
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

PRESENT:	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
	Ted J. Hartselle	Councilmember, Seat #6
	Joseph E. Miniclier	City Attorney
	Dr. Brenda Fettrow	City Manager
	Tricia T. Olsson	Deputy City Clerk
ABSENT:	Thomas J. Price	Mayor
STAFF PRESENT:	Matthew Trine	Assistant City Manager & Finance Director
	Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	John Cooper	Planning Director
	Scott Brown	Public Works Director
	James Elmore	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director
	Jennifer M. LeVasseur	City Clerk & Public Relations Officer

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Frank T. Forester.

2. INVOCATION

- At the invitation of Councilman Ferguson, the invocation was given by Pastor Latice Daniels, Oil of Joy Church, Cocoa.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A salute was given to the flag, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Scouts from Troops 321 and 4321, was repeated in unison.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting on September 22, 2021

Councilwoman Martin moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 22, 2021; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried unanimously (6).

5. PRESENTATIONS

- None

NOT AN AGENDA ITEM

Councilman Forester introduced former Councilman and Scout Leader Pat O'Neill, who explained the community badge that the Scouts were working on, which necessitated their presence at the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- None

8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

A. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

- None

2. Appointments

a. Student Advisory Committee

Councilman Cadore gave a brief update on the Student Advisory Committee establishment process and invited the students, principals and parents to be recognized. Students Howard Graham (Rockledge High School), Evelyn Bullion (Rockledge High School), Elizabeth Goodfellow (Rockledge High School), Jeremiah W. Perez (McNair Magnet School), and Justus Vath (Trinity Lutheran School), along with Principals Jasmine DeLaughter (McNair Magnet School) and Burt Clark (Rockledge High School), introduced themselves to Council.

Councilman Daski moved to appoint Isaac Moss, Jeremiah W. Perez, Elizabeth Goodfellow, Howard Graham, Davin Valdes, Evelyn Bullion and Justus Vath to the Student Advisory Committee for the 2021-2022 school year; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed without objection (6).

Councilman Forester encouraged the student Committee members to practice patience as they serve, noting that the process for Council action sometimes spans over the course of several meetings. Councilmembers offered congratulations to the newly-appointed members and stressed the importance of the Committee's work.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:

- A. Approval: Purchase of Vehicle Accessory Packages, Dana Safety Supply (Department of Public Safety)
- B. Approval: Acceptance of Donated Property, 60-Foot Wide Parcel Located East of McLarty Stadium, Brevard County School Board (City Manager)
- C. Approval: Payment of Invoice for Telemetry Monitoring from Mission Communications, LLC (Wastewater Treatment Department)

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

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT BUSINESS

- None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Partnership/Agreement for Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Civic Hub, Florida Power and Light (Public Works Department)

City Manager Fettrow explained that Florida Power and Light (FPL) began an initiative in 2019 to install electric vehicle charging stations at host sites throughout its service area. The Rockledge City Hall/Civic Hub parking lot has been designated as a potential host site, and staff recommended that Council consider entering into an agreement with FPL so that a double charging station may be installed if/when available. City Manager Fettrow noted that she and City Attorney Miniclier both reviewed the agreement and found it to be in good form.

Councilman Daski voiced concerns regarding the cost for usage of electricity for the charging stations, which would be passed on to taxpayers, as well as the fees to terminate the agreement.

Councilman Hartselle expressed concern as to insurance, maintenance and legal issues related to the charging stations.

Councilmembers agreed that more research should be conducted in order to make an informed decision and directed staff to reach out to other entities who have charging stations to learn about best practices, as well as research other potential alternatives that would pass the charging cost to the individual user and would not involve an agreement with FPL.

City Attorney Miniclier confirmed that Florida Power & Light has historically stood firm on agreements and noted that the potential for City liability does exist in the event of misuse or other circumstances.

City Manager Fettrow requested that Council consider tabling the item in order for more research to be conducted.

Councilman Daski moved to table the item and to authorize the City Manager and staff to conduct additional research; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried without objection (6).

13. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

14. REPORTS

A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow:
 - Reminded Council that she and Councilman Ferguson will be traveling to Tallahassee for a Legislative committee week next week.
 - Reported that the City has received a contract for fireworks at the 2022 Cocoa/Rockledge Independence Day Celebration at a cost of \$5,000.00. Due to time constraints, she requested Council approval and authorization to execute the contract to meet the deadline of October 15, 2021, with the caveat that the item would be included on the next Council agenda for ratification.

Councilwoman Martin moved to approve the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute said contract; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried without objection. (6)

- Announced that the City has been awarded close to \$1.7 million dollars, plus administrative costs, from FEMA for the hardening of Fire Stations 35 and 37.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- None

C. Reports from the Dais

- Councilmembers offered congratulatory remarks to the newly-appointed Student Advisory Committee members and thanked Pastor Daniels, the Scouts, students, parents and principals for attending the meeting.
- Councilman Daski attended the annual ethics training on October 4th at the Brevard Public Schools District Office.
- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Recently officiated the funeral service for Public Safety Telecommunicator Michael Dillon and thanked all who attended.
 - Also attended the annual ethics training at the Brevard Public Schools District Office.
 - Commended Councilman Forester on his role as Chairman during the meeting.
- Councilwoman Martin:
 - Toured the Dyal Water Plant in Cocoa with Councilmen Hartselle and Ferguson, as well as the City Manager, and encouraged audience members to schedule a tour.
 - Attended Bishop Anthony Hatcher's 25th Founder's Day celebration at Faith Life Outreach Christian Cathedral (FLOCK) and requested that a Mayoral Proclamation be issued in recognition of the anniversary.
- Councilman Hartselle:
 - Enjoyed the tour of the Dyal Water Plant in Cocoa.
 - Requested that City Attorney Miniclier provide the Student Advisory Committee with a lesson on the Sunshine Law. City Attorney Miniclier confirmed that a lesson would be provided.
 - Announced that the Rockledge Kiwanis Club Children's Charities Golf Tournament fundraiser will be held on October 16th at Turtle Creek Golf Club.
- Councilman Cadore:
 - Wished safe travels to Councilman Ferguson and City Manager Fettrow as they travel to Tallahassee.
 - Requested that the City's social media page feature some information on the appointed Student Advisory Committee.

- Councilman Forester:
 - Reiterated the importance of the Sunshine Law and offered guidance to Student Advisory Committee members regarding conduct under the Law. City Attorney Miniclier reassured members that more direction would be provided at the first Committee meeting.
 - Attended the ethics training at the Brevard Public Schools District Office.

15.ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Vice Chairman Forester declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Deputy City Clerk