
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

PRESENT:	Thomas J. Price	Mayor
	Michael 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

STAFF PRESENT:	Matthew Trine	Assistant City Manager & Finance Director
	Alexandra Bernard	Planning Director
	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

- At the invitation of Councilman Ferguson, the invocation was given by Father Chuck Dixon, Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Charismatic Episcopal Church, 854 Cardinal Avenue.

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 May 20, 2020

Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 20, 2020; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Price

1. Award For Second Quarter 2020

a. Employee of the Quarter

- Evan Werner, Line Maintenance Tech III, Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department

Mayor Price recognized Evan Werner, Line Maintenance Tech III, Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Department, as the recipient of the Employee of the Quarter Award for the second quarter of 2020. Mr. Werner was presented with a gift certificate and a Certificate of Commendation, and the Mayor and Councilmembers extended congratulations.

NOT AN AGENDA ITEM

Councilman Cadore introduced and recognized several area principals from local schools in the audience. Principals introduced themselves and shared their gratitude for the continued support they've received from the community as well as the City. Mayor and Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for school administration and their efforts throughout the last several weeks as schools have adjusted to guidelines related to COVID-19. Commemorative City pins were gifted to all principals in attendance.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance: Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1776-2020, ZDA-20-01, Rezoning 804 Angela Avenue

Councilman Ferguson offered Ordinance No. 1776-2020 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE R3

(MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING [HIGH DENSITY]) DISTRICT TO THE RMU (REDEVELOPMENT MIXED USE) DISTRICT IN PLANNING DISTRICT 5 OF APPROXIMATELY .25 ACRES LOCATED AT 804 ANGELA 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 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 second reading of the Ordinance by title only and to open the matter for public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (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 public hearing.

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 Councilwoman Martin. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Cadore, Ferguson, Martin, Forester, Daski and Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (7).

- B. Ordinance: Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1777-2020, ZDA-20-02, Rezoning Approximately 0.23 Acres at 802 Angela Avenue

Councilman Daski offered Ordinance No. 1777-2020 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE R3 (MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING [HIGH DENSITY]) DISTRICT TO THE RMU (REDEVELOPMENT MIXED USE) DISTRICT IN PLANNING DISTRICT 5 OF APPROXIMATELY .23 ACRES LOCATED AT 802 ANGELA 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 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 second reading of the Ordinance by title only and to open the matter for public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (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 public hearing.

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 Councilwoman Martin. 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 meeting:

- Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Special Meeting on May 7, 2020

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

- A. Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Special Meeting on May 7, 2020 (no recommendation)
- B. Reappointments and Appointments
 - None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Appointment of Permanent City Clerk & Public Relations Officer (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow explained that, at the City Council meeting on February 5, 2020, Council accepted the resignation of former City Clerk & Public Relations Officer Nicholas, effective February 7, 2020. At the same meeting, Council appointed Deputy City Clerk LeVasseur as Acting City Clerk & Public Relations Officer for a period of 120 days and authorized City Manager Fettrow to use discretion to handle the position accordingly. As of June 3, 2020, Acting City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur will have served in an Acting role for 117 days. A summary of Acting City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur's accomplishments was shared with Council. City Manager Fettrow is asking for Council consideration of

the appointment of Acting City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur to the permanent position of City Clerk & Public Relations Officer, as this is a Chartered position.

Councilman Forester made a motion to appoint Jennifer LeVasseur as City Clerk & Public Relations Officer; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).

City Attorney Miniclier administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur.

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of this consent business item:

- A. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property, 1967 Keiser Truck, and Authorization to Sell or Scrap Said Property (Department of Public Safety)

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

- None

12. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

13. REPORTS

A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow reported that she met with an interested party regarding the possible sale of the properties south of City Hall next to Circle K. She requested Council authorization to negotiate and utilize the City Attorney's services as needed.

Councilman Forester moved to allow City Manager Fettrow to enter into negotiations on the described properties; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion carried unanimously (7).

- A peaceful protest has been scheduled for Thursday, June 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. Councilmembers are welcome to attend.
- A March for Justice has been scheduled for Saturday at 3:00 p.m., with the route beginning at the Barton Boulevard and Fiske Boulevard intersection. The route will travel north on Fiske Boulevard and will terminate at the Fiske Boulevard and State Road 520 intersection.
- City Manager Fettrow announced that the first Council Finance and Budget Committee will be held on June 10 at 5:30 p.m.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- None

C. Reports from the Dias

- City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur thanked the Council for her permanent appointment and reminded Councilmembers about submitting their Form 1 Financial Affidavits.
- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Shared his appreciation for Councilman Cadore's invitation for area principals to attend the Council meeting.
 - Thanked Father Dixon for giving the invocation and recognized Pastor Sylvester Jones, Cocoa, in attendance.
 - Congratulated City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur on her appointment.
 - Shared a prayer in response to current events and community unrest.
- Councilman Hartselle:
 - Noted that he physically attended church for the first time in weeks with social distancing measures in effect.
 - Expressed his happiness in seeing area principals in the audience.
- Councilman Cadore:
 - Lauded the Council for their support in recognizing the area principals in the audience.
 - Echoed congratulations to the newly appointed City Clerk & Public Relations Officer.
 - Recognized Alberta Wilson and Kendall Moore in the audience and thanked them for attending.
 - Thanked area principals in the audience for attending the meeting, sharing remarks, and providing leadership to students.
- Councilman Daski:
 - Echoed congratulatory remarks to City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur and praised her social media efforts.
 - Thanked the principals in the audience, noting that his daughter is a product of Rockledge schools and now serves her community as a teacher.

- Acknowledged that the community is facing difficult times right now, but we will get through it together. Former Councilman Dick Blake's pride in the Rockledge City Council's respect for one another regardless of disagreements serves as an example of how everyone should act. A moment of silence and reflection was held in memory of all who have been hurt, killed, maimed or injured.
- Councilwoman Martin:
 - Shared congratulatory remarks with the newly appointed City Clerk & Public Relations Officer.
 - Echoed thanks to area principals for attending the meeting, and shared that she's looking forward to middle school and high school basketball season.
 - Commended Mayor Price and City Manager Fettrow for their continued updates on current issues, as citizens look to us and should be able to go to our website and social media channels for accurate and up to date information.
 - Recognized Alberta Wilson in the audience.
 - Remains prayerful for upcoming peaceful protests, noting that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," in the words of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Councilman Forester:
 - Thanked area principals for attending the meeting.
 - Noted that Councilmembers don't always agree, but their disagreements are civil.
 - Remarked that demonstrators throughout the country need to be careful that their actions allow their point to be made. Listening to one another, understanding concerns, and taking positive action will be good first steps, but improvement will require a lot of follow-up. We as a community are not where we need to be, and we need to figure out how to get there by listening to one another.
 - Echoed congratulations to City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur.
- Mayor Price:
 - Echoed gratitude for the area principals present in the audience, along with Kendall Moore and Alberta Wilson.
 - Congratulated City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur on her appointment.

- Announced that the weekly Mayor’s Message will be changing beginning this week. Councilmembers will be special guests based on their scheduled invocation week. Councilmembers will share information about Council meeting actions, current City events and news, and a personal message.
- Noted that several Councilmembers will be participating in the upcoming peaceful demonstrations.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST:

City Clerk