
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on February 18, 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
	Christopher Crawford	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	Victor "VJ" Karycki	Public Works Director
	Elon Poole	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director
	John Cooper	Community Development Director

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

2. INVOCATION

At the invitation of Councilman Forester, the invocation was given by Councilman Ferguson.

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 February 4, 2026

Councilwoman Martin moved for approval of the minutes; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mayor Price

1. Mayoral Proclamation

- a. Flood Awareness Week

Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation recognizing the week of March 9, 2026 as Flood Awareness Week. The Proclamation was presented to the Florida Floodplain Managers Association and accepted by Community Development Director Cooper.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- A. January 2026

Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of January 2026; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance: First Reading, Amending Section 3.1, Optional Forms of Retirement Income, of the Police Employees' Retirement Plan to Provide for an Extension of the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) from Five (5) Years to a Maximum Eight (8) Years of Participation

Councilwoman Martin offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 3.1, OPTIONAL FORMS OF RETIREMENT INCOME, OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE POLICE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM TO A MAXIMUM EIGHT (8) YEARS OF DROP PARTICIPATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE," and moved for the first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried unanimously (7).

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

Councilwoman Martin moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on March 18, 2026; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried by unanimous vote (7).

8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Connor moved to be in receipt of the minutes of the following meeting:

- Police Employees' Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on January 30, 2026

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

A. Police Employees' Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on January 30, 2026 (no recommendation)

B. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

a. Code Enforcement Board

Councilwoman Martin moved to reappoint Kelly Wentworth for an additional term on the Code Enforcement Board; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried without objection (7).

Councilman Cadore recognized Ms. Wentworth's daughter, Sydney, in the audience.

2. Appointments

None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilwoman Connor moved for approval of these consent business items:

- A. Approval: Fence Replacement Surrounding Public Works Compound; East Coast Fence & Guardrail, Inc. (Public Works Department)
- B. Approval: Proposal for Advanced Wastewater Treatment Phase II – 1B; Wharton-Smith, Inc. and Tetra Tech (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- C. Approval: Street Resurfacing Projects for Fiscal Year 2026; VA Paving, Inc. and Goodson Paving, Inc. (Public Works 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

- Mark Haro, 1420 Huntington Lane, explained that he is a victim of the City's administration. In October 2025, his family experienced a catastrophic and preventable loss. Mr. Haro explained that City employees are employed to serve and protect. Mr. Haro asserted that City employees failed on September 14th and must be held accountable, but they have been protected by indemnification. As a result, the subject employees are not incentivized to be transparent. He asserted that the City has utilized a litigation shield to keep the facts of the case private instead of allowing meetings with elected officials. Mr. Haro asked for a private meeting with Mayor Price and Councilman Forester to present facts and review evidence that is being suppressed by employees. He emphasized his request to be heard over the voices of employees who have silenced him.

Mayor Price explained that Mr. Haro cannot simultaneously meet with Mayor Price and Councilman Forester, as it violates the law; however, he agreed to meet with Mr. Haro. He noted that the City Attorney would be present as well.

- Amanda Holland, 454 Colleen Avenue, Palm Bay, explained that she was wrongfully arrested in July 2025, and the case was subsequently thrown out. She has made record requests with the Rockledge Police Department and has not received the information requested. Ms. Holland explained that she has made complaints regarding the officers who brutalized her and has requested investigations. She reported being intimidated by officers whenever she went to the Police Department to check on her requests. Ms. Holland explained that she has emailed Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Crawford four times and has not received a response. She feels that she's being stonewalled.

Mayor Price encouraged Ms. Holland to continue working with the Records Custodians at the Police Department and City Hall. He advised her to contact the City Manager if her concerns are not being resolved.

14. REPORTS

A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow:
 - Announced that the Florida Senate and House of Representatives have released their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. She reported that the City's wastewater project appropriation has been retained in both proposed budgets for \$650,000.00 in the Senate

and \$800,000.00 in the House. The City will continue to lobby for the project funding to remain.

- Will be out of the office on Friday, February 20th, but Assistant City Manager & Finance Director Trine will be present and in charge.

B. Reports from the Dais

○ Councilman Cadore:

- Thanked the City's executive staff for their leadership.
- Thanked audience members for attending the meeting and acknowledged Sydney Wentworth and Angela Neal in the audience.
- Announced that the Rockledge High School graduation ceremony is scheduled for May 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- Reported that the Lift Every Voice event was successful despite a last-minute venue change to Rockledge High School.
- Remarked that the City's hosting of the February Space Coast League of Cities dinner went well.

○ Councilman Daski:

- Congratulated Ms. Wentworth on her reappointment to the Code Enforcement Board.
- Attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Separate Day School in Rockledge and the Neighborhood Watch meetings for Parkstone and Harvest Landing.
- Will be out of town from February 20th through March 1st.

○ Councilwoman Martin:

- Attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Separate Day School, the Central Brevard NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, and the Space Coast League of Cities dinner and board meeting.
- Thanked Ms. Wentworth for volunteering on a board.
- Announced that Joe Robinson's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 21st at 11:00 a.m. at Park Avenue Baptist Church.
- Noted that Reverend Jesse Jackson passed away.
- Commended Community Development Director Cooper for his floodplain management.

- Councilwoman Connor:
 - Reported that she has teamed up with Terri Kulaga and Kristin McBenton to establish a food pantry at Rockledge High School. Last week, over 4,000 items were collected.
 - Attended the Brevard County Continuum of Care general membership meeting, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Separate Day School, the Space Coast League of Cities dinner, the Neighborhood Watch meeting at Harvest Landing, and the Central Brevard NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.
 - Helped pack over 1,600 bags for the Children’s Hunger Project.
- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Commended Councilman Cadore on the success of the Lift Every Voice event.
 - Attended the Parkstone Neighborhood Watch meeting and praised the Public Safety Department for hosting those meetings.
 - Announced that the National Day of Prayer is scheduled for May 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Rockledge City Hall.
 - Wished City Manager Fettrow a happy birthday.
- Councilman Forester wished City Manager Fettrow a happy birthday.
- Mayor Price:
 - Echoed birthday wishes to City Manager Fettrow.
 - Reported that the United States Census indicates that Rockledge’s population is 33,290.

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk