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# ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	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

<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Matthew Trine	Assistant City Manager & Finance Director
	John Cooper	Community Development Director
	Christopher Crawford	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	Elon Poole	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director
	Victor "VJ" Karycki	Public Works Director

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

Mayor Price recognized City of Cocoa Mayor Mike Blake in the audience.

## 2. INVOCATION

At the invitation of Councilwoman Martin, the invocation was given by Bishop Daniel Gonzalez, Pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Rockledge.

## 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 January 21, 2026

***Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 21, 2026; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).***

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mayor Price

1. Mayoral Proclamation

- a. Black History Month

Councilman Cadore introduced Benjamin T. Cain, founder of *Brevard Ebony News*, and civil rights activist Rosemary McGill. He summarized the incredible service, contributions, and accomplishments of both individuals.

Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Black History Month. The Proclamation was presented to Ms. McGill and Mr. Cain.

Ms. McGill thanked the City Council for honoring black history and culture. She emphasized that the while audience is diverse, people share more similarities than differences. She encouraged everyone to keep hope alive and to respect and honor each other, as we are all members of the human race.

Mr. Cain thanked the City for recognizing Black History Month. He explained that *Brevard Ebony News* is expanding its reach and invited everyone to a ribbon cutting for the publication.

Nino Lyons thanked the City Council for its recognition of Black History Month. He expressed gratitude to audience members in attendance. Mr. Lyons presented Ms. McGill with flowers and thanked her for her inspiration.

Mayor Price shared a brief story about the late Councilman Richard K. "Dick" Blake. He presented Mayor Blake with a commemorative City pin.

Councilman Forester briefly recounted the late Councilman Joe Lee Smith's advice to remain friends even in times of disagreement.

Ms. McGill explained that she is in the process of writing a book, and she will include this point in time in her writings as she completes her book.

Councilman Cadore recognized Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Crawford and thanked him for opening the Public Safety Headquarters for various meetings.

B. Councilman Cadore

1. Mason Derwitsch, Rockledge Resident

Councilman Cadore recognized Rockledge resident Mason Derwitsch for his exemplary academic career and civic involvement. Mr. Derwitsch has contributed his time to the community through umpiring with Rockledge Little League and volunteering with Keep Brevard Beautiful. He was the Rockledge High School valedictorian in 2022 and has already earned a bachelors and masters degree. He will be entering the United States Air Force in the Hospital Administration/Operations Unit.

Mr. Derwitsch thanked Councilman Cadore for the recognition. He introduced several family members and friends in the audience. Mr. Derwitsch again expressed gratitude to his family, friends, and the City for supporting him.

*\*\*At 6:32 p.m., Mayor Price called for a recess. The meeting reconvened at 6:38 p.m.*

**6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT**

None

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS**

None

**8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

None

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**10. CONSENT BUSINESS**

***Councilwoman Connor moved for approval of these consent business items:***

- A. Approval: Software Subscription for Website PDF Accessibility Compliance, DocAccess (City Clerk's Office)
- B. Approval: Purchase of 2026 Garbage Packer and Claw Truck, Freightliner (Public Works Department)
- C. Approval: Special Event; Space Coast Runners & Running Zone Foundation Marathon and Half-Marathon; November 22, 2026 (City Manager)

- D. Approval: Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation; Paints & Coatings, Inc.  
(Wastewater Treatment Department)
- E. Approval: Lift Station Wet Well Rehabilitation; Paints & Coatings, Inc.  
(Wastewater Treatment Department)

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

## **11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT BUSINESS**

None

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **13. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **14. REPORTS**

### **A. City Manager Report**

- City Manager Fettrow:
  - Announced a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. for the day school located on the Kennedy Middle School property.
  - Reminded the City Council of the Space Coast League of Cities dinner on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Space Coast Health Foundation Center for Collaboration in Rockledge.

### **B. Reports from the Dais**

- Councilman Cadore:
  - Announced that the annual Lift Every Voice event is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> in the Civic Hub.
  - Thanked Community Development Director Cooper and his wife, Renee, for participating in a recent 5K to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank.
  - Thanked the Public Safety Department and Sanitation, Grounds Maintenance & Beautification Division Supervisor Thomas Reed for supporting the 5K.
- Councilman Daski attended the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee, the Health First Emergency Room groundbreaking ceremony, the open house for the Parrish Grove Inn in Cocoa Village, and the memorial service for Bill McKnight.

- Councilwoman Martin attended the Junior Achievement of the Space Coast's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Award Gala, where Attorney Kendall Moore was inducted as an honoree.
- Councilwoman Connor:
  - Attended the Health First Emergency Room groundbreaking ceremony and Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee.
  - Thanked Ms. McGill and Mr. Cain for attending the meeting and serving the community.
- Councilman Ferguson:
  - Shared that the City was complimented several times during Legislative Action Days, as we were the only municipality whose entire governing body attended.
  - Attended the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors Meeting, as well as some Legislative Committee meetings.
  - Gave the invocation on the Senate floor earlier in the day.
- Councilman Forester reported that the trip to Tallahassee was interesting, but successful.

## 15. ADJOURN

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

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**Council Chairman**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City Clerk**