
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 2, 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 A. 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
John Cooper	Planning Director
Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
C. Kenneth Poole	Public Works Director
Scott Brown	Incoming Public Works Director
James Elmore	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director
Donna Seyferth	Deputy Chief of Police

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas J. Price.

2. INVOCATION

- The invocation was given by Councilman Daski.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting on November 18, 2020

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 18, 2020; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed without objection (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Senator Tom A. Wright

1. Check Presentation – BioSolids Project

Lindsey Swindle, Chief Legislative Aide to Senator Tom A. Wright, presented the City of Rockledge with a \$150,000.00 check for the BioSolids Project. City Manager Fettrow gave a brief background of the project and the efforts to obtain state funding.

B. Mayor Price

1. Janet Moragne

a. Condolence Letter for Ernest Moragne

Mayor Price presented a letter from Council to Apostle Janet Moragne expressing condolences for her husband's passing earlier in the year. Councilman Ferguson shared his sentiments, along with flowers from Faith Temple Christian Center. Apostle Moragne expressed words of gratitude.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution: Renaming Pennsylvania Boulevard (Avenue) as Clarence Rowe Avenue (TABLED – November 18, 2020)

Councilman Hartselle moved to remove the item from the table; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed unanimously (7).

City Manager Fettrow explained that additional information was provided for Council's consideration, including a cost estimate for residents, correspondence from Brevard County E911, and letters of support from Dr. Barbara Moore; Former Brevard County Commissioner Truman Scarborough; community pastors; and Alberta Wilson, President, National Congress of Black Women, Inc. – Space Coast Chapter, along with a list of

resident (who reside on Pennsylvania Avenue) signatures in support of the renaming.

Gene Hinton, 410 Pennsylvania Avenue, expressed his support of Mr. Rowe and suggested honoring him with a greater memory instead of a residential street. Mr. Hinton described Pennsylvania Avenue as a peaceful street and a community of supportive neighbors.

Councilwoman Martin explained that she began obtaining signatures in support of the renaming in July, and her vision for the renaming was to maintain the heritage and history of the street.

Councilwoman Martin offered a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, RENAMING AS "CLARENCE ROWE AVENUE" THE STREET SHOWN AS "PENNSYLVANIA BOULEVARD" ON THE PLAT OF CARBONI PARK RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 84, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA" and moved to waive the reading and adopt the Resolution; seconded by Councilman Cadore. A call for discussion was made.

Councilman Daski explained that he is in support of the renaming, but he is concerned about setting a precedent for future renamings. City Attorney Miniclier explained that the City's responsibilities beyond adopting the Resolution include notifying various County entities as well as replacing the directional street signs. Resident responsibilities that would accompany a street renaming were discussed.

Planning Director Cooper confirmed that residents would have several responsibilities subsequent to the street renaming, and the proposed new name has been reserved with the County. Councilmembers discussed additional requirements that should be considered for future renamings.

Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Cadore, Ferguson, Martin, Forester, and Hartselle. Voting against the motion: Councilman Daski. The motion carried with a vote of six (6) "ayes" and one (1) "nay."

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 November 12, 2020
- Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on November 19, 2020

and to consider independently any recommendations contained therein; seconded by Councilwoman Martin and passed unanimously (7).

- A. Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on November 12, 2020 (no recommendation)
- B. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on November 19, 2020

1. Recommendation: Approval of Community Redevelopment Agency Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2021

...recommend to Council approval of Edward Inman as Chair and Janet Monaco as Vice Chair of the Rockledge Community Redevelopment Agency for the calendar year 2021...

Councilman Daski moved to accept the recommendation; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed without objection (7).

2. Recommendation: Approval of Engagement Letter, Fiscal Year 2020 Auditing Services, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC

...approve the engagement letter with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC for Fiscal Year 2020 auditing services and forward the recommendation to City Council...

City Manager Fettrow explained that this recommendation was due to a legislative change that required Community Redevelopment Agencies to conduct an independent audit separate from the municipal audit.

Councilman Ferguson moved to accept the recommendation; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion passed unanimously (7).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of this consent business item:

- A. Approval: Generator Fuel System Replacement Cost Increase (Originally Approved October 7, 2020), Tank Wizards, Inc. (Wastewater Treatment Department)

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martin and passed without objection (7).

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Appointment of 2021 Voting Delegate/Director and Alternate Voting Delegate/Director for Space Coast League of Cities (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow explained that the bylaws of the Space Coast League of Cities (SCLOC) require municipalities to appoint a voting delegate/director and alternate voting delegate/director for the SCLOC each December. The voting delegate not only serves as the individual who votes at League membership meetings, but he or she also serves as the representative to the SCLOC Board of Directors. The sole function of the alternate voting delegate is to vote in the absence of the voting delegate.

Councilman Daski moved to appoint Councilman Ferguson as the voting delegate/director for the Space Coast League of Cities; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

Councilman Daski moved to appoint Councilman Hartselle to serve as the alternate voting delegate/director for the Space Coast League of Cities; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed without objection (7).

- B. Action Item: Draft Declaration of Restrictive Covenant, Village Green Shopping Center (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow explained that the owner of the Village Green Shopping Center has presented a request to the City to approve a draft Declaration of Restrictive Covenant for approximately one (1) acre of right-of-way located immediately north of the Village Green Shopping Center, which is used for stormwater drainage. For the last 18 years, contamination remediation activities have been performed on the shopping center relating to a former tenant. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has recently concluded that the remaining groundwater contamination is limited to a portion of the shopping center property and the City right-of-way property. In order to address remaining impacts, a risk-based site closure would need to occur, and FDEP requires that a Declaration of Restrictive Covenant be recorded in order to facilitate the closure. City Attorney Miniclier and Public Works Director Poole reviewed the agreement and found it to be in good form and appropriate for the City.

Councilman Daski moved to approve the draft Declaration of Restrictive Covenant and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to approve any future revisions mandated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (7).

John Newton, 1217 S. Riverside, Indialantic, introduced himself as President of Newton Real Estate Group, LLC and shared that the Village Green Shopping Center is in the final stages of a loan process for

purchase. Mr. Newton announced that the site is intended to be a Thrifty Produce & Meats. Councilmembers shared their enthusiasm for the new addition. The owner, Pedro Hernandez, provided a brief explanation of the plan for the store and expressed his excitement to become a part of Rockledge.

12. **PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- None

13. **REPORTS**

A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow introduced Scott Brown, incoming Public Works Director.
- City Manager Fettrow reminded Council of upcoming events:
 - Light Up Rockledge and Festival of Trees, Saturday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Hub.
 - Employee Holiday Dinner, Thursday, December 10th at McLarty Park. This year's dinner will be to-go only, and masks are required.
- City Manager Fettrow noted that the Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parade was cancelled due to low float participation.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- None

C. Reports from the Dias

- Councilmembers collectively welcomed incoming Public Works Director Scott Brown and welcomed Thrifty Produce & Meats to the City.
- City Attorney Miniclier shared that additional motions were filed by opposing counsel in the Watson Paving case, and hearings are scheduled for December and January.
- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Thanked the volunteers who participated in the recent turkey giveaway, noting that the need in the community is still great.
 - Announced a second turkey giveaway, which will be held on December 19th.
 - Shared that he and City Manager Fettrow were selected to serve on the Florida League of Cities Advocacy Committee and look forward to their first meeting on December 9th.

- Thanked Councilmembers for reappointing him as Space Coast League of Cities Voting Delegate.
- Lauded Councilwoman Martin for her efforts with the street renaming.
- Acknowledged retired City of Cocoa Captain Hooks and Mrs. Laura Brown in the audience.
- Councilman Hartselle:
 - Announced that Fred Reitz, member of Kiwanis Club of Rockledge and key participant of the annual Nester Hebert Shoe Fund giveaway passed away.
 - Wished everyone a holy Advent Season.
- Councilman Cadore:
 - Recognized his wife, Cornelia Cadore, in the audience, along with other individuals who were present, including Captain Hooks and Mrs. Laura Brown.
 - Noted that he attended the Public Safety Appreciation Lunch for Public Works and lauded the Department of Public Safety for their efforts.
 - Praised Councilwoman Martin for her vision for the street renaming.
- Councilman Daski:
 - Congratulated the Rockledge Police Department for their newsworthy all female detective team.
 - Expressed gratitude for the Council's cohesion and respect for one another.
- Councilwoman Martin:
 - Recognized her husband, mother and brother in the audience.
 - Thanked Councilmembers and City Manager Fettrow for supporting her efforts to rename Pennsylvania Avenue after Clarence Rowe and expressed her appreciation for the community support. She also requested that the street signs be erected expeditiously due to Mr. Rowe's frail condition.
 - Suggested that longtime Rockledge resident Dr. Maxwell C. King be honored and memorialized in some way within the City, as he was a community trailblazer who paved the way for thousands of individuals to achieve higher education.

- Councilman Forester announced that he will be out of town and will miss the employee dinner and Council Meeting on December 16th.
- Mayor Price shared that he is looking forward to Light Up Rockledge in the Civic Hub.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk