
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

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| PRESENT: | Thomas J. Price | Mayor |
| | Dr. Joe Lee Smith | Councilmember, Seat #1 |
| | Dr. R. Shaun Ferguson | Councilmember, Seat #2 |
| | Sammie Brown Martin | Councilmember, Seat #3 |
| | Frank T. Forester | Councilmember, Seat #4 |
| | Duane A. Daski | Councilmember, Seat #5 |
| | Ted J. Hartselle | Councilmember, Seat #6 |
| | Joseph E. Miniclier | City Attorney |
| | Dr. Brenda Fettrow | City Manager |
| | Lisa C. Nicholas | Public Relations Officer & City Clerk |

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| STAFF PRESENT: | Matthew Trine | Finance Director |
| | Alexandra Bernard | Planning Director |
| | Stephen H. Wilson | Community Advocate |
| | Joseph P. LaSata | Public Safety Director/Chief of Police |
| | Donna Seyferth | Deputy Chief of Police |
| | C. Kenneth Poole | Public Works Director |
| | James Elmore | Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director |

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas J. Price.

2. INVOCATION

- Councilman Ferguson called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of former longtime Rockledge Councilman and Mayor, Larry L. Schultz, who passed away on April 26, 2018. At Councilman Ferguson's invitation, the invocation was given by Pastor Marvin Kemp of Kingdom Church in Rockledge.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

- A salute was given to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting on April 18, 2018

Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Price; State Senator Dorothy Hukill, Senate District 14; and Former Rockledge Councilman Pat O’Neill

1. Special Recognition – Eagle Scouts of Troop 321

- Christopher Comoletti
- Alexander Joseph Coppola
- Noah Herwick
- Terence Martin
- Jeffrey Owens
- Matthew Schmidt

Mayor Price, State Senator Dorothy Hukill, and former Rockledge Councilman Pat O’Neill recognized the six most recent Boy Scouts from Troop 321 to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. The Mayor and members of Council and other participants remarked on the Scouts’ outstanding achievement and the amount of dedication required to acquire the rank of Eagle Scout. At this time, the Leaders of Troop 321 presented Mr. O’Neill with a Certificate of Commendation and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the Troop and its Scouts. State Senator Hukill introduced herself to those in attendance.

Chairman Price called for a brief recess; the meeting reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

B. Mayor Price

1. Mayoral Proclamations

- National Public Works Week, May 21 through May 27, 2018
Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation declaring the week of May 21 through May 27, 2018, as National Public Works Week in the City of Rockledge. Accepting the Proclamation on behalf of the American Public Works Association was Public Works Engineer and Stormwater Coordinator Victor "V. J." Karycki.
- Parental Alienation Awareness Month, April 2018
Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation declaring the month of April 2018 as Parental Alienation Awareness Month.

C. Alecia Blattler, Director of Workplace Giving, United Way of Brevard

- Special Recognition, City of Rockledge, United Way Workplace Campaign
Alecia Blattler, Director of Workplace Giving, United Way of Brevard, addressed the Mayor and Council and informed them that an award had been presented to the City for its efforts to raise funds on behalf of the United Way. Corporal Alice Deakins was recognized for her success in bolstering the City’s workplace campaign.

D. Shawn Fleming, Senior Benefits Consultant, Gehring Group

- Report on Employee Health Clinic

Shawn Fleming, Senior Benefits Consultant, Gehring Group, provided the Mayor and Council with a status report on the Employee Health Clinic, which began operating in February 2017, and responded to questions.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- A. RESOLUTION: Support for Satellite Beach Resolution No. 1000, Supporting a Statewide Managed Coastal Retreat Policy and Funding for Critically Eroded Areas

Councilman/Councilwoman Daski offered a Resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, MAKING FINDINGS REGARDING CURRENT ISSUES WITH BEACH EROSION AND ALTERNATIVES TO ADDRESS SAME; SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE MANAGED COASTAL RETREAT POLICY AND FUNDING SUPPORT FOR CRITICALLY ERODED AREAS; SUPPORTING THE MAINTENANCE OF HEALTHY DUNE SYSTEMS; AND SUPPORTING THE NEED TO AVOID BEACH ARMORING FOR THE LONG-TERM PROTECTION OF SEA TURTLES AND OTHER COASTAL-DEPENDENT WILDLIFE” and moved to waive the reading and adopt the Resolution; seconded by Councilman Forester. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Smith, Ferguson, Martin, Forester, Daski, and Hartselle. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

- B. RESOLUTION: Formalizing Action Taken by City Council on April 18, 2018, Regarding Residency of City Manager

Councilman Ferguson offered a Resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, FORMALIZING THE CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO WAIVE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE CITY MANAGER AND TO APPROVE MODIFICATION OF HER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT” and moved to waive the reading and adopt the Resolution; seconded by Councilman Smith. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Smith, Ferguson, Martin, Forester, and Hartselle. Voting against the motion: Councilman Daski. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1.

8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the minutes of the following meetings:

- Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on April 12, 2018
- The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board, Minutes of Meeting on April 12, 2018
- Board of Adjustment, Minutes of Meeting on April 17, 2018

- Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on April 25, 2018

and to consider independently any recommendations contained therein; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion passed unanimously (7).

- A. Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on April 12, 2018 (no recommendation)
- B. The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board, Minutes of Meeting on April 12, 2018 (no recommendation)
- C. Board of Adjustment, Minutes of Meeting on April 17, 2018 (no recommendation)
- D. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on April 25, 2018

1. Recommendation:

...recommend to Council approval of the budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Redevelopment Agency Budget....

City Manager Fettrow explained the budget amendment.

Councilman Ferguson moved to accept the recommendation; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:

- A. Approval: Modification of Letter of Recommendation Dated March 15, 2018, Renaming Cocoa High School Stadium as “The Richard “Dick” Blake Stadium” (City Manager)
- B. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property and Subsequent Sale or Recycling (Scrapping) of Said Property, Legally Impounded Vehicles (Department of Public Safety/Police Division)
- C. Approval: Additional Change Order, Replacement of Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator Cores and Temporary Generator for Use During Replacement Process (Wastewater Treatment Department)

The motion was seconded by Councilman Ferguson and passed by unanimous vote (7).

11. NEW BUSINESS

- None

12. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

13. REPORTS

A. City Manager Reports

- City Manager Fettrow:
 - Invited Chief LaSata to the podium. A rendering of the new Fire Station #36 (Fire Station #2), which will be located on Fiske Boulevard, was presented to Council. The cost to construct the new facility is projected to be \$1.491 million, which is much less than was originally anticipated.

Councilman Forester moved to authorize construction of Fire Station #36 (Fire Station #2) as presented; seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).
 - Informed Council that there will be a public meeting with FDOT at City Hall on June 28, 2018, regarding Fiske Boulevard. As additional details become available, they will be provided to Council and advertised for the benefit of the public.
 - Reported that Council has been invited to attend the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on June 1, 2018.
 - Notified Council that she had spoken with the interim transit director for Space Coast Area Transit (SCAT) regarding a bus stop at Rockledge Square, which was recommended by Rockledge resident Gail Stewart-Iles. The No. 6 bus has been on the same schedule since 2002, and it is challenging to ensure that the bus remains on schedule, which is the primary concern of its riders. SCAT may consider constructing a shelter at the stop at St. Mary's, but placing the stop on the Publix property is not an option at this time. The City Manager has informed Ms. Isles of same.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- None

C. Reports from the Dais

- City Attorney Miniclier reported that an affidavit has been filed in the case of Mellon v. Mays and that some money could potentially be forthcoming.
- Councilman Hartselle noted that the Arbor Day tree planting ceremony on behalf of Mary Witte was pleasant and that the funeral service for former Mayor Larry Schultz was exceptional.
- Councilman Ferguson commended Pat O'Neill on his tireless work with the Eagle Scouts and reminded everyone about the National Day of Prayer service on May 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.
- Councilman Forester expressed regret that he was out of town and was not able to attend former Mayor Schultz's funeral. He further stated that Larry Schultz had a truly significant impact on the community.

- Mayor Price:
 - Informed Council that the City Attorney's evaluation document had been distributed and should be returned to him by Friday, May 11, 2018; he will compile the results and provide a formal report to Council at the June 6 meeting.
 - Noted that he also attended Mayor Schultz's funeral and that Larry will truly be missed because he really did make a difference in the community.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk