



Bio for Mayor Rick Murphrey

- Resident of Kings Mountain for more than 35 years
- Graduate of Atlantic Christian College where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Retired Textile Executive, 42 years
- For 6 years Rick has served Kings Mountain as a City Council member, 4 years of which he was Mayor Pro-Tem and he is currently serving his sixth term as Mayor
- Rick and his wife, Sandra have been married 44 years and they have one daughter, Tracy who has a BS in social work
- Rick and his family are members of First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain
- Previous Chairman of School Work Development Committee, previous member of the Board of Trustees of Kings Mountain Hospital/Cleveland Regional medial Center, Teacher of Men's Adult Sunday School Class at First Baptist
- Twice awarded "Region C Mayor of The Year"
- Mason Fairview Lodge #339
- Shriner
- Previous President of Kings Mountain Rotary Club
- Cleveland County Chamber
- Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership
- Board of Directors for the Partnership for Children
- Previous Kings Mountain Country Club President

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Kings Mountain Public Service Accomplishments:

- 1996 – Lease Agreement with Kings Mountain Historical Museum Foundation, Inc. for use of the Old U.S. Post Office Building and Adjoining Lot
- 1999 – New police Station – completed and paid for in same budget year
- New communication equipment for police department and video cameras in each police car
- 1999 – Contracted with YMCA to provide recreational services
- Member of the Governor Highway Safety Program – providing new police officers and equipment
- 2000 – New children’s wing at Mauney Memorial Library – completed and paid for in same budget year
- Improvements in parks, ball fields, and grounds at Davidson and Deal Street including soccer fields
- 2001 – new Children’s playground complex – designed by children and community built including new T-Ball field and picnic shelters and walking track
- Construction of a new walking track at Watterson/King Street
- 2002 New fire substation – reduce response time and improve fire protection as the City has doubled in square miles. Completed and paid for in same budget year
- New fire trucks and equipment to ensure that our firemen have the best equipment and meet all safety requirements
- Upgraded pump stations/spillway and dam improvements
- Complete two(2) phases of a eight(8) phase water line into town from Moss Lake
- Adopted new industrial incentives to attract new companies bringing more jobs and also for expansion of existing companies
- Kings Mountain named as one of the “Top 50 Cities in America” for manufacturing facilities by Site Selection Magazine
- Adopted new beautification ordinance
- Started City Clean-up projects
- Upgraded Veteran Memorial
- New \$3 Million dollar Senior Life and Conference Center (crafts, dining room, exercise room, kitchen, conference rooms, library, etc.) Completed and paid for in same budget year
- Maintained a solid general fund while continuing upgrades in infrastructure and services
- New billing ordinances to expedite assistance on utility bills
- Perfect Audit for 10 consecutive years
- New special events – more concerts, special occasions, and holiday events
- Downtown revitalization
- Adopted downtown incentives for new and existing businesses
- City applied to the Department of Interior was named Gateway to our State and Federal Parks
- New Park signs approved and placed on Interstate 85 to direct traffic to all three(3) parks using Highway 161
- Landscaped entrances into the City

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- New Christmas decorations and welcome banners
- 2002 Lease Agreement with Southern Arts Society for use of Old Kings Mountain Depot
- Two peak shaving plants – saving 1 million per year
- 2006 New Electrical Substation to meet demands of new growth in the southwest section of our City
- Bought out of 30 year sewer contract with City of Gastonia saving 17 million over the life of the contract – now transfer the sewer to City plant currently saving \$50,000 per month
- New Emergency Command Center
- New Training Center
- City of Kings Mountain Emergency Shelter established, 2 additional severe weather warning systems installed
- New information technology system – including new web page
- Over 6 million in Grants

One of the primary goals during my service to the City as Councilmember and Mayor has been to attract new industry and jobs to the City. I would like to express my gratitude to the City Council, City Manager, and staff, and County and State Economic Development for helping in this endeavor. I believe in high standards with high expectations. I pledge to promote unity, family values, dignity, pride, security, personal growth and job satisfaction in our City associates and our community.