
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

PRESENT:	Thomas J. Price	Mayor
	Dr. 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
	Tara L. Connor	Councilmember, Seat #6
	Wade C. Vose	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	Community Development Director
	Christopher Crawford	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	Victor "VJ" Karycki	Public Works Director
	Elon Poole	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 Apostle Kevin Collie, Temple of Praise, Nassau, Bahamas.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A salute was given to the flag, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting on December 17, 2025

Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 17, 2025; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Guest Presentation

1. David Brubaker, President/CEO, Sharing Center of Central Brevard

a. Annual Holiday Food Drive Recap

David Brubaker, President/CEO of the Sharing Center of Central Brevard, thanked the City for its efforts in the 2025 holiday food drive. Mr. Brubaker reported that the City was once again victorious in the friendly competition against the City of Cocoa. The City of Rockledge collected 36,750 pounds in combined food weight and funds. Mr. Brubaker expressed gratitude to the community partners who helped to make this food drive a success and emphasized the community impact.

B. Mayor Price

1. Employee Awards for 2025

a. Quality Public Service

- Noor Alanazi, City Hall
- Joel Pickel, Public Safety Department, Fire Division
- Kevin Gloude, Public Safety Department, Police Division
- Joanne Conway, Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department
- Christy Moore, Public Works Department

Mayor Price presented the 2025 Quality Public Service Awards to Joel Pickel, Public Safety Department, Fire Division; Kevin Gloude, Public Safety Department, Police Division; Joanne Conway, Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department; and Christy Moore, Public Works Department. Each of the award winners received a commemorative plaque and gift card, as well as the congratulations of the Mayor and Council.

Noor Alanazi, City Hall, was out of the country and unable to accept her award. Her award will be given to her when she returns.

b. Safety Employee of the Year

- o Evan Werner, Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department

Evan Werner, Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Department, was honored as the Safety Employee of the Year for 2025. In recognition of the accomplishment, Evan was presented with a commemorative plaque and gift card. The Mayor and Council expressed congratulations.

c. Employee of the Year

- o Jeffrey Bispham, Information Technology Division

Jeffrey Bispham was honored as the 2025 City of Rockledge Employee of the Year. For his achievement, Jeffrey was presented with a commemorative plaque, gift card, two days of paid personal leave, and a letter of commendation, as well as the congratulations of the Mayor and Council.

2. Mayoral Proclamation

a. 40th Anniversary Celebration, Faith Temple Christian Center

Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation recognizing the 40th anniversary of Faith Temple Christian Center and congratulated the church for achieving this milestone. The Proclamation was presented to Susie Ferguson.

Councilman Forester noted that selecting employees for annual awards is never easy due to the stellar work of employees on a daily basis.

***Mayor Price called for a recess at 6:19 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:26 p.m.*

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

A. December 2025

Councilwoman Martin moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of December 2025; seconded by Councilwoman Connor. 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

a. Planning Commission

Councilwoman Martin moved to reappoint Karen Kuta for an additional term on the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed without objection (7).

2. Appointments

a. Planning Commission

Councilwoman Martin moved to appoint Jacqueline Gonzalez and Antron Cotman to the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried without objection (7).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilwoman Connor moved for approval of these consent business items:

- A. Approval: Interlocal Agreement, City of Cocoa and City of Rockledge, Crossing Guard Services for 2025-2026 School Year (Public Safety Department)
- B. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Said Property, Four (4) Police Vehicles (Public Safety Department)
- C. Approval: Agreement for Bulk Oil, Lubricants Loan and Supply; Greens Energy Services (Public Works Department)
- D. Approval: Agreement for Public Works Department and Wastewater Treatment Department Uniforms; Alsco Uniforms (Public Works Department)
- E. Approval: Extension of Agreement with CareATC, Inc. for Employee Health Center Services (City Manager/Finance Division)
- F. Approval: Furniture, Cabinetry, Installation, and Warranty for City Hall Renovations; American Business Interiors (ABI) (Community Development Department)

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

Councilman Forester asked City Manager Fettrow and Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Trine to include a discussion regarding the employee health center in upcoming Council Finance & Budget Committee meetings.

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT BUSINESS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

None

13. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Reiley Cappelmann, 953 Bayberry Lane, expressed concerns about the large amount of storage units constructed in the area next to neighborhoods, schools, and community areas rather than in industrial areas. She asked if a moratorium could be implemented to delay the construction of storage units in the city until impacts could be evaluated concerning economics, environment, energy, crime, drainage, traffic, and sewer.

Mayor Price explained that the impacts are addressed when a site plan is submitted. He noted that the City cannot tell someone they can't build a storage facility, as property owners have the legal right to do so. Mayor Price explained that storage units are being constructed due to the increase in apartment complexes.

Mayor Price and Councilman Forester reviewed the zoning functions and explained that this type of development is happening everywhere and is not unique to Rockledge. Councilman Forester reported that the impact on city services is lower with a storage facility versus a restaurant. He acknowledged that storage facilities may not be ideal, but owners have property rights.

Councilman Cadore encouraged Mrs. Cappelman to speak to Community Development Director Cooper.

Councilwoman Martin asked if the City has any authority over height restrictions. Community Development Director Cooper explained that the City has the most restrictive requirements in Brevard County respective to storage units. He indicated that 17 qualifications must be met relating to hours, architectural guidelines, height, and permitted usage, among others.

14. REPORTS

A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow:
 - Wished everyone a happy New Year.

- Announced that the annual City Council picture will be taken prior to the February 4th City Council meeting.

B. Reports from the Dais

- City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur wished Mayor Price and Councilmembers safe travels and asked them to return their blue folder and travel documents to her after returning from Tallahassee.
- Councilmembers and City Attorney Vose wished everyone a happy New Year.
- Councilman Cadore:
 - Announced that a 5K race will be held on February 1st to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. The race begins in the Civic Hub.
 - Announced that the annual Lift Every Voice event is scheduled for February 15th in the Civic Hub.
 - Thanked audience members for attending the meeting.
 - Thanked City staff for their work.
 - Served as keynote speaker at the Space Coast Fire Chiefs' Association award ceremony.
- Councilman Daski:
 - Congratulated Jacqueline Gonzalez and Antron Cotman on being appointed to the Planning Commission.
 - Urged the City to be proactive in light of the property tax bills being proposed in the Legislature, as the City will need to identify revenue replacement mechanisms. He encouraged Councilmembers to read the 108-page document released by the Florida League of Cities concerning this topic.
- Councilwoman Martin:
 - Attended the Space Coast League of Cities dinner and board meeting where Councilman Cadore was sworn in as Vice President.
 - Announced that the Space Coast League of Cities Scholarship Committee received 13 applications.
 - Attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Award Ceremony in Melbourne where Rodney Green and Benjamin Cain were honored.
 - Announced that the annual Gospel on the Lawn event is scheduled for April 3rd in the Civic Hub; the FAMU Gospel Choir will be performing again.

- Thanked Antron Cotman and Jacqueline Gonzalez for volunteering to serve on the Planning Commission.
- Thanked audience members for attending the meeting.
- Councilwoman Connor:
 - Thanked Antron Cotman and Jacqueline Gonzalez for volunteering to serve on the Planning Commission.
 - Congratulated the employee award recipients.
 - Attended the Florida League of Cities pre-legislative session webinar.
 - Attended a recent Neighborhood Watch meeting.
 - Attended the Space Coast League of Cities dinner.
- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Highlighted the significance of the City's representation with the Space Coast League of Cities, as Councilwoman Martin is the Voting Delegate, Councilwoman Connor is the Alternate Voting Delegate, and Councilman Cadore is the Vice President.
 - Offered greetings from the City of Rockledge at the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on Monday.
 - Has been participating in Florida League of Cities advocacy calls, where much discussion has taken place concerning property taxes, SB180, and sovereign immunity.
 - Expressed the importance of communicating concerns to legislators and advocating for the community.
 - Thanked audience members for attending the meeting.
- Councilman Forester:
 - Asked to be present at Neighborhood Watch meetings and any other group meetings where he can speak to the public about the proposed property tax changes.
 - Emphasized the significance of property taxes, as they fund approximately 60% of the City's budget, which almost covers the Public Safety Department.
- Mayor Price thanked audience members for attending the meeting and board volunteers for getting involved.

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: -----
City Clerk