
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 17, 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 Councilwoman Martin, the invocation was given by Pastor Diana Hicks, The Apostolic Church of Jesus, New Deliverance Ministries in Cocoa.

NOT AN AGENDA ITEM

Mayor Price recognized Principal Katrina Hudson, Golfview Elementary Magnet School, who was unable to attend the June 3, 2020 City Council meeting to be recognized with other area principals. Principal Hudson shared a few words regarding the challenges that students have faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Price presented Principal Hudson with a commemorative City pin.

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 June 3, 2020

Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 3, 2020; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. BusinessFlare

- Economic Development Strategy, Barton Boulevard and Florida Avenue Redevelopment Subdistricts

Kevin Crowder, Owner; Kent Bonde, Senior Redevelopment Associate; Farrell Tiller, Economic Development Associate; and Jackie Gonzalez, BusinessFlare, 1175 NE 125th Street, Suite 601, Miami, Florida, presented the recommendations for the Economic Development Strategy for the Barton Boulevard and Florida Avenue Subdistricts. The overall vision for revitalization of the area was presented, along with initiatives and projects to enhance economic growth and to improve the quality of life.

Councilmembers shared positive feedback with BusinessFlare representatives, noting that the City would be interested in developing a Phase 2 plan to be implemented prior to when the Community Redevelopment Agency sunsets in 2026.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- May 2020

Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of May 2020; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- None

8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

A. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

- None

2. Appointments

a. Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment currently has four vacancies (two regular members and two alternate members). One application has been received from Chelsea Anderson. Terms of service are for three years.

Councilman Ferguson moved to appoint Chelsea Anderson to the Board of Adjustment; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed without objection (7).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: City Attorney Annual Performance Evaluation (City Manager)

The tabulation of the annual performance evaluation forms for the City Attorney resulted in an overall job performance rating of 4.91 out of a possible 5.0, which equates to a rating of "Superior." Councilmembers were encouraged to meet with City Attorney Miniclier with any questions or comments.

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

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:

- A. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property, 1999 Allman Solar Message Board Trailer, and Authorization to Scrap Said Property (Department of Public Safety)
- B. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property, Two (2) Public Works Trailers, and Authorization to Scrap Said Property (Public Works Department)

- C. Approval: Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Rockledge and Brevard County, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Funding Assistance (City Manager)

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 reminded Councilmembers that the next City Council meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020 and wished everyone a happy July 4th holiday.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- Month of June 2020

Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated June 1, 2020; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed unanimously (7).

C. Reports from the Dais

- City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur reminded Councilmembers that Form 1s are due to the Supervisor of Elections within the next two weeks.
- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Acknowledged Principal Hudson in the audience and praised her contributions to the community.
 - Expressed his gratitude to Councilmembers and the community for a peaceful and engaging recent protest/march.
- Councilman Hartselle announced that Dr. John Fredrickson, a longtime Kiwanian and key part of the Kiwanis shoe and scholarship programs at Rockledge schools, passed away last week.

- Councilman Cadore:
 - Praised the City's proactivity in releasing information to the community and sharing our stance on current events, as it speaks volumes to our citizens.
 - Recognized Principal Hudson in attendance.
- Councilwoman Martin:
 - Recognized Principal Hudson in attendance and expressed her appreciation for her work in the community.
 - Encouraged Councilmembers to visit and check on Rockledge small businesses during this time, as many are struggling and appreciate the support.
- Councilman Forester noted that a letter was recently sent to Council requesting that the City not defund the police. Councilman Forester explained that residents should not worry about the Rockledge Police Department being defunded, as it is against our Charter to do so, and the current Council is not in support of the idea. The City has been actively working for years to improve our police department, and this ongoing process has resulted in many positive, lasting changes and a more diverse workforce.
- Mayor Price announced that Councilwoman Martin is the special guest on the Mayor's weekly update video on Friday, June 19.

14. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST:

City Clerk