Cases 10
 - Gang Related 2



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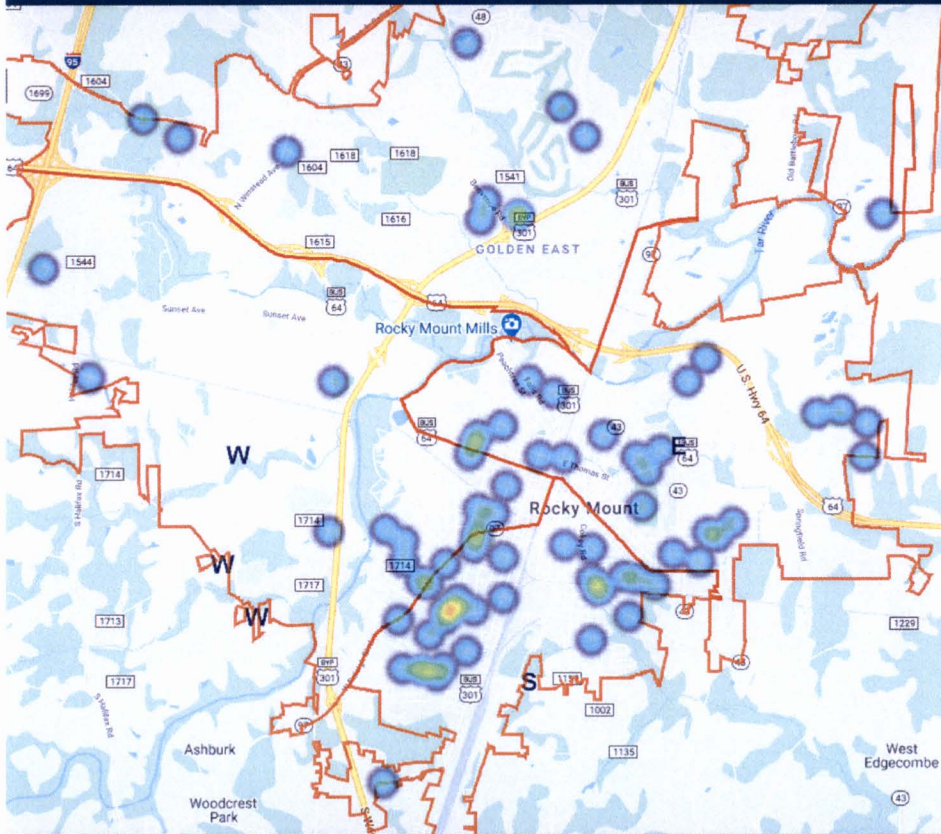
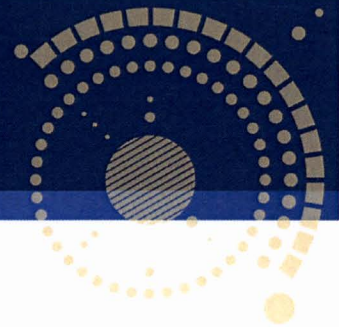
Aggravated Assault Cases and Investigations

- Aggravated Assault Cases 16
- Aggravated Assault Victims 20
- Numbers Cases with Multiple Victims 4
- Aggravated Assault Arrests 4
- Aggravated Assault Cases Cleared 3



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Shots Fired Calls Throughout the City

- Calls about Shots Fired or Heard 78
- Calls where Shell Casings were Found 25
- Number Shell Casings Found 155
- Number of Firearms Seized 47
- Number of Firearms Seized YTD 131
- Weapon Violation Arrests 10





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Property Crime Cases Cleared by Arrest

- Larceny – From Motor Vehicle 1
- Larceny – Shoplifting 4
- Larceny – All Other 1
- Commercial B&E 2



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Community Involvement

- Started softball/baseball practices with Police Athletic Program and Parks and Recreation
- Planned for Citizen and Junior Police Academy
- Conducted presentations on elderly safety for Covenant Homes residents

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Committee of the Whole

To: Rochelle D. Small-Toney, City Manager
Cc: Peter F. Varney, Interim Director of Community & Business Development
From: Cornelia L. McGee, Community Development Administrator *CUM*
Date: 3/23/21
Re: Proposed Three-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Issue: A Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan is required by localities receiving funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). During FY 2021-2022, the City of Rocky Mount will receive \$506,949 in CDBG funding, and the Down East Home Consortium (DEHC) will receive \$407,772 in HOME funding. The Three-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2021-2023, FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is due to HUD on May 15, 2021.

Background: Annually, the City receives CDBG and HOME funds from HUD, which it administers through the Department of Community & Business Development. The primary purpose of these grant programs is to develop viable communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. The City is required to produce the following documents:

- Consolidated Plan - a three-year plan that documents the City's housing and community development needs, outlines strategies to address those needs, and identifies proposed program accomplishments
- Annual Action Plan - an annual plan provides a summary of how CDBG and HOME funding will be used to address priority needs and goals as identified in the three-year Consolidated Plan
- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice - a three-year plan that analyzes disparities in access to housing opportunities in the City/DEHC and identifies priorities and goals to address these impediments

Attached for your consideration is a PowerPoint presentation and the Three-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2021-2023, FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments for Fair Housing Choice. The public display period begins on Thursday, April 1, 2021 and ends Monday, May 3, 2021. The public display period will be advertised in local newspapers. During this period, the Consolidated

Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice will be on display in the Rocky Mount Department of Community and Business Development and on our website. It will also be on display in County office buildings. Staff has also scheduled public hearings in Rocky Mount/Nash County and Edgecombe County. The public hearings will also be advertised in the newspapers.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Manager moves forward with the public display period and the local newspaper advertisement as proposed. The Three-Year Consolidated for FY 2021-2023, FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice will be placed on the May 10, 2021 meeting to include all comments received during the review period for City Council approval.



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City of Rocky Mount and Down East Home Consortium

2021-2023 Consolidated Plan
2021 Annual Action Plan
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

April 12, 2021, Mullin and Lonergan Associates





Schedule for Public Process

- **April 1, 2021-May 3, 2021:** Public Display and Comment period
- **April 12, 2021:** Presentation to Rocky Mount City Council Committee of the Whole
- **April 26, 2021:** Public Hearing at Rocky Mount City Council
- **May 3, 2021:** Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners Presentation
- **May 10, 2021:** Rocky Mount City Council Final Presentation and Adoption
- **May 15, 2021:** Submission of Plans to HUD
- **July 1, 2021:** Program Year Begins





Community Comments

- **Strategic Approach** to development.
- Implement an **affordable housing bond**.
- **Fully Implement** Atlantic Arlington Corridor land use plan.
- **Provide incentives to developers** to encourage the private market to develop affordable housing.
- **Workforce Housing Advisory Commission** to be continued in 2021
- **Housing rehabilitation**



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Summary of Goals

Consolidated Plan Goals

- To provide **decent housing**.
- To provide a **suitable living environment**.
- To **expand economic opportunities**.



Priority Needs

- Increase Access to/Quality of Affordable Housing
- Eliminate Slum/Blight Influences
- Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- Provide Public Services
- Economic Development
- Strengthen Fair Housing Enforcement, Operations and Education
- Planning and Administration



Project	2021 CDBG Allocation
Administration (20%)	\$ 101,389.80
Section 108 Loan	\$ 84,514.60
Public Service (15%)	\$ 76,042.35
Redevelopment Project	\$ 195,002.25
Rehab Delivery Costs	\$ 25,000
Economic Development Activity	\$ 25,000
Total	\$506,949



City of Rocky Mount

- Acquisition and or rehab of real property
 - RDC Southeast Rocky Mount/Around the Wye Redevelopment Project
- Single family housing rehabilitation
 - Atlantic Arlington Redevelopment Project
- Economic development technical assistance
- Section 8 loan repayment
- Public services
 - Homeless Prevention
 - Housing Counseling
 - Job Training
 - Youth Services
 - Veteran Services
 - Community gardens





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HOME Proposed Budget and Projects

Project	2021 HOME Allocation
Administration (10%)	\$ 40,777.20
Rocky Mount Reserve	\$ 190,828.000
CHDO Activity (15%)	\$ 61,165.80
Edgecombe County Scattered Site	\$ 61,415.00
Contoe	\$ 679.00
Middlesex	\$ 5,243.00
Pinetops	\$ 8,248.00
Princeville	\$ 11,354.00
Sharpsburg	\$ 15,720.00
Spring Hope	\$ 7,363.00
Whitaker	\$ 4,979.00
Total	\$407,772



Proposed Projects for Remaining Years

- Vance Street Homes Project
- Southeast Rocky Mount/Around the Wye Redevelopment Project-
- Atlantic Arlington Redevelopment Project-
- Beal Street Phase II
- Holly Street, Central City, South Rocky Mount, and Down East
- Whatley Cove
- Nash County Redevelopment Project
- Edgecombe County Redevelopment Project



Impediments

- Lower employment rates and wages.
- Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) concentration is in inner city neighborhoods.
- Non-white households were less likely to be homeowners.
- Moderate levels of segregation exist in inner city Rocky Mount.
- A lack of transportation in areas outside of Rocky Mount.
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are allowed but, only the property owner, family members, or potential caregivers employed on the premises can use it.





Goal One:

- Expand housing choice and access to opportunity.

Goal Two:

- Increase homeownership.





Goal Three:

- Strengthen anti-discrimination investigation, enforcement and operations

Goal Four:

- Educate landlords, tenants, and public about fair housing