
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on February 17, 2021, 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	City Clerk & Public Relations Officer

STAFF PRESENT:	Matthew Trine	Assistant City Manager & Finance Director
	John Cooper	Planning Director
	Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	Scott Brown	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

- At the invitation of Councilman Ferguson, the invocation was given by his father, Bishop Clarence Ferguson.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A salute was given to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by members of Scout Troops 321 and 4321, was repeated in unison.
Mayor Price presented the troop members with commemorative City pins.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 3, 2021

Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 3, 2021; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Price

1. Mayoral Proclamation

a. Black History Month

Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation recognizing February 2021 as Black History Month. The Proclamation was presented to the citizens of Rockledge.

Councilman Cadore emphasized the City's diverse workforce, highlighting the diversity among employees in City Hall.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- January 2021

Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of January 2021; 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 meetings:

- Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on January 27, 2021
- Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on February 2, 2021

and to consider independently any recommendation(s) contained therein; seconded by Councilwoman Martin and passed without objection (7).

- ##### A. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on January 27, 2021 (no recommendation)

B. Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on February 2, 2021

1. Recommendation: Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA-21-01), City of Rockledge (Dr. Robert A. Anderson Stormwater Park)

...recommend approval of the FLUM (Future Land Use Map) amendment and forward [the recommendation] to City Council...

Planning Director Cooper explained that the subject property was purchased in 2005 by the City with funding from the Florida Communities Trust Fund, and stormwater retention was the primary focus of the project. The Future Land Use Map must be amended to a recreational public use, which is a requirement of the Florida Communities Trust Fund. Further, the proposed amendment would be consistent with the surrounding parcels included in Anderson Stormwater Park. Council was provided with a Staff Report and Proposed Future Land Use Map for reference. The Planning Commission previously heard this item and recommended approval of the requested amendment.

- a. Public Hearing

Chairman Price declared the matter open for public hearing. There being no public comment, Chairman Price declared the public hearing to be closed.

Councilman Daski moved to approve CPA-21-01 and to authorize transmittal of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried unanimously (7).

2. Recommendation: Approval of Monument Sign, Brookview Estates Subdivision

...recommend approval of the Brookview Subdivision Monument Sign and forward [the recommendation] to the City Council...

City Manager Fettrow shared that the developer of Brookview Estates subdivision submitted a request for a monument sign. Council was provided with a rendering of the sign, along with a site plan. The Planning Commission previously heard this item and recommended approval of the monument sign.

Councilwoman Martin moved to approve the recommendation; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed without objection (7).

C. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

a. Code Enforcement Board

Councilman Daski moved to reappoint Mark O'Donnell, Kevin Jarvis and Matthew Whalen to the Code Enforcement Board; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed without objection (7).

2. Appointments

a. Planning Commission

Mayor Price explained that there is one vacancy on the Planning Commission. Applications have been received from Desiree Babbs, Devin Lamoureux and Jody Spinneweber. Terms of service are for three years.

City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur briefly explained the process by which the City receives, processes and presents applications for boards.

Councilman Daski moved to appoint Devin Lamoureux to the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed without objection (7).

b. Citizens Advisory Committee to the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (SCTPO)

Recently, the City's regular and alternate members of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (SCTPO) resigned, and it was requested that Council appoint a new regular member to the Committee to fill the vacant seat. Applicant Eugene Sims confirmed his interest in serving on the Committee.

Councilwoman Martin moved to appoint Eugene Sims as the regular member for the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed unanimously (7).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Community Redevelopment Art Project – Traffic Control Art Box Wraps (Planning Division)

City Manager Fettrow explained that Council previously approved a recommendation from the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners to create a process for the selection of artist(s) and artwork

for traffic control box art wraps throughout the City. It was noted that the process was thoroughly researched and vetted through staff and has the support of the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners. The process is rather extensive and would require that specific tasks be completed in order to receive approval from the Florida Department of Transportation.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the project proposal and direct staff to draft a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried without objection (7).

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Mayor Price noted that Item 10.B. was removed from Consent Business for discussion.

Councilman Daski moved for approval of this consent business item:

- A. Approval: Annual Maintenance Fees, BS&A Enterprise Software (Finance Division)
- ~~B. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Sell (Dispose) Said Property, Two Legally Impounded Vehicles (Department of Public Safety)~~

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

Item 10.B. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Sell (Dispose) Said Property, Two Legally Impounded Vehicles (Department of Public Safety)

City Manager Fettrow explained that the Department of Public Safety intends to scrap the vehicles, and the motion should reflect the correct disposition of the property.

Councilwoman Martin moved to declare the vehicles as surplus property and authorize the sale or scrap of said vehicles; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion carried without objection (7).

11. NEW BUSINESS

- None

12. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

13. REPORTS

A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow explained that she recently met with City Attorney Miniclier and Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Trine in order to discuss an interlocal agreement for consideration of an economic development bond for Roswell U.S. LLC. However, it was determined that this item would not be recommended for Council consideration, as City Attorney Miniclier asserted that federal statutes would not protect the City and could ultimately lead to a liability issue. Further, the issuance of a bond would create a conduit debt obligation, and the City would carry the debt on financial statements and annual audits, which was not recommended by the City's current auditing firm.
- City Manager Fettrow noted that the City has not solicited bids for health insurance since 2013. She noted that staff intends to work with the City's insurance consultant to solicit bids later in the year. Boy Scout Mason Galbreath, Rockledge resident, requested additional information regarding the insurance process, and City Manager Fettrow provided clarification.
- City Manager Fettrow shared that Brightline notified the City that work will be conducted on the City's three railroad crossings between June and August of 2021. Specific dates for work are forthcoming.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- Month of February 2021

Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated February 5, 2021; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (7).

City Attorney Miniclier discussed a recent issue wherein a utility company desired to run lines through a piece of property in Rockledge, but ownership of the parcel could not be established through title research. City Attorney Miniclier requested authorization from Council to continue research and to pursue a quiet title suit, if deemed appropriate.

Councilman Forester moved to authorize the City Attorney to continue his research and to file a quiet title suit, if deemed appropriate; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried without objection (7).

C. Reports from the Dias

- Councilmembers collectively thanked Scout Troops 321 and 4321 to attending the meeting and shared their excitement to see females participating. Councilmembers welcomed Bishop Clarence Ferguson and his wife, Susie, noting the impact that the couple has had in the community over several decades.
- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Noted that he and City Manager Fettrow have continued to virtually attend Advocacy Committee meetings in preparation for legislative sessions beginning in March. He reiterated that bills addressing short term rentals and home based businesses are primary concerns, along with a continued focus on home rule.
 - Announced that Lobbying Week will be hosted virtually during the week of March 15-19.
 - Reminded Council that the Space Coast League of Cities is still meeting virtually.
 - Shared that he enjoyed participating in the recent COVID vaccine distribution, noting that 996 individuals were vaccinated in two days.
- Councilman Cadore thanked City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur for her efforts to inform the public via social media and expressed his gratitude to Mayor Price and City Manager Fettrow for issuing the Proclamation recognizing Black History Month.
- Councilman Daski thanked City Manager Fettrow for attending and presenting at the recent Rockledge Rotary meeting.
- Councilwoman Martin:
 - Thanked Mayor Price and City Manager Fettrow for issuing the Proclamation recognizing Black History Month.
 - Shared that she attended the vaccine distribution in Cocoa on February 13/14 and praised the churches involved, along with Brevard County Emergency Management Director John Scott, for meeting the needs of the community.
- Councilman Forester:
 - Noted that he recently received his second COVID-19 vaccine and experienced minimal side effects.
 - Thanked Councilmembers for their support as he chaired the last City Council meeting.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk