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# ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 ♦ 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 20, 2021, 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
	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>ABSENT:</b>	Sammie Brown Martin	Councilmember, Seat #3 (excused)
<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

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

## 2. INVOCATION

- At the invitation of Mayor Price, the invocation was given by Councilman Ferguson.

### 3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting on December 16, 2020

***Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 16, 2020; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (6).***

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

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

Mr. David Brubaker, President/CEO of the Sharing Center of Central Brevard, was unable to attend the meeting, so this presentation was deferred to a future meeting.

#### B. Mayor Price

##### 1. Employee Awards for 2020

##### a. Quality Public Service Awards

- Carol Jones, City Hall
- David Iamunno, Public Safety Department, Fire Division
- Gregory Klayman, Public Safety Department, Police Division
- Jimmy Cotton, Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department
- Lincoln Turner, Public Works Department

Mayor Price presented the 2020 Quality Public Service Awards to Carol Jones, City Hall; David Iamunno, Public Safety Department, Fire Division; Gregory Klayman, Public Safety Department, Police Division; Jimmy Cotton, Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department; and Lincoln Turner, 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.

##### b. Safety Employee of the Year

- John Delong, Public Works Department

John Delong of the Public Works Department was honored as the Safety Employee of the Year for 2020. In recognition of Mr. Delong's accomplishment, he was presented with a

commemorative plaque and gift card. The Mayor and Council expressed congratulations.

c. Employee of the Year

- o Evan Werner, Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department

Evan Werner of the Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department was honored as the 2020 City of Rockledge Employee of the Year. For his achievement, Mr. Werner 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.

At 6:10 p.m., Chairman Price called for a brief recess; the meeting reconvened at 6:19 p.m.

**6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT**

- o Month of December 2020

***Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of December 2020; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed by unanimous vote (6).***

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS**

- A. Ordinance: Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1800-2020, Granting an Economic Ad Valorem Tax Exemption, Roswell U.S. LLC

***Councilman Daski offered Ordinance No. 1800-2020 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO GRANT AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO ROSWELL U.S. LLC, 2900 MURRELL ROAD, ROCKLEDGE, FLORIDA, FOR ITS EXPANSION OF ITS BUSINESS INCLUDING BUILDING EXPANSION, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT; SPECIFYING THE ITEMS EXEMPTED; PROVIDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE EXEMPTION; FINDING THAT THE BUSINESS MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF F.S. 196.012(15); PROVIDING FOR PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT BY ROSWELL U.S. LLC, 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 Councilman Forester. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).***

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.

***Councilman Daski moved for the adoption of the Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Cadore, Ferguson, Forester, Daski and Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).***

- B. Ordinance: First Reading, Amending Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Administrative Budget

***Councilman Ferguson offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1784-2020 OF SAID CITY TO REVISE AND AMEND IN CERTAIN RESPECTS THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THE TIME OF THE ADOPTION OF SAID BUDGET; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion carried unanimously (6).***

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

***Councilman Ferguson moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2021; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).***

- C. Ordinance: First Reading, Amending Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Redevelopment Agency Management Fund Budget

***Councilman Daski offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1785-2020 OF SAID CITY TO REVISE AND AMEND IN CERTAIN RESPECTS THE ROCKLEDGE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THE TIME OF THE ADOPTION OF SAID BUDGET; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Daski moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2021; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

- D. Ordinance: First Reading, Amending Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Sewer System Budget

**Councilman Ferguson offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1786-2020 OF SAID CITY TO REVISE AND AMEND IN CERTAIN RESPECTS THE SEWER SYSTEM BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THE TIME OF THE ADOPTION OF SAID BUDGET; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Ferguson moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2021; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

- E. Ordinance: First Reading, Amending Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Sanitation Services Budget

**Councilman Daski offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1788-2020 OF SAID CITY TO REVISE AND AMEND IN CERTAIN RESPECTS THE SANITATION SERVICES BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THE TIME OF THE ADOPTION OF SAID BUDGET; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Daski moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2021; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

- F. Ordinance: First Reading, Amending Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Stormwater Management Fund Budget

**Councilman Ferguson offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1789-2020 OF SAID CITY TO REVISE AND AMEND IN CERTAIN RESPECTS THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FUND BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THE TIME OF THE ADOPTION OF SAID BUDGET; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Ferguson moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2021; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

- G. Ordinance: First Reading, Amending Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Building Department Enterprise Fund Budget

**Councilman Daski offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1790-2020 OF SAID CITY TO REVISE AND AMEND IN CERTAIN RESPECTS THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THE TIME OF THE ADOPTION OF SAID BUDGET; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Daski moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2021; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

- H. Ordinance: First Reading, ZDA-20-03, Rezoning 1914 Elm Street from MH to RMU

**Councilman Ferguson offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE MH (MOBILE HOMES) DISTRICT TO THE RMU (REDEVELOPMENT MIXED USE) DISTRICT IN PLANNING DISTRICT 5 OF APPROXIMATELY .14 ACRES LOCATED AT 1914 ELM STREET, IN THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINANCE; AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE TO REFLECT THE CHANGE OF ZONING EFFECTED BY THIS ORDINANCE; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO FORTHWITH CAUSE THE APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION TO BE MADE ON THE FACE OF THE OFFICIAL CITY ZONING MAP INDICATING THE NEW ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Ferguson moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2021; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

- I. Ordinance: First Reading, ZDA-20-03, Rezoning 894 Pennsylvania Avenue from MH to RMU

**Councilman Daski offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE MH (MOBILE HOMES) DISTRICT TO THE RMU (REDEVELOPMENT MIXED USE) DISTRICT IN PLANNING DISTRICT 5 OF APPROXIMATELY .14**

ACRES LOCATED AT 894 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINANCE; AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE TO REFLECT THE CHANGE OF ZONING EFFECTED BY THIS ORDINANCE; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO FORTHWITH CAUSE THE APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION TO BE MADE ON THE FACE OF THE OFFICIAL CITY ZONING MAP INDICATING THE NEW ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Daski moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2021; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

#### 8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

- Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Special Meeting on December 11, 2020
- Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on January 5, 2021

**and to consider independently any recommendations contained therein; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed unanimously (6).**

- A. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Special Meeting on December 11, 2020 (recommendation heard and approved at December 16, 2020 City Council Meeting)
- B. Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on January 5, 2021
  1. Recommendation: Approval of Monument Sign, Alura Senior Living, 777 Roy Wall Boulevard

....recommend approval of the monument sign located at 777 Roy Wall Boulevard and forward [the recommendation] to City Council....

City Manager Fettrow explained that the plans for a monument sign were presented to the Planning Commission and have subsequently been recommended to the City Council for approval.



***Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the recommendation; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed without objection (6).***

C. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

a. Planning Commission

***Councilman Forester moved to reappoint Michelle Doyle, Adam Copenhaver and Janet Monaco to the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed unanimously (6).***

2. Appointments

a. Planning Commission

Mayor Price explained that two (2) vacancies exist on the Planning Commission. One (1) application was received from Ashley Lanier.

***Councilman Daski moved to appoint Ashley Lanier to the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion passed by unanimous vote (6).***

b. Code Enforcement Board

Mayor Price explained that one (1) vacancy exists on the Code Enforcement Board for the position of Citizen. Two (2) applications have been received from David Bucher and Ashley Lanier.

***Councilman Daski moved to appoint David Bucher to the Code Enforcement Board for the Citizen position; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed without objection (6).***

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion: Large Scale Rezoning from MH (Mobile Home) to RMU (Redevelopment Mixed Use) (Planning Division)

Planning Director Cooper explained that this item was previously referred to City Council in December 2020 via the Planning Commission as a recommendation for review of a potential large-scale rezoning from MH to RMU for Fiske Boulevard (East) to Cedar Street and Pennsylvania Avenue (North) to Barton Boulevard. Council subsequently approved the rezoning; however, the original intent of the requested action was to permit staff time to review the viability of a large-scale rezoning in this area, as well as to allow the public hearing process to proceed. Staff requested to add this item back onto this agenda so that Council can review the previous motion that was made, as well as to discuss the

Planning Commission's recommendation and move to direct staff to proceed with the large-scale rezoning process, if deemed appropriate.

Kim Carman, 844 Pennsylvania Avenue, provided Council with several photos of apartment buildings on Dove Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue and shared her concerns with possible building sizes that would be allowed in the neighborhood with an RMU zoning designation. Planning Director Cooper clarified that compatibility would be a key evaluation point in any rezoning and reiterated the overall intent of the large scale rezoning effort.

Mark Smith, 897 Pennsylvania Avenue, expressed his concerns that the RMU zoning designation would allow for commercial businesses in the neighborhood, and rezoning this area would be a mistake. Mr. Smith also reiterated the need for stop signs throughout the neighborhood and noted that approximately fifty signatures were obtained in support of traffic control signs.

Councilmembers discussed the benefits and drawbacks of a large-scale rezoning for the proposed area and indicated that the rezoning process would not continue if City staff, the Planning Commission and City Council did not find this to be in the residents' best interest. Planning Director Cooper highlighted the benefits of the RMU zoning designation and reiterated that there is no intent for commercial entities or warehouses to be introduced into the residential neighborhood. He reiterated that thorough research would be conducted, and resident input would be solicited in an effort to fully evaluate the proposed rezoning.

***Councilman Forester moved to direct staff to begin the rezoning procedure and to research and obtain information to forward to the Planning Commission for consideration; seconded by Councilman Cadore. A call for discussion was made.***

Kim Carman questioned the difference in dwelling types located on the other section of Pennsylvania Avenue. An explanation was provided as to the dissimilarities between the two sections of Pennsylvania Avenue.

***The motion passed unanimously (6).***

## 10. CONSENT BUSINESS

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

- A. Approval: Special Event, Space Coast Runners & Running Zone Foundation Marathon and Half-Marathon, November 28, 2021 (City Manager)

- B. Approval: Ratification of Council Actions on December 16, 2020 Pertaining to Memorandum of Understanding with Former FOP Bargaining Unit (City Manager)
- C. Approval: Transactional Costs Incurred from Vacant Property Purchase Exceeding Original Sale Price, Cogswell Street (City Manager)
- D. Approval: Use of Forfeiture Funds for Confidential Informants (Public Safety Department)
- E. Approval: Amendments to International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Contract (City Manager)
- F. Approval: Medical Services Director Agreement, 2021-2022, Regional Emergency Medicine Specialist - Dr. David Williams (Public Safety Department)
- G. Approval: Authorization to Purchase One Replacement Police Vehicle (Public Safety Department)

***The motion was seconded by Councilman Hartselle and passed by unanimous vote (6).***

#### 11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- o None

#### 12. **PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Darby Miller, 28 S. Fernwood Drive, explained that the Rockledge Drive historic area was pleased that the proposed bail bond business on Orange Avenue was no longer moving forward and explained that concerns remained regarding the potential for a similar type of business to be allowed in the C-1 zoning designation. Mayor Price explained that Planning Director Cooper will be researching the matter further.

Kim Carman, 844 Pennsylvania Avenue, submitted a signed petition to City Council requesting either stop signs or speed bumps in her neighborhood.

#### 13. **REPORTS**

##### A. City Manager Report

- o City Manager Fettrow wished everyone a happy New Year and announced that the annual Chamber of Commerce Wednesday Friendsday event, historically hosted by the City in March, will be hosted virtually due to COVID-19.

## B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- Month of January 2021

***Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated January 4, 2021; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion passed unanimously (6).***

City Attorney Miniclier provided a brief update on ongoing litigation.

## C. Reports from the Dias

- Councilmembers collectively shared wishes for a happy New Year, congratulated the new board volunteers who were appointed earlier in the evening, and shared their appreciation for the citizens who attended the meeting to voice their concerns.
- Councilman Ferguson:
  - Announced that he recently attended the virtual Space Coast League of Cities meeting this month and noted that the February meeting, which the City would have historically hosted, will also be held virtually.
  - Shared that he attended the funeral service for former City of Cocoa Mayor Jake Williams.
- Councilman Cadore:
  - Praised Planning Director Cooper for his thorough explanation regarding the proposed large-scale rezoning.
  - Announced that Councilman Ferguson served as keynote speaker at the recent Martin Luther King, Jr. event at Rockledge High School.
  - Encouraged everyone to be mindful and to keep the families of former City of Cocoa Mayor Jake Williams and Dr. Ethel Newman in their thoughts and prayers.
  - Thanked City Clerk and Public Relations Officer LeVasseur for her continued efforts to keep the website and social media channels updated.
  - Announced that the Infinite Scholar program will be held virtually on January 26<sup>th</sup> and noted that the program has awarded almost \$20 million dollars in college scholarships.
- Councilman Forester:
  - Thanked employees for their continued hard work.
  - Shared that his aunt recently passed away from COVID-19, and several other family members were infected by the virus. As a

result, COVID-19 has been on the forefront of his mind, and he has been reminded of a promise he made months ago to citizens in favor of a mask mandate in the event that cases began to rise again.

***Councilman Forester moved to implement a mask mandate; motion died for lack of second.***

- Mayor Price lauded Planning Director Cooper for his positive work during his first few months of employment.

**14. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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**Council Chairman**

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

**City Clerk**