
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

PRESENT:	Thomas J. Price	Mayor
	Dr. Joe Lee Smith	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
	Lisa C. Nicholas	Public Relations Officer & City Clerk
STAFF PRESENT:	Alexandra Bernard	Planning Director
	Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	James Wilson	Deputy Fire Chief
	C. Kenneth Poole	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

The invocation was given by Councilman Daski.

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

Minutes of regular meeting on February 20, 2019

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 20, 2019; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

- o None

NOT AN AGENDA ITEM

Mike McElrath, American Red Cross, Space Coast Chapter, 1700 Cedar Street, explained the Red Cross' Home Fire Campaign, which provides free smoke alarms and installation in eligible homes. This past Saturday, March 16, the event was held in conjunction with the Rockledge Public Safety Department, Fire Division, and 60 smoke detectors were installed in 29 homes. Mr. McElrath then presented Deputy Fire Chief Wilson with a commemorative plaque.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- o Month of February 2019

Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of February 2019; seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- o None

8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

- o Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 14, 2019
- o The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 14, 2019
- o Council Finance and Budget Committee, Minutes of Meeting on February 20, 2019
- o Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on February 27, 2019
- o Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on March 5, 2019

and to consider independently any recommendations contained therein; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (7).

- A. Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 14, 2019 (no recommendation)
- B. The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 14, 2019 (no recommendation)

C. Council Finance and Budget Committee, Minutes of Meeting on February 20, 2019

1. Recommendation

- o Approval of Proposed Budget Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

...recommend to Council approval of the proposed budget meeting calendar for Fiscal Year 2019-2020....

Councilman Daski moved to approve the recommendation; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed without objection (7).

D. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on February 27, 2019 (no recommendation)

E. Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on March 5, 2019

1. Recommendation

- o Approval of Rezoning of 805 Fiske Boulevard from R2 to C2, ZDA-19-01, Fiske Boulevard Church of Christ

...recommend to Council the rezoning of 805 Fiske Boulevard (Fiske Boulevard Church of Christ) from R2 (Single-Family Residential) to C2 (General Commercial)....

Planning Director Bernard explained that the church was interested in expanding its fellowship hall but could not do so if zoned R2; therefore, the request was made to rezone the property to C2.

Ruth Collins, 742 Bernard Street, Cocoa, volunteers for the church and invited everyone to visit the church and outlined the schedule of services.

Councilman Forester noted that the area is surrounded by numerous private residences. If the zoning were changed to C2, a commercial entity could purchase the property and become established there.

City Attorney Miniclier indicated that a reverter clause could be included in the rezoning ordinance, which would revert the zoning on the property to R2 if the church were to decide to vacate for some reason. A Special Exception could also be considered.

Pastor Randy Cole Sims, 7314 Carillon Avenue, Cocoa, indicated that he does not have an issue with inclusion of the reverter clause because the intention of the church is to remain in that location for a long time.

Councilman Forester moved to approve the recommended rezoning, with the addition of a reverter clause; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Replacement of Master Outfall Headwall (Public Works Department)

City Manager Fettrow outlined the history of and the difficulties associated with executing this project. The current approach involves piggybacking on a current contract between Brevard County and W & J Construction. Contract terms specific to the project have been derived, and a Task Order has been submitted by W & J. The project will be funded from stormwater reserves and the project's line-item budget.

Councilman Daski moved to approve the Task Order submitted by W & J Construction for the replacement of the master outfall headwall; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed unanimously (7).

- B. Action Item: City Manager Annual Performance Evaluation

Mayor Price thanked Council members for completing the City Manager evaluations and noted that Dr. Fettrow received an overall job performance rating of 4.97 out of a possible 5.0, which equates to a rating of "Superior."

Councilman Ferguson moved to accept the City Manager Annual Evaluation Report; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed without objection (7).

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of this consent business item:

- A. Approval: Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement, FDOT (Public Works Department)

The motion was seconded by Councilman Ferguson and passed by unanimous vote (7).

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Travel Authorization, Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, August 15 through August 17, 2019, Orlando (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow noted that the Florida League of Cities' 2019 conference is scheduled to take place from August 15 to August 17 at the World Center Marriott in Orlando and inquired as to which Council members would like to attend.

Councilman Forester moved to authorize travel for interested Council members, as well as the City Manager, to the Florida League of Cities

Annual Conference, August 15 through 17, 2019, in Orlando; seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion passed without objection (7).

- B. Action Item: Interlocal Agreement between the City of Rockledge and Brevard County, Installation and Maintenance of Trash Cans and Ashtrays at Bus Stops within the City Limits (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow stated that, in an effort to maintain cleanliness at and around the City's 46 bus stops, an Interlocal Agreement with Brevard County is being proposed. Per the stipulations of the agreement, the County, via Space Coast Area Transit (SCAT), will provide the trash cans and ashtrays, and the City will provide for their installation and maintenance with reimbursement from the County. The term of the agreement is for five years, unless otherwise extended.

Councilman Smith moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Brevard County for the installation and maintenance of trash cans and cigarette butt containers at the 46 bus stops within the City limits; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (7).

- C. Action Item: Reimbursement for Monument Sign, RAHO Corporation
1670 South Fiske Boulevard (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow explained that Dr. David Ray, owner of RAHO Corporation located at 1670 South Fiske Boulevard, has approached the City regarding his monument sign. Because of the construction of the new Fire Station No. 36, the business' signage is now blocked from view when traveling south on Fiske Boulevard. Dr. Ray applied for and was approved to receive a façade improvement grant from the Community Redevelopment Agency for 50 percent of the project cost (\$3,976.70). However, in the interest of maintaining excellent relations with the business community, the City is recommending reimbursing Dr. Ray for the entire amount of the sign – 50 percent would come from the CRA, and 50 percent from the project's budget – for a total cost of \$7,953.40. As a result of this good-faith effort, Dr. Ray has agreed to release the City from any future responsibility.

Councilman Forester moved to approve reimbursement for the monument sign for RAHO Corporation in the amount of \$7,953.40, with 50 percent (\$3,976.70) coming from the Community Redevelopment Agency Façade Improvement Grant line item, and 50 percent (\$3,976.70) coming from the project line item for Fire Station No. 36; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

12. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Alix Goins, 7078 Johnson Street, Cocoa, asked if the fruit and vegetable stand at the corner of Fiske Boulevard and Rosa L. Jones Drive could be removed. The City Manager will look into the matter.

13. REPORTS

A. City Manager Reports

- City Manager Fettrow reported the following:
 - Brewster's ice cream will not be locating on Barton Boulevard.
 - With regard to the Community Redevelopment Agency, she and the Mayor spoke with Commissioner Lober, and at the Commission meeting on March 12, Rockledge was removed from the resolution. There will be a meeting on Friday, March 22, between the City Manager, County Manager, and the city and county attorneys.
 - The results from an FDOT signal-warrant analysis reveal that a signal is warranted at Roy Wall Boulevard and Fiske Boulevard. Additional details will be provided as they become available.
 - The Volunteer Breakfast is scheduled for April 20. The pool for nominees for Volunteer of the Year is being expanded and will include input from Boards and Committees; the composition of the final selection committee will remain the same.
 - She will be in Tallahassee from March 25 to March 27 with Councilmen Forester and Ferguson for Florida League of Cities' Legislative Action Days.
 - There will be a Ribbon Cutting for KFC on March 29 at 10 a.m.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- Month of March 2019
Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated March 1, 2019; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed unanimously (7).

City Attorney Miniclier provided a status regarding the outstanding claim with UPS.

C. Reports from the Dais

- Councilman Hartselle remarked on the success of Rockledge Little League's Opening Day on March 9.
- Councilwoman Martin:
 - Attended the Space Coast League of Cities meeting on March 11, as well as the Wednesday-Friday networking event on March 6.
 - Requested that Mayor Price draft a letter of congratulations for Dr. Lurline Smith, who resides on Revilla Lane in Rockledge, for her more than 50 years of service in the ministry.

- Councilman Smith congratulated the City Manager on her evaluation and also commended the City Manager and Public Safety Director LaSata for their proactive approach to handling a recent constituent situation.
- Councilman Forester noted that he enjoyed Wednesday-Friday and is looking forward to traveling to Tallahassee.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk