
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 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:	Matthew Trine	Finance Director
	Alexandra Bernard	Planning Director
	Stephen H. Wilson	Community Advocate
	Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	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 Councilwoman Martin.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting on May 2, 2018

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 2, 2018; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Price

1. Special Recognition – Seniors from Rockledge High School

a) Salutatorians

(1) Dimple Gajjar

(2) Danielle Klein

b) Valedictorian

(1) Hannah Schaefer

Mayor Price, along with Mrs. Theresa Abruzzo-Price, recognized and congratulated the Rockledge High School Class of 2018 Salutatorians, Dimple Gajjar and Danielle Klein, and Valedictorian, Hannah Schaefer. Rockledge High School Principal Victoria Hickey was also present. The students were awarded Certificates of Commendation and City pins. The Mayor and Council members expressed congratulations.

B. Brevard Heritage Council, Special Recognition and Award, Old St. Mary's Church

Ms. Pace Hill of the Brevard Heritage Council presented the City with an award and banner for the Old St. Mary's Church in recognition of the City's efforts to carefully preserve this local historic site and to share its rich history with the community. Accepting the award from the Brevard Heritage Council was Mayor Price, who expressed appreciation for the recognition.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- Month of April 2018

Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of April 2018; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Forester offered a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S (FEMA) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) GRANT PROGRAM FOR DECLARED PRESIDENTIAL DISASTERS AND FOR THE PORTION OF QUALIFYING COSTS THAT ARE MATCHED BY THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR FUNDING, AND ANY OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTATION AND TO EXPEND MATCHING FUNDS TO COMPLY WITH THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" and moved to waive the reading and adopt the Resolution; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Smith, 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:

- Fire Employees Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 15, 2018
- General Employees Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 15, 2018
- Police Employees Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 15, 2018
- Business Development Committee, Minutes of Meeting on April 24, 2018
- Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on May 1, 2018

The motion was seconded by Councilman Daski and passed unanimously (7).

- A. Fire Employees Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 15, 2018
- B. General Employees Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 15, 2018
- C. Police Employees Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 15, 2018
- D. Business Development Committee, Minutes of Meeting on April 24, 2018
- E. Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on May 1, 2018
- F. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

- None

2. Appointments

a) Planning Commission

Public Relations Officer and City Clerk Nicholas explained that, currently, there are two vacancies on the Planning Commission and that two applications have been received from Karen Kuta and Adam Copenhaver. Terms of service are for three years.

Councilman Forester moved to appoint Adam Copenhaver by acclamation to the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed without objection (7).

b) Business Development Committee

City Clerk Nicholas indicated that there are currently three vacancies on the Business Development Committee. One application has been received from Adam Copenhaver. Terms of service are for two years.

Councilman Daski moved to appoint Adam Copenhaver by acclamation to the Business Development Committee; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed without objection (7).

c) The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board

The City Clerk reported that, at present, there are two vacancies on The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board, and one application has been received from Adam Copenhaver. Terms of service are for three years.

Councilman Forester expressed apprehension with regard to appointing the applicant, Adam Copenhaver, to more than two boards at the same time. There was consensus among Council members that it would be more pragmatic to delay an appointment to the T.R.E.E. Board until additional applications are received.

No action was taken by Council.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:

- A. Approval: Interlocal Agreement, Brevard County Board of County Commissioners and City of Rockledge, Save Our Indian River Lagoon Local Infrastructure Surtax (City Manager)
- B. Approval: Memorandum of Understanding, Brevard County School Board and City of Rockledge, School Resource Officers (Public Safety Department)
- C. Approval: Purchase of Police Radios (Public Safety Department)
- D. Approval: Memorandum of Understanding, Coastal Florida Police Benevolent Association (PBA) and City of Rockledge, Appointment to Position of Fire Inspector/Plan Reviewer (City Manager)

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update: Valencia Fishing Pier/Dock

City Manager Fettrow stated that, in April, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners approved a loan from its Insurance Fund to complete a number of projects, including the Valencia Fishing Pier/Dock that was damaged as a result of Hurricane Irma. The cost of the Valencia Dock project is estimated to be \$67,500.00, and Brevard County Parks & Recreation, Facilities Construction, anticipates a minimum of nine months before the project can be started. The Valencia Dock is Project No. 18 out of 18 projects for District 4 Parks & Recreation. As contractors are secured, repairs will begin to be made in the order set forth on the list.

Nancy Forestiere, 32 Fernwood Drive, inquired about the loan for the project. City Manager Fettrow explained that, although application has been made to FEMA for reimbursement, there is no guarantee that FEMA will provide reimbursement for any of these projects. The City Manager further clarified that the City of Rockledge is not obtaining the loan; rather, Brevard County has approved a loan from its Insurance Fund to begin the repairs. Ms. Forestiere also requested that additional measures are taken to reinforce and secure the damaged dock in an effort to avoid injury and liability.

B. Action Item: Purchase of New 2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle
(Public Safety Department)

City Manager Fettrow explained that the Public Safety Department is requesting approval to purchase a new 2018 Ford police interceptor utility vehicle from the Florida Sheriff's Association State Bid List. The total purchase price, which is \$29,680.00, also includes a variety of state-of-the-art electronic equipment valued at \$11,100.00 that will be installed at no additional cost by a different company.

Councilwoman Martin inquired as to whether there were any potential issues with regard to liability. The City Attorney will work with the City Manager and Public Safety Director LaSata to confirm that everything is adequately protected and insured.

Councilman Smith moved to approve the purchase of the 2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

12. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

13. REPORTS

A. City Manager Reports

- City Manager Fettrow reported that:
 - The City has hired a new building inspector, who will start on May 22.
 - An annual ethics training class will be offered in Satellite Beach on Wednesday, August 8.
 - Nominations are being accepted for the Florida League of Cities E. Harris Drew Award and are due by July 13.
 - Finance Director Matthew Trine will be the Acting City Manager during her absence beginning on Thursday, May 24, and through the Memorial Day weekend.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- Month of May 2018

Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated May 1, 2018; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (7).

City Attorney Miniclier reported that, as a result of the Executive Session on May 2, a final judgment has been drafted; however, the attorney that is representing the plaintiff is on vacation.

The City Attorney also referenced correspondence that he and the City Manager received from Capital Trust Agency dated May 7, 2018. The company wants to borrow up to \$35 million in bonds for a senior-living project in Rockledge, being developed through Premium Edge LLC, and is attempting to obtain federal tax-exempt status. In order to acquire such status, public approval, through a public hearing, is required. There is nothing in

state statute that requires Council involvement in this process; the tax-exempt status is issued by the federal government, not an agency of the State of Florida. Authorization was requested to contact Capital Trust Agency for additional information.

Councilman Hartselle moved to authorize the City Attorney to obtain additional information from Counsel representing Capital Trust Agency and report back to Council and to also take the matter before the Business Development Committee for review; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed unanimously (7).

C. Reports from the Dais

- Councilwoman Martin inquired about the Barton Commons shopping center and whether anything has transpired. City Manager Fettrow indicated that the Center has been sold and that the City is optimistic about the new management.
- Councilman Hartselle stated that he attended the May 14, 2018, Space Coast League of Cities meeting with Councilwoman Martin and the City Manager and referenced a legislative report.
- Councilman Smith congratulated Councilman Hartselle for participating in the graduation at Eastern Florida State College as an instructor and faculty member.
- Councilman Forester stated that he was pleased to hear about the positive meeting that was held concerning the new Fire Station.
- Mayor Price stated that he will be having surgery on Friday, May 25, and will not be able to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk