
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on February 16, 2022, 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
	John Cooper	Planning Director
	Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	James Elmore	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director
	James H. Wilson	Deputy Fire Chief
	Tricia T. Olsson	Deputy City Clerk

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

Mayor Price recognized City of Cocoa Councilman Alex Goins and former City of Cocoa Councilwoman Jewel Collins in the audience.

2. INVOCATION

- At the invitation of Councilman Cadore, the invocation was given by Kaylah Robinson, 11th grade student at Rockledge High School.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A salute was given to the flag, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by 10-year-old Briel Blunt, was repeated in unison.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting on February 2, 2022

Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 2, 2022; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Price

A. Mayoral Proclamation

a. Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month

Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation recognizing March 2022 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month. The Proclamation was presented to the Florida Hemophilia Association and accepted by Rockledge resident Pam Williams.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- January 2022

Councilwoman Martin moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of January 2022; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance: First Reading, Amending the Comprehensive Plan by Deleting and Replacing Chapter 9 – Capital Improvements Element

Councilman Ferguson offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE ROCKLEDGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, CHAPTER 9 – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT BY DELETING SAME AND REPLACING IT WITH A REVISED CHAPTER 9 – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT IN THE ROCKLEDGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; DECLARING THAT INVALIDITY OF ANY PORTIONS HEREOF SHALL NOT AFFECT THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," and moved for the first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

Councilman Ferguson moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on March 16, 2022; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried by unanimous vote (7).

- B. Resolution: Naming the Football Field at The McKnight Family Sports Complex as "James Allen Goins Field"

Councilwoman Martin offered a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NAMING THE FOOTBALL FIELD AT THE MCKNIGHT FAMILY SPORTS COMPLEX AS 'JAMES ALLEN GOINS FIELD' " and moved to read the Resolution in its entirety; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the entire Resolution.

Councilwoman Martin moved for adoption of the Resolution; seconded by Councilman Cadore. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Cadore, Ferguson, Martin, Forester, Daski, and Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (7).

Alex Goins, 710 Rosa L. Jones Drive, Cocoa, thanked Councilmembers for honoring his family by renaming the field after his father, James, and shared words of support and affection for his father. Councilmembers offered complimentary remarks and shared stories about James.

At 6:21 p.m., Chairman Price called for a brief recess. Chairman Price reconvened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

- Rockledge Fire Employees and General Employees Retirement Boards, Minutes of Joint Special Meeting on December 3, 2021
- Student Advisory Committee, Minutes of Meeting on February 1, 2022
- Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on February 1, 2022

and to consider independently any recommendation(s) contained therein; seconded by Councilman Hartselle and passed without objection (7).

- A. Rockledge Fire Employees and General Employees Retirement Boards, Minutes of Joint Special Meeting on December 3, 2021 (no recommendation)
- B. Student Advisory Committee, Minutes of Meeting on February 1, 2022 (no recommendation)

C. Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on February 1, 2022

1. Recommendation: Land Development Regulations Update, Part II - Administrative

City Manager Fettrow explained that the proposed updates to the Land Development Regulations are a result of staff review based on recommendations from City Council and the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recommended that the proposed changes be approved.

Councilman Daski moved to approve the proposed updates to the Land Development Regulations, Part II – Administrative section and to direct the City Attorney to draft the requisite Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

D. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments
 - a. Code Enforcement Board

Councilwoman Martin moved to reappoint Franklin Holder and Jeffrey Fee for additional terms on the Code Enforcement Board; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried without objection (7).

2. Appointments
 - o None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- o None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:

- A. Approval: Use of Forfeiture Funds to Purchase Public Safety Gym Equipment (Public Safety Department)
- B. Approval: Amendment to Reclaimed Water Supply Contract, St. Mary's Catholic Church (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- C. Approval: Amendment to Reclaimed Water Supply Contract, Rockledge Gardens (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- D. Approval: Amendment to Reclaimed Water Supply Contract, Rockledge Country Club (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

- A. Action Item: Appointment of New 2022 Voting Delegate/Director and Alternate Voting Delegate/Director for Space Coast League of Cities (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow reminded Councilmembers that Councilman Ferguson and Councilman Hartselle were appointed in December 2021 as Space Coast League of Cities voting delegate and alternate voting delegate, respectively, for calendar year 2022. However, since Councilman Ferguson is now serving as President of the League and already possesses voting rights, League Attorney Paul Gougelman recommended that the City appoint a new voting delegate and alternate voting delegate.

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

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

13. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

14. REPORTS

- A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow:
 - Reported that the City received the agreement for the FEMA fire station hardening grant and requested authorization for Mayor Price to execute the agreement with the caveat that the item would be brought back on March 16th for ratification.

Councilman Daski moved to proceed with the fire station hardening grant; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed without objection (7).

- Shared a flyer with Council advertising the Florida Black Caucus Spring Conference and notified Councilmembers that if they wished to attend, she would need to know by Friday, February 18th so travel arrangements could be made.

- Noted that the COVID-19 monoclonal treatment and testing site administered 1,633 treatments and conducted 16,075 tests from December 9, 2021 through January 29, 2022 when it was located at Rockledge City Center.
- Congratulated Councilman Hartselle and Councilwoman Martin on their appointments as primary and alternate voting delegate, respectively.
- Shared a brief recap of her recent travels to Tallahassee for Legislative Action Days.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- Month of February 2022

Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated February 7, 2022; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (7).

City Attorney Miniclier provided a brief update on cases listed in the report.

C. Reports from the Dais

- Councilwoman Martin:
 - Commended Councilman Ferguson for his first meeting as President of the Space Coast League of Cities.
 - Shared an article from the *Florida Today* newspaper about Black History Month and commented that naming the football field for James Goins was a worthy recognition, especially during Black History Month.
 - Reiterated her desire to see notable community members be recognized by the City, including Dr. Maxwell C. King.
- Councilman Cadore:
 - Traveled to Tallahassee for Legislative Action Days.
 - Announced the "Lift Every Voice" event, which will be held at the Civic Hub on Sunday, February 20th from 2:00 -4:00 p.m., which will feature students from several area schools, as well as a special recognition of Councilman Emeritus Dr. Joe Lee Smith.
 - Shared information about an upcoming community event in April, which will raise funds for Rockledge High School. A flyer will be provided at the next Council meeting.

- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Congratulated Councilman Hartselle and Councilwoman Martin for their appointments as primary and alternate voting delegate.
 - Thanked everyone for the support and words of encouragement as he began his Space Coast League of Cities presidency.
 - Attended the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days and shared bill highlights with Council.
- Councilman Daski:
 - Reminded participants of the Mayor's Fitness Challenge to log exercise minutes and announced that Public Safety Director LaSata will be leading a workout on Saturday, February 19th at 9:00 a.m.
 - Congratulated James Goins for the football field naming recognition.
 - Echoed remarks about recognizing notable figures in Rockledge history.
- Councilman Forester:
 - Offered condolences to the Phelps family on the passing of Steve Phelps.
 - Inquired about the pending bill that would require impact statements for ordinances. City Manager Fettrow provided an update on that bill, along with several others that were of interest to cities.
- Mayor Price:
 - Presented a Proclamation to Chairman Emeritus Richard K. "Dick" Blake on February 6th as part of a Black History Month virtual tribute event.
 - Commended Councilman Ferguson for a job well done at the recent Space Coast League of Cities meeting.

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk