
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on February 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

PRESENT:	Thomas J. Price	Mayor
	Michael Cadore	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
	Jennifer M. LeVasseur	Acting City Clerk & Public Relations Officer

STAFF PRESENT:	Matthew Trine	Assistant City Manager & Finance Director
	Alexandra Bernard	Planning Director
	Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	C. Kenneth Poole	Public Works Director
	Brian Smith	Assistant Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director

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

2. INVOCATION

- At the invitation of Councilwoman Martin, the invocation was given by Bishop Dr. Sylvester V. Jones, Greater Blessed Assurance Apostolic Temple in Rockledge.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A salute was given to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 701 and repeated in unison.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting on February 5, 2020

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 5, 2020; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

- None

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- January 2020

Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of January 2020; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- None

8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

- Business Development Committee, Minutes of Meeting on January 28, 2020

The motion was seconded by Councilman Ferguson and passed without objection (7).

- A. Business Development Committee, Minutes of Meeting on January 28, 2020

- B. Reappointments and Appointments

- 1. Reappointments

- a. Code Enforcement Board

Councilman Ferguson moved to reappoint Martha Rich and Karen Kuta to the Code Enforcement Board; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed without objection (7).

2. Appointments

a. Business Development Committee

Currently, there are two vacancies on the Business Development Committee. One application has been received from John Pistoia. Terms of service are for two years.

Councilman Daski moved to appoint John Pistoia to the Business Development Committee; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion passed without objection (7).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- o None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:

- A. Approval: Annual Maintenance Fees, BS&A Enterprise Software (Finance Division)
- B. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of (Sale) Said Property, Fire Department Vehicle (Department of Public Safety)
- C. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of (Sale) Said Property, Copy Machine (Department of Public Safety)
- D. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of (Scrap/Sale) Said Property, Five Legally Impounded Vehicles (Department of Public Safety)

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martin and passed by unanimous vote (7).

11. NEW BUSINESS

- o None

12. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Doug Baldwin, 820 Barnes Boulevard, presented a letter to City Council and **declared his withdrawal from participation from the voluntary Shepard Park Affordable Housing Overlay District.** Mr. Baldwin will instead build and sell homes, lot by lot, as a private owner. Discussion ensued regarding

the previous Planning Commission action in which an agenda item regarding the Overlay District development was tabled. City Attorney Miniclier elaborated on the previous Planning Commission meeting and the potential restrictive covenant that only allows resale to another low income family. The Ordinance does not define terms or the reasoning behind any restrictive deed covenants, and because of this, it is recommended that deeds be reviewed to establish a history of property development in this area. More information will be presented at the Planning Commission meeting on March 10. Mr. Baldwin's plan is to still provide affordable housing options for residents. Planning Director Bernard indicated that the Planning Division is in the process of reviewing deeds in this area and will have the information available at the March 10 Planning Commission meeting.

Don Griffin, 6535 Pleasant Avenue, Cocoa, explained that the deed restrictions were placed on this area when the Shepard Park Affordable Housing Overlay District was implemented. City Attorney Miniclier noted that since the Ordinance has no definitions, deeds must be reviewed in order to address the history of the area and the future development of the lots.

City Council elected to delay action on this issue until City Attorney Miniclier has prepared more information, which will be on or before March 10.

13. **REPORTS**

A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow, Councilman Ferguson and Councilman Forester had an interesting trip to Tallahassee last week. They were able to track several bills and meet with all members of our delegation in regard to a number of issues.
- Announced the following events:
 - Saturday, February 22 – Heart Walk in Viera, 9:00 a.m.
 - Monday, March 9 – Space Coast League of Cities Dinner Meeting
 - Thursday, March 12 – Florida Black Caucus Gala honoring Dr. Joe Lee Smith
 - March 16 – 20 – Meals on Wheels invitation to participate, City Manager Fettrow will make arrangements for participation
- City Manager Fettrow thanked the Council for the birthday wishes.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- Month of February 2020

Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated February 1, 2020; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed unanimously (7).

C. Reports from the Dias

- Councilman Hartselle noted that the Art/Craft Show was a great success, as was the annual St. Mary's Fair.
- Councilwoman Martin
 - Echoed sentiments regarding the success of the Art/Craft Show and Pet Parade.
 - Thanked Bishop Dr. Sylvester Jones for attending the meeting and giving the invocation.
 - Recognized and welcomed Alberta Wilson in the audience.
- Councilman Cadore
 - Wished City Manager Fettrow a happy birthday.
 - Lauded Public Works and the Department of Public Safety for providing excellent service during the Art/Craft Show.
 - Recognized Boy Scout Troop 701 and Alberta Wilson in the audience.
- Councilman Ferguson
 - Announced that he will be attending the Florida Black Caucus Conference in March.
 - Shared that the Tallahassee trip with City Manager Fettrow and Councilman Forester was informative, yet intense at times.
 - Echoed birthday wishes to City Manager Fettrow.
 - Praised City staff on the successful Art/Craft Show.
 - Acknowledged that two Sylvester Jones' were in the audience, along with Alberta Wilson and Boy Scout Troop 701.
- Councilman Daski
 - Offered more birthday wishes to City Manager Fettrow.
 - Shared that although he was unable to attend the Art/Craft Show, he received positive feedback from family and friends who were able to attend.

- Councilman Forester
 - Noted that the Tallahassee trip with City Manager Fettrow and Councilman Ferguson was more interesting than usual, complete with some contentious moments. This experience reinforces his belief in Home Rule.
 - Welcomed Boy Scout Troop 701 in the audience and offered words of wisdom.
 - Echoed positive sentiments regarding the Art/Craft Show and the excellent weather.
- Mayor Price
 - Reiterated the success of the Art/Craft show event and venue, although a few complaints were received regarding the Barton Boulevard road closure.
 - Thanked Boy Scout Troop 701 for attending the meeting.
 - Shared birthday wishes with City Manager Fettrow.

14. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Acting City Clerk