
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

PRESENT:	Thomas J. Price	Mayor
	Dr. Michael A. 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
	Joseph E. Miniclier	City Attorney
	Dr. Brenda Fettrow	City Manager
	Jennifer M. LeVasseur	City Clerk & Public Relations Officer

ABSENT:	Ted J. Hartselle	Councilmember, Seat #6
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STAFF PRESENT:	Matthew Trine	Assistant City Manager & Finance Director
	John Cooper	Planning Director
	Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	Victor "VJ" Karycki	Public Works Director
	James Elmore	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director
	James H. Wilson	Deputy Fire Chief

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

2. INVOCATION

- In the absence of Councilman Hartselle, the invocation was given by Councilman Ferguson.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting on June 7, 2023

Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 7, 2023; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (6).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Price

1. Special Recognition

a. Retirement of Beth Scarborough, Rockledge High School

Mayor Price recognized Beth Scarborough, retired teacher and coach from Rockledge High School, for her 40 years of dedicated service to students and the community. Coach Scarborough thanked Councilmembers for the recognition and shared heartfelt words about her family, coworkers, and career.

2. Awards for Second Quarter 2023

a. Employee of the Quarter

1) Corey Harris, Human Resource Coordinator, City Hall

2) Dustin Beard, Plant Operator, Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department

Mayor Price recognized Corey Harris and Dustin Beard as the recipients of the Employee of the Quarter Award for the second quarter of 2023. Mr. Beard was presented with a gift certificate and a Certificate of Commendation, along with the congratulations of the Council. Mrs. Harris was unable to attend the meeting.

B. Legislative Session Update (***heard before item 5.A.***)

1. Representative Tyler Sirois

Representative Tyler Sirois provided a brief summary of the recent Legislative Session and various bills that passed concerning education, affordable housing, and tax relief. Representative Sirois acknowledged that while the Legislature has made some headway, more work needs to be done at the State level regarding property insurance. Councilmembers thanked Representative Sirois for attending the meeting and for being supportive of the City of Rockledge.

C. Briefing Regarding Fiske Boulevard/Roy Wall Boulevard Intersection

1. Sara Kraum, Senior Transportation Planner, Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (SCTPO)

Sara Kraum, Senior Transportation Planner with the SCTPO, introduced an analysis of the Fiske Boulevard/Roy Wall Boulevard intersection in an effort to improve mobility and drainage. Travis Hills, PE, RSP, Kittelson & Associates, summarized the Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) analytical process that was conducted and shared information concerning the various considerations for this intersection. A drainage analysis was also conducted with consideration of 25-year and 100-year storm events. Mr. Hills reported that flooding concerns would be remediated, and new pavement will be added, along with enhanced pedestrian crossings and landscaping. Mr. Hills noted that the roundabout option has the lowest number of fatal and injury predicted crashes. He provided a cost comparison amongst the various options and reported that \$1.3 million in design funds have been allocated and are available as of July 1st. Mr. Hills acknowledged that the City prefers a signalized intersection, and the project team would support the City's wishes.

Kevin Powell, Florida Department of Transportation, and the project team responded to questions from Councilmembers concerning vehicular accident statistics for each type of traffic control solution, as well as the time frame for the project, which is dependent upon funding availability.

John Angelillo, 1475 Martin Road, noted that discussions have been ongoing for years regarding this intersection, which is dangerous for motorists and pedestrians. He explained that the drainage issues in the area are a result of the subdivisions that have been built near Martin Road.

Kevin Jarvis, 1680 Bridgeport Circle, spoke on behalf of the Phillips Landing Homeowners' Association. He requested information regarding the future of tract Z near the Phillips Landing Subdivision, which will become part of the roadway as part of the proposed plan. He expressed concerns about the brick wall that borders the recreational area of the subdivision and noted potential safety issues where a vehicle collision in the intersection could send a vehicle into the wall and injure people.

Councilman Forester moved for the City to request the SCTPO and the State to go with the traffic signal option and begin planning and design as soon as possible; seconded by Councilwoman Martin.

The motion passed with five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed (Price).

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- May 2023

Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of May 2023; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed without objection (6).

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- None

8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

A. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

- None

2. Appointments

a. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners

Councilwoman Martin moved to appoint Martha Rich to the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried without objection (6).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:

- A. Approval: Interlocal Agreement, City of Cocoa and City of Rockledge, Crossing Guard Services for 2023-2024 School Year (Public Safety Department)
- B. Approval: Renewal of Recycling Services Agreement with Waste Management Inc. of Florida (Public Works Department)
- C. Approval: Fiske Boulevard Gravity Sewer and Manhole Replacement, Atlantic Development of Cocoa, Inc.; and Reallocation of Funds for Project (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- D. Approval: Generator Replacement and Automatic Transfer Switch for City Hall, Csonka All Tech Services (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- E. Approval: West Barton Ditch Study, Tetra Tech (Public Works Department)

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martin and passed by unanimous vote (6).

Councilman Forester inquired about the percentage of recycling material that is rejected and any resulting financial penalties for exceeding a 10 percent contamination rate. City Manager Fettrow noted that the City currently has a 12 to 13 percent contamination rate, which is an improvement but still above Waste Management's requirement of a 4 percent contamination rate.

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT BUSINESS

- None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Selection of Voting Delegate, Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, August 10-12, 2023 (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow reported that Councilman Ferguson is the only Councilperson attending the Conference.

Councilman Forester moved to designate Councilman Ferguson as the voting representative; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed without objection (6).

13. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

14. REPORTS

- A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow:
 - Reminded Councilmembers of the Independence Day Picnic and fireworks show on July 4th.
 - Praised Public Safety Director/Chief of Police LaSata and Deputy Fire Chief Wilson for a successful "push-in" ceremony for the new fire engine.

- B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- June 2023

Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated June 6, 2023; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed unanimously (6).

City Attorney Miniclier provided a brief update of cases listed on the Report.

City Attorney Miniclier reported that he will be out of town from June 26th through June 30th.

C. Reports from the Dais

- Councilmembers praised the Public Safety Department for hosting a successful “push-in” ceremony for the new fire engine.
- Councilman Daski noted that he is looking forward to the July 4th festivities.
- Councilwoman Martin:
 - Attended the City of Cocoa Juneteenth event.
 - Attended an 87th birthday celebration for Jewel Collins
 - Expressed her desire to see more of a presentation for commendations and recognitions at Council meetings.
- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Reminded Councilmembers that the next Space Coast League of Cities meeting is on July 10th.
 - Recognized Jennifer Forester in the audience.
- Councilman Cadore:
 - Thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work throughout the city.
 - Attended the Eastern Florida State College Fire Academy graduation, where Deputy Fire Chief Wilson was the keynote speaker.
 - Noted that several community members, including Dr. Joe Lee Smith and Dick Blake, were recognized as trailblazers at the recent Monroe High School alumni event.
 - Thanked Mayor Price for issuing a Juneteenth Proclamation.
- Councilman Forester reported that he will be out of town next week.
- Mayor Price toured Pockets & Putters with City Manager Fettrow and complemented the facility while noting that more improvements are planned.

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk