

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2018; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion carried unanimously (6).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Price

1. Mayoral Proclamations, Designating the Month of April

a) Water Conservation Month

Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation designating the month of April as Water Conservation Month. Accepting the Proclamation on behalf of the St. Johns River Water Management District was Intergovernmental Coordinator Abby Johnson.

b) Florida Water Professionals Month

Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation designating the month of April as Florida Water Professionals Month. Accepting the Proclamation on behalf of the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association was the Association's Director of Region III, and Wastewater Treatment Department Pretreatment Coordinator, Kevin Shropshire.

2. Awards for First Quarter 2018

a) Employee of the Quarter

- Sherry Cazessus, Deputy City Clerk, City Hall Administration

Mayor Price invited Deputy City Clerk Sherry Cazessus to the podium and recognized her as the recipient of the Employee of the Quarter Award for the first quarter of 2018. Deputy Clerk Cazessus was presented with a gift certificate and a Certificate of Commendation. Mayor Price and members of Council expressed congratulations.

b) Beautification

- Residential: Ms. Tracy Boyles and Mr. Aaron Bauer, 950 Brunswick Lane

Mayor Price recognized Ms. Tracy Boyles and Mr. Aaron Bauer, whose home at 950 Brunswick Lane was selected by The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board to receive the Excellence in Residential Beautification Award for the first quarter of 2018, and presented them with a Certificate of Commendation. Mayor Price, T.R.E.E. Board Chairman Pam Shoemaker, and members of Council expressed congratulations.

- Commercial: Rockledge Health and Rehabilitation Center, 587 Barton Boulevard

Rockledge Health and Rehabilitation Center, 587 Barton Boulevard, was selected by The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board to receive the Excellence in Commercial Beautification Award for the first quarter of 2018. Accepting the

award from Mayor Price on behalf of Rockledge Health and Rehab was Jerry Remedor, Executive Director, and other representatives of the facility. Mayor Price, T.R.E.E. Board Chairman Pam Shoemaker, and members of Council expressed congratulations.

At this time, Mayor Price invited those in the audience to the 2018 Trash Bash on Saturday, April 7.

c) Business of the Quarter

- Ashley's of Rockledge, 1609 Rockledge Boulevard

Ashley's of Rockledge, 1609 Rockledge Boulevard, was selected by the Rockledge Business Development Committee to receive the Business of the Quarter Award for the first quarter of 2018. Accepting the award from Mayor Price on behalf of Ashley's was Maulik Shah. Mayor Price and members of Council expressed congratulations.

3. Special Recognition, Fire Chief Timothy R. Matson

Mayor Price recognized Fire Chief Tim Matson, Rockledge Fire Department, for 34 years of devoted service to the City of Rockledge and its citizens and presented him with a Certificate of Commendation, Letter of Congratulations and City pin. Council members expressed gratitude and well wishes to Chief Matson and extended best wishes on his upcoming retirement. Chief Matson expressed appreciation to the Mayor, Council and his family.

B. Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPAs and Advisors

1. Report on the Financial Status of the City

Christine Noll-Rhan from Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPAs and Advisors, Melbourne, provided a report on the positive financial status of the City of Rockledge and responded to questions posed by the Mayor and Council.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance: Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1729-2018, Deleting and Replacing Chapter 8 (Fire Protection and Prevention), Rockledge Code of Ordinances

Councilman Daski offered Ordinance No. 1729-2018 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DELETING CHAPTER 8, "FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION," OF THE ROCKLEDGE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 8 "FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION;" 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 Ferguson moved for the adoption of the ordinance; seconded by Councilman Daski. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Smith, Ferguson, Martin, Forester and Daski. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).

- B. Ordinance: Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1730-2018, Amending Section 59.85(D), Rockledge Land Development Regulations, Concerning Registration Fees for Properties in Foreclosure

Councilman Daski offered Ordinance No. 1730-2018 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 59.85(D) OF THE ROCKLEDGE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS REGARDING PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES FOR PROPERTIES IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE TO BE ESTABLISHED FROM TIME TO TIME BY RESOLUTION; 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 Ferguson moved for the adoption of the ordinance; seconded by Councilman Daski. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Smith, Ferguson, Martin, Forester and Daski. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).

- C. Ordinance: First Reading, Deleting and Replacing Section 57.79 of the Rockledge Land Development Regulations, Relating to Requirements and Standards for Direct and Indirect Discharge into the Wastewater and Collection Treatment System of the City of Rockledge

Councilman Ferguson offered an ordinance 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”; 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 Daski moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on April 18, 2018; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).

8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

- Citizens Recreation Advisory Board, Minutes of Meeting on March 15, 2018
- Council Finance and Budget Committee, Minutes of Meeting on March 21, 2018

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

A. Citizens Recreation Advisory Board, Minutes of Meeting on March 15, 2018

1. Recommendation: Support Initiatives of Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Relating to Tobacco Free Parks throughout Rockledge and Brevard County

...recommend that Council support initiatives of Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) relating to tobacco-free parks in Rockledge and Brevard County....

City Manager Fettrow reported that a group of students presented educational information at the March 15, 2018, Citizens Recreation Advisory Board meeting and requested that City Council support their initiatives.

Councilman Forester stated that he would not vote for the recommendation, as it would be hypocritical since he smokes a pipe. Councilwoman Martin also indicated that she would not support the recommendation because tobacco is not an illegal substance. City Manager Fettrow explained that the initiatives of SWAT are intended to educate individuals about the risks involved with tobacco usage, not about banning smoking in parks.

Councilman Daski moved to support the recommendation; seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 2. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Smith, Ferguson and Daski. Voting against the motion: Councilmembers Forester and Martin.

B. Council Finance and Budget Committee, Minutes of Meeting on March 21, 2018 (no recommendation)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of this consent business item:

- A. Approval: Use of Forfeiture Funds for Confidential Informants (Department of Public Safety)

The motion was seconded by Councilman Forester and passed without objection (6).

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Discussion Concerning Support for a Proposal of the Constitution Revision Commission that Would Allow All Electors, Regardless of Party Affiliation, to Vote in Partisan Primary Elections (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow explained that the City of Satellite Beach has requested that the City support Proposal No. 11 of the Constitution Revision Commission. In an effort to bolster voter turnout, this Proposal would allow all electors, regardless of party affiliation, to vote in partisan primary elections. If Council deems it appropriate to support this Proposal, then a Resolution will be drafted for consideration at a future Council meeting similar to the one that was adopted by Satellite Beach. Mayor Price and Councilman Forester expressed support for the initiative; Councilwoman Martin stated that she was opposed because she believes that if an individual wants to vote in the primary election, then he or she should declare his or her party affiliation.

Councilman Forester moved to support Proposal No. 11 of the Constitution Revision Commission and to authorize the City Attorney to draft a Resolution for presentation to Council at a subsequent meeting; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Smith, Ferguson, Daski and Forester. Voting against the motion: Councilwoman Martin.

- B. Action Item: Discussion Concerning Support for Brevard County Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 18-023, Allowing Municipalities to Regulate Efforts to Alleviate Harm Caused by Auxiliary Containers, Wrappings and Plastic Bags (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow indicated that Brevard County has requested that the City support a Resolution that would allow municipalities to regulate efforts that would alleviate harm to wildlife caused by auxiliary containers, wrappings and plastic bags. Specifically, this Resolution demonstrates support for House Bill 6039 and Senate Bill 1014 and was transmitted by the County to the members of the Brevard County Legislative Delegation. The Legislative Session has since concluded, but Council may wish to consider going on record in support of the effort by adopting a Resolution similar to Brevard County's 18-023. City Manager Fettrow provided additional information on the dangers of such wrappings and plastics to sea turtles and other marine life. Councilman Forester noted that, in addition to being an important environmental issue, it is also a matter of preserving home rule.

Councilman Daski moved to support the efforts of Brevard County and to authorize the City Attorney to draft a Resolution for presentation to Council at a subsequent meeting; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion passed unanimously (6).

C. Action Item: Approval of City Attorney Engagement Contract for the Period June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2021 (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow stated that City Attorney Miniclier has submitted his Engagement Contract for the period from June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2021, for consideration. There are nominal increases in the costs for each of the three years, and the City Attorney has requested that he be provided with the City health insurance benefit. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Forester moved to approve the City Attorney Engagement Contract, including the City health insurance benefit, for the period from June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2021; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed without objection (6).

12. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Gail Stewart-Iles, 1 Sweet Street, noted that she had previously addressed Council concerning the placement of a bus stop at the Rockledge Square shopping plaza on U.S. Highway 1 and stated that she believes such a stop is still warranted. Mayor Price responded that the former owners of the shopping plaza were not interested in placing a bus stop on their property but that the City Manager can explore the issue, as there may now be different owners. Ms. Stewart-Iles also mentioned the nuisance of cigarette butts and the dangers of plastic bags and wrappings to feral cats. Councilman Forester noted that educating the community by providing information in parks and other places on the hazards of harmful materials that do not disintegrate could perhaps be researched.

13. REPORTS

A. City Manager Reports

- City Manager Fettrow reported that:
 - The City recently hosted a stakeholders' meeting with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization, City of Cocoa, Brevard Public Schools, and other interested agencies, regarding SR 519, Fiske Boulevard. Budgeted for 2021 is a project referred to as the "3 Rs" – resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation – that would entail repaving, adding bike lanes, and closing any gaps in the sidewalks along Fiske Boulevard. Street lights are being considered between Barnes Boulevard and Roy Wall Boulevard. The City Manager emphasized the City's opposition to roundabouts at Fiske and Roy Wall and Fiske and Levitt Parkway. It appears that Roy Wall currently meets the FDOT criteria for a traffic light and that Levitt Parkway is also close to qualifying for a signal. There was also discussion with regard to the alignment of the Martin Road intersection. A public meeting, which the City has offered to host, will potentially be held within 60 to 90 days.
 - Two members of Council spoke with her, individually, with regard to increasing security at public schools in Rockledge. Public Safety Director LaSata has presented solutions for enhancing the presence of law enforcement, which include having a marked patrol car on school property every day in the morning, just before starting time, and at the end of the

day as school is being dismissed. Further, in addition to the School Resource Officers that are already in place, there will be scheduled walkthroughs with law enforcement personnel to increase police presence. These measures can be implemented quickly and at no additional cost and will help to ensure the safety of the students. There will be a meeting on April 25, 2:30 p.m., at Rockledge High School on this topic.

- The 14th Annual Cocoa YMCA Prayer Breakfast is slated for April 20, 7:30 a.m., at the Cocoa Civic Center. Utilizing personal funds, she will be purchasing a table and all Council members are invited to attend.
- A successful team-building exercise was recently held that provided for much-needed landscaping and beautification at City Hall.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- None

C. Reports from the Dais

- City Attorney Miniclier expressed gratitude to the Mayor and members of Council for their laudatory remarks and noted that he will continue to perform to the highest of his ability.
- Councilwoman Martin stated that the recent “Fire Ops 101” training program offered by the Public Safety Department provided her with a whole new appreciation for fire personnel.
- Councilman Smith:
 - Commended City Manager Fettrow and Public Works Director Poole for their efforts with regard to the Virginia Park project and stated that the residents of the neighborhood are extremely pleased.
 - Informed Council that he would not be attending the meeting on April 18.
- Councilman Ferguson reported that he:
 - Is pleased to hear that school safety and security will be enhanced.
 - Will attend the annual Cocoa YMCA Prayer Breakfast at the invitation of the City Manager.
 - Thoroughly enjoyed Fire Ops 101.
- Councilman Daski indicated that:
 - The new landscaping at City Hall looks tremendous and was long overdue.
 - Fire Ops 101 was an incredible experience and that it was a good and fun, but hard, day.
- Councilman Forester:
 - Remarked that Fire Ops 101 was tiring but fun.
 - Expressed thanks to Public Safety Director LaSata for his prompt response with regard to increasing school safety.

- Mentioned the recent ribbon cutting for Barnes Boulevard and the dedication of David Henderson Way, so named for longtime Assistant City Manager David Henderson.
- Stated that he enjoyed the Doctors' Day ceremony at Rockledge Regional Medical Center.
- Mayor Price echoed the sentiments offered with regard to Fire Ops 101.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk