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# ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 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, March 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	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
	Garrett Olsen	City Attorney
	Dr. Brenda Fettrow	City Manager
	Jennifer M. LeVasseur	City Clerk & Public Relations Officer
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Thomas J. Price	Mayor
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Matthew Trine	Assistant City Manager & Finance Director
	John Cooper	Community Development Director
	Elon Poole	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director
	Victor "VJ" Karycki	Public Works Director
	Christopher Crawford	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	Christine Hilty	Assistant Finance Director

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Frank T. Forester.

## 2. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilman Daski.

## 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 18, 2026

***Councilwoman Martin moved to be in acceptance of the minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Connor. The motion carried unanimously (6).***

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS

##### A. Mayor Price

###### 1. Mayoral Proclamation

###### a. Florida Government Finance Professionals Week (*heard after item 5.B.1.*)

Deputy Mayor Forester read aloud a Proclamation recognizing the week of March 16-20, 2026 as Florida Government Finance Professionals Week. The Proclamation was presented to government finance professionals and accepted by Assistant City Manager & Finance Director Trine and Assistant Finance Director Hilty.

Deputy Mayor Forester praised the Finance Division for their diligence.

##### B. Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPAs and Advisors

###### 1. Auditors' Report on the Financial Status of the City (*heard before item 5.A.1.a.*)

Christine Noll-Rhan, Partner; Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPAs and Advisors, Melbourne, presented the results of the audit and provided a report on the positive financial status of the City.

City Manager Fettrow lauded the Finance Division and Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPAs for their work.

***Councilwoman Martin moved to be in receipt of the audit; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion passed without objection (6).***

#### 6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

##### A. February 2026

***Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of February 2026; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (6).***

## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance: Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1944-2026, 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

***Councilman Daski offered Ordinance No. 1944-2026 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 second reading of the Ordinance by title only and to open the matter for public hearing; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).***

City Attorney Olsen read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the second reading. Vice Chairman Forester declared the matter open to the public for discussion.

There being no public comment, Vice Chairman Forester declared the public hearing to be closed.

***Councilman Daski moved for adoption of the Ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. Voting for the motion: Councilmembers Cadore, Ferguson, Martin, Forester, Daski and Connor. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).***

## 8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

***Councilwoman Martin moved to be in receipt of the minutes of the following meetings:***

- Council Finance and Budget Committee, Minutes of Meeting on February 18, 2026
- Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on February 25, 2026

***and to consider any recommendation(s) contained therein; seconded by Councilwoman Connor. The motion passed unanimously (6).***

A. Council Finance and Budget Committee, Minutes of Meeting on February 18, 2026

1. Recommendation: Approval of Proposed Budget Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

...approve the budget calendar for FY2026-2027 including the change of the meeting from July 8<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup>...

***Councilwoman Martin moved to approve the Budget Calendar as presented; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion carried without objection (6).***

B. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on February 25, 2026 (no recommendation)

C. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

None

2. Appointments

- a. Board of Adjustment

***Councilwoman Martin moved to appoint Johnny Cooper as an alternate member on the Board of Adjustment; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (6).***

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**10. CONSENT BUSINESS**

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

- A. Approval: Amendment and Extension of Professional Services Agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- B. Approval: Annual Maintenance Fees, BS&A Enterprise Software (Finance Division)
- C. Approval: Race Management Services Agreement for Fifth Annual Rocktober 5K; Running Zone Race Management (City Manager)
- D. Approval: Installation of Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) Lining; Sunnybrook Lane/Apple Creek Lane and Estridge Drive/Golf Street; Inliner Solutions, LLC (Public Works Department)

- E. Approval: Acceptance of Grant Funds for Department of Public Safety Regional Training Center; Chesapeake Utilities (Public Safety Department)
- F. Approval: Purchase of Axon X10 Conducted Electronic Weapons (Tasers); Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Axon (Public Safety Department)

***The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martin and passed by unanimous vote (6).***

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

None

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

- o Mark Haro, 1420 Huntington Lane, formally requested a recorded public hearing with the City Council to expose the State-created danger caused by employees of the City. He asserted that the Police Division established a 17-day medical blockade via a retaliatory trespass that resulted in the amputation of his cousin's leg. Mr. Haro explained that he attended a meeting with Mayor Price, City Manager Fettrow and City Attorney Vose with the goal of presenting evidence of misconduct. He reported that the meeting was unbiased and was held in violation of the Sunshine Law to shield police officers from scrutiny. Mr. Haro requested a formal public forum with the City Council to present evidence that the administration is trying to bury.

***Councilwoman Martin moved to extend the three-minutes so that we can hear his concerns.***

Councilwoman Martin noted that there are no other means for the City Council to hear Mr. Haro's concerns outside of a public meeting. She asked Mr. Haro what his expectations are from the City.

City Attorney Olsen clarified that there was a motion on the table for consideration.

***Councilwoman Martin's motion died for lack of a second.***

Councilwoman Martin again asked Mr. Haro what he expects from the City. Mr. Haro explained that he wants accountability and for the issue to be looked into. Councilwoman Martin asked if Mr. Haro could put his requests in writing to staff and copy the City Council.

City Attorney Olsen explained that Mr. Haro's time was up and he was given direction by the City Council.

- Alex Goins spoke as President of Rockledge Youth Football and introduced Mel Mitchell as Vice President. He thanked the City Council for the progress at the football building and field and for the City's investment in the league. He invited the City Council to attend a fundraiser on Saturday at Cajun Soul in Cocoa Village, as well as an event on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at McLarty Park.

Mr. Goins also reported an ongoing situation with their partner agreement with Brevard County Parks & Recreation. He has been meeting with Brevard County Commissioners and would like to meet with City representatives to discuss the issue. The league is hoping to amend the agreement in relation to charging fees so that they can recoup funds to go back to the league.

City Manager Fettrow reported that she learned of some of the charge limitations earlier in the day and affirmed that she will be reaching out to help partner with and support the league.

Mr. Goins shared that Rockledge Youth Football was recently billed \$45,000.00 for a three-day tournament, while a rec partner from Georgia was billed \$5,000.00 for the same tournament, and mid-Florida Youth Football was charged \$35,000.00.

Deputy Mayor Forester advised that the City would try to help.

## **14. REPORTS**

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

- City Manager Fettrow asked everyone to be careful on the roads during Spring Break.

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

- Councilman Cadore recognized several scouts in the audience.
- Councilman Daski:
  - Welcomed the scouts in attendance.
  - Attended the Rockledge Little League Opening Day Ceremony.
  - Visited the new Twisted Birch location, which is coming soon on Barton Boulevard.
- Councilwoman Martin:
  - Attended the Space Coast League of Cities dinner and board meeting. She reported that 7 scholarships were awarded.

- Reminded everyone of the Gospel on the Lawn event on April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Hub.
- Councilwoman Connor:
  - Attended the Rockledge Little League Opening Day Ceremony, the Florida League of Cities grant seminar, and a Best Buddies pancake breakfast.
  - Reported that the Rockledge High School pantry has donated thousands of items to students thus far.
- Councilman Ferguson:
  - Congratulated Johnny Cooper on his appointment to the Board of Adjustment.
  - Congratulated Assistant City Manager & Finance Director Trine.
  - Attended the Rockledge Little League Opening Day Ceremony and thanked Councilman Cadore for providing the sound system.
  - Noted that the regular Legislative Session has ended, but there will be a special session in April to contemplate a budget and possibly property tax reform.
  - Praised Councilwoman Martin for her work as the Space Coast League of Cities Scholarship Committee Chair.
  - Announced the Easter service on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Civic Hub.
  - Announced that the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- Councilman Forester:
  - Thanked the Finance Division for its remarkable service to the City.
  - Noted that there will be a special Legislative session for redistricting.

## 15. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Vice Chairman Forester declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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**Council Chairman**

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

**City Clerk**