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# ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Thomas J. Price	Mayor
	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
	Jennifer M. LeVasseur	City Clerk & Public Relations Officer
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	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
	Donna Seyferth	Deputy Chief of Police
	Kevin Shropshire	Pretreatment Coordinator
	Tricia T. Olsson	Deputy City Clerk

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

## 2. INVOCATION

- The invocation was given by Councilman Hartselle.

## 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 December 15, 2021

***Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 15, 2021; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (7).***

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. David Brubaker, President/CEO, Sharing Center of Central Brevard

Mr. David Brubaker, President/CEO of the Sharing Center of Central Brevard, addressed City Council in order to thank the City and the Department of Public Safety for continuing with the holiday food drives. A record amount of food (35,000 pounds) was donated this year, which provided one month of provisions for the emergency food pantry.

- B. Mayor Price

- 1. Mayoral Proclamation

- a. Te-Kisha Ferguson Neighbor Helping Neighbor Day

Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation recognizing January 22, 2022 as Te-Kisha Ferguson Neighbor Helping Neighbor Day. The Proclamation was presented in honor of Te-Kisha Ferguson and received by Shawn Bassham, Chief Philanthropy Officer with St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care. Ms. Bassham offered kind words about Te-Kisha's legacy. Councilman Ferguson spoke of Te-Kisha's life and recognized her mother present in the audience.

- 2. Employee Awards for 2021

- a. Quality Public Service Awards

- Melissa McDaniel, City Hall
- Karla Polizzi, Public Safety Department, Fire Division
- Robert Weigel, Public Safety Department, Police Division
- Laufa Morgan, Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department
- Kimberly Peyton, Public Works Department

Mayor Price presented the 2021 Quality Public Service Awards to Melissa McDaniel, City Hall; Karla Polizzi, Public Safety Department, Fire Division; Laufa Morgan, Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department; and Kimberly Peyton, Public Works Department. Each of the award winners received a commemorative plaque and gift card, as well as the

congratulations of the Mayor and Council. Robert Weigel, Public Safety Department, Police Division, was unable to attend the meeting.

b. Safety Employee of the Year

- o Stephen Mahaffey, Public Safety Department, Fire Division

Battalion Chief Stephen Mahaffey of the Public Safety Department, Fire Division was honored as the Safety Employee of the Year for 2021. In recognition of Chief Mahaffey's accomplishment, he was presented with a commemorative plaque and gift card. The Mayor and Council expressed congratulations.

c. Employee of the Year

- o Stephen Sheridan, Public Safety Department, Fire Division

Stephen Sheridan of the Public Safety Department, Fire Division was honored as the 2021 City of Rockledge Employee of the Year. For his achievement, Mr. Sheridan was presented with a commemorative plaque, gift card, two days of paid personal leave, and a letter of commendation, as well as the congratulations of the Mayor and Council.

## 6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- o Month of December 2021

***Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of December 2021; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).***

## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance: Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1850-2021, Amending the Rockledge Land Development Regulations by Deleting Section 57.79 and Replacing it with a New Section 57.79 to Include Dental Amalgam and Pharmaceutical Hazardous Waste Requirements

***Councilman Ferguson offered Ordinance No. 1850-2021 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DELETING SECTION 57.79 OF THE ROCKLEDGE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION 57.79 "REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR DIRECT AND INDIRECT DISCHARGE INTO THE WASTEWATER AND COLLECTION TREATMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE" TO INCLUDE DENTAL AMALGAM AND PHARMACEUTICAL HAZARDOUS WASTE REQUIREMENTS; DECLARING THAT INVALIDITY OF ANY***

PORTION HEREOF SHALL NOT AFFECT THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," **and moved for the second reading of the Ordinance by title only and to open the matter for public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried by unanimous vote (7).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the second reading. Chairman Price declared the matter open to the public for discussion.

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

**Councilwoman Martin moved for the adoption of the Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Cadore. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Cadore, Ferguson, Martin, Forester, Daski and Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (7).**

## **8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

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

- Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on December 9, 2021
- Board of Adjustment, Minutes of Meeting on December 21, 2021
- Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on January 4, 2022
- Student Advisory Committee, Minutes of Meeting on January 11, 2022

**seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (7).**

- A. Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on December 9, 2021 (no recommendation)
- B. Board of Adjustment, Minutes of Meeting on December 21, 2021 (no recommendation)
- C. Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on January 4, 2022 (no recommendation)
- D. Student Advisory Committee, Minutes of Meeting on January 11, 2022 (no recommendation)
- E. Reappointments and Appointments
  - 1. Reappointments
    - a. Planning Commission

**Councilwoman Martin moved to reappoint Barbara Cooler, Kevin Jarvis, and Ashley Lanier for additional terms on the**

***Planning Commission; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed without objection (7).***

- b. Fire Employees' Retirement Board

***Councilman Ferguson moved to reappoint Thomas "Pat" O'Neill to the legal resident member position on the Fire Employees' Retirement Board for an additional term; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).***

- c. General Employees' Retirement Board

***Councilman Daski moved to reappoint Brenda Black to the legal resident member position on the General Employees' Retirement Board for an additional term; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried without objection (7).***

- d. Police Employees' Retirement Board

***Councilman Ferguson moved to reappoint Joseph LaSata to the legal resident member position on the Police Employees' Retirement Board for an additional term; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried by unanimous vote (7).***

2. Appointments

- a. General Employees' Retirement Board

***Councilman Daski moved to appoint Elon Poole to the active plan member position on the General Employees' Retirement Board; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried without objection (7).***

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- o None

**10. CONSENT BUSINESS**

***Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:***

- A. Approval: Interlocal Agreement, Brevard County Regional Opioid Settlement Funds (City Manager)
- B. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Sell Surplus Property, Wastewater Treatment Vehicles and Equipment (Wastewater Treatment Department)

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

## 11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT BUSINESS

- None

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Travel Authorization, Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Action Days (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow reported that City officials are invited to attend Legislative Action Days during the Legislative Session, which provides an opportunity for members to get to know their legislators and to view the legislature at work first-hand. This year's Legislative Action Days will be held February 8-9, 2022 in Tallahassee. She noted that travel would commence on February 7<sup>th</sup> due to the distance.

***Councilman Daski moved to authorize travel for any interested Councilmembers and the City Manager to attend the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried without objection (7).***

- B. Action Item: Authorization to Implement Annual City Race Event and to Enter into an Agreement for Race Management Services, Running Zone Race Management, Inc. (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow explained that the City desires to implement an annual race event, which would include a 5K and potentially other shorter distance races. This event will highlight the Civic Hub and the Don Griffin Recreational Trail at Lake Betsi. A tentative date of October 1, 2022 has been selected, and a tentative race route was provided to Council for consideration.

***Councilwoman Martin moved to authorize the City Manager to implement an annual City race event and to enter into an agreement with Running Zone Race Management, Inc. for race management services; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).***

## 13. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

## 14. REPORTS

- A. City Manager Report
- City Manager Fettrow:
    - Wished everyone a happy New Year.

- Reminded Council of the Food Truck event on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Hub and City Hall parking lot.

#### B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- Month of January 2022

***Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated January 6, 2022; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed unanimously (7).***

City Attorney Miniclier responded to questions from Council regarding pending litigation.

#### C. Reports from the Dais

- Councilmembers wished everyone a happy New Year and congratulated Councilman Ferguson, as he was recently sworn in as President of the Space Coast League of Cities.
- Councilwoman Martin:
  - Attended a meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> where Parker Memorial Primitive Baptist Church Community Love Outreach program received a \$451,000.00 grant from Brevard County to facilitate food distributions in the unincorporated areas of Brevard County. The events will require volunteers.
  - Announced that longtime Rockledge resident Robert Taylor passed away.
  - Announced the passing of retired Titusville Battalion Chief Daryle Blankenship.
- Councilman Cadore:
  - Thanked audience members for attending the meeting.
  - Announced that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Infinite Scholars event at Rockledge High School boasted a record number of attendees.
- Councilman Ferguson:
  - Thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation establishing Te-Kisha Ferguson Neighbor Helping Neighbor Day and thanked Shawn Bassham for her work on behalf of the St. Francis Reflections Foundation.
  - Announced that, in honor of Te-Kisha Ferguson Neighbor Helping Neighbor Day, Faith Temple Christian Center will be giving away COVID test kits on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Reported that the Florida League of Cities desires to reduce the number of people traveling to Tallahassee for Legislative Action Days due to COVID.
  - Noted that the 2022 Legislative session started last week, and over 3,000 bills have been filed with many having local effects.
  - Thanked Council for attending the last Space Coast League of Cities meeting to witness his swearing in.
  - Reminded Council that the next Space Coast League of Cities meeting, hosted by Rockledge, will be held on Valentine’s Day at Rockledge Country Club.
- Councilman Hartselle acknowledged the residents of Rockledge for their generous donations to the Salvation Army during the holidays.
  - Councilman Daski thanked Mayor Price for the Te-Kisha Ferguson Proclamation.
  - Councilman Forester announced that he will not be travelling to Tallahassee for Legislative Action Days due to COVID.

**15. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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**Council Chairman**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City Clerk**