
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 6, 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/Interim Assistant City Manager
Alexandra Bernard	Planning Director
Stephen H. Wilson	Community Advocate
Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
Donna Seyferth	Deputy Chief of Police
Michael Jarusiewicz	Public Works Assistant 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 Forester, the invocation was given by Councilman Ferguson.

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

- Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 16, 2018

Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2018; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

At the request of Mayor Price, who was recovering from surgery and utilizing crutches, the presentations were made by Deputy Mayor Forester.

A. Deputy Mayor Forester

1. Quarterly Awards, Second Quarter 2018

a) Employees of the Quarter

- Chris Dyer, I.T. Coordinator, and Jeoff Bispham, I.T. Technician, I.T. Division

Deputy Mayor Forester recognized Chris Dyer, I.T. Coordinator, and Jeoff Bispham, I.T. Technician, as the co-recipients of the Employee of the Quarter Award for the second quarter of 2018. Mr. Dyer and Mr. Bispham were presented with a gift certificate and a framed Certificate of Commendation, along with the congratulations of the Council.

b) Beautification Awards

- Commercial: Pullman West, 100 Eyster Boulevard

Pullman West, formerly known as The East Coast Cabinet Company, 100 Eyster Boulevard, was selected by The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement Board to receive the Excellence in Commercial Beautification Award for the second quarter of 2018. Accepting the award from Deputy Mayor Forester were Billy and Terri Pentz.

- Residential: David and Janet Hartzell, 910 Preakness Place

Deputy Mayor Forester recognized David and Janet Hartzell, whose home at 910 Preakness Place was selected by The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement Board to receive the Excellence in Residential Beautification Award for the second quarter of 2018. Because they were out of state, the Hartzells were unable to be present at the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- None

8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

- Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on May 10, 2018
- The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board, Minutes of Meeting on May 10, 2018
- Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on May 23, 2018

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

- A. Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on May 10, 2018 (no recommendation)
- B. The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board, Minutes of Meeting on May 10, 2018 (no recommendation)
- C. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on May 23, 2018

1. Recommendation: Contract for Purchase of Property, East Side of U.S. Highway 1, South of Barton Avenue

...recommend the purchase of property on the east side of U.S. Highway 1, South of Barton Avenue....

City Manager Fettrow informed Council that the City Attorney has reviewed the contract and that it is in order. The purchase price of the property is \$45,000.00.

Councilman Daski moved to approve the recommendation; seconded by Councilman Hartselle.

It was noted that the motion should contain language that will authorize the City Manager to execute the contract at the appropriate time.

Councilman Hartselle withdrew his second; Councilman Daski withdrew his motion.

Councilman Daski moved to approve the recommendation and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract at the appropriate time; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed without objection (7).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:

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

- B. Approval: Letter Supporting Carson & Long Family Reunion (City Manager)
- C. Approval: Bid Award, Window Restoration Project at Rockledge Municipal Building, Phase I (City Manager)
- D. Approval: Continuing Services Agreement, McCombs Tree Service (Department of Public Works)

The motion was seconded by Councilman Ferguson and passed without objection (7).

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Travel Authorization, Florida League of Cities (FLC) Annual Conference, August 16 through 18, 2018, Hollywood, Florida (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow reported that the annual conference of the Florida League of Cities is scheduled to take place from August 16 to August 18, 2018, at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, Florida. Councilmembers Smith, Hartselle and Ferguson expressed interest in attending, and there was consensus that the City Manager should also attend.

Councilman Forester moved to approve the travel authorization for any interested Councilmembers and the City Manager to attend the Florida League of Cities Conference, August 16 through August 18, 2018; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

- B. Action Item: Designation of Voting Delegate for the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Annual Conference, August 16 through 18, 2018 (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow stated that the by-laws of the Florida League of Cities require City Council to designate a Voting Delegate for the Florida League of Cities Conference in August 2018. The Voting Delegate form must be completed and returned to the League; however, a Resolution is not required.

Councilman Forester moved to designate Councilman Ferguson to serve as the Voting Delegate at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in August 2018; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (7).

12. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Carolyn Miller, 971 Bougainvillea Drive; Mary Kammerer, 970 Bougainvillea Drive; and Stephon Farrow, 967 Bougainvillea Drive, addressed Council with regard to a problematic nearby property. The residents have contacted the Code Enforcement Division and also the landlord of the property, and there has been no resolution to the situation. Mayor Price advised the residents to work with the Deputy Chief of the Public Safety Department and the Community Advocate. Mr. Farrow also mentioned an issue with the drainage on his property; the City Manager will discuss the situation with the Public Works Director.

13. REPORTS

A. City Manager Reports

- City Manager Fettrow reported that:
 - Members of Council should notify her as soon as possible if they are interested in obtaining tickets to the annual July 4 fireworks.
 - The owners of an ice cream shop have expressed interest in purchasing three of the four City-owned parcels that were acquired by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The initial step in the process is to obtain an appraisal of the parcels. If the appraisal is completed in a timely fashion, the item could potentially be presented to the CRA Board of Commissioners on June 27 and, if recommended for approval, be placed on the July 18 City Council agenda.

Councilman Ferguson moved to authorize the City Manager to proceed with obtaining an appraisal of the parcels; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

- Matthew Trine has been named Interim Assistant City Manager and will also continue to serve as Finance Director.
- State Representative Randy Fine will be hosting an “Unfunded Mandate Roundtable” on June 12 at West Melbourne City Hall at 3:00 p.m.
- A letter was received from Wanda Schultz and the Rockledge Open Space and Conservation (ROC) Foundation, which expressed gratitude for the City’s support following the loss of former Councilman and Mayor Larry L. Schultz.
- Saturday, June 9, is the City Employee Charity Golf Tournament at Turtle Creek Golf Club; the Finance & Budget Committee will meet on June 13 at 5:30 p.m.; and the annual Volunteer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 16, in the dining room of Rockledge Regional Medical Center.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- None

C. Reports from the Dais

- City Attorney Miniclier
 - Reported that the forfeiture settlement has been signed and the funds will be disbursed accordingly.
 - Noted that the company requesting the City to hold a public hearing so that it can obtain \$35 million in tax-free bonds is not an isolated incident; similar requests are being made statewide. The City Attorney will continue to pursue an IRS opinion or a decision from a federal court case in order to determine legality.
- Councilman Hartselle commented on the success of the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27 and also noted that the Public Safety awards on May 19

were exceptional but that more individuals need to be made aware of the event and the Department's accomplishments.

- Councilwoman Martin stated that she attended the Memorial Day program and complimented the Community Band of Brevard on its performance.
- Councilman Ferguson reported that he:
 - Is looking forward to the Florida League of Cities conference in August.
 - Enjoyed the remarks offered by the outstanding speakers at the Memorial Day Ceremony.
 - Will be attending the Space Coast League of Cities Dinner on Monday, June 11.
- Councilman Daski:
 - Congratulated Matthew Trine on his accomplishment.
 - Commented on the progress of the land clearing for the future Civic Hub.
 - Reported that the 9/11 Ceremony is coming together well.
 - Expressed appreciation to the Department of Public Safety, both the Police & Fire Divisions, on extinguishing the recent house fire on Beechfern Lane and for safeguarding the neighboring homes.
- Councilman Forester noted that:
 - He enjoyed the Public Service awards and the amount of teamwork that the employees display.
 - The Movie in the Park event went well, even with the threat of inclement weather.
 - Echoed the comments regarding the Memorial Day Ceremony and indicated that it should perhaps be held indoors on a regular basis.
- Mayor Price congratulated Matthew Trine and thanked Deputy Mayor Forester for stepping in for him at the Memorial Day Ceremony and during this evening's Council presentations.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk