
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on April 20, 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
	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
ABSENT:	Sammie Brown Martin	Councilmember, Seat #3
STAFF PRESENT:	Matthew Trine	Assistant City Manager & Finance Director
	John Cooper	Planning Director
	Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	Brian Smith	Assistant 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.

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, led by Rockledge High School student Rozlyn Pell, was repeated in unison.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting on April 6, 2022

Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 6, 2022; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried unanimously (6).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Price

1. Award for First Quarter 2022

a. Employee of the Quarter

- Juliette Jones, GIS Technician, Rockledge City Hall

Mayor Price recognized Juliette Jones, GIS Technician, Rockledge City Hall, as recipient of the Employee of the Quarter Award for the first quarter of 2022. Ms. Jones was presented with a gift certificate and a Certificate of Commendation, along with the congratulations of the Council.

2. Special Recognition

a. Outstanding Young Adult Award, Melbourne Regional Chamber

- Rozlyn Pell, Rockledge High School

Mayor Price recognized Rozlyn Pell, 11th grade student at Rockledge High School, for recently being honored with the Outstanding Young Adult Award from the Melbourne Regional Chamber.

Ms. Pell thanked Council for the recognition and recognized her mother and brother in the audience, thanking them for their support over the years. Councilmembers congratulated Ms. Pell on her accomplishments.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- Month of March 2022

Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of March 2022; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed by unanimous vote (6).

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance: Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1853-2022, Changing the Zoning Classification from R2 (Single-Family Dwelling) District to PUD (Planned Unit

Development) District on Approximately 38.48+/- Acres,
Parcel ID 25-36-05-00-252 (ZDA-22-02)

Councilman Daski offered Ordinance No. 1853-2022 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE R2 (SINGLE FAMILY) DISTRICT TO THE PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) DISTRICT IN PLANNING DISTRICT 4 OF APPROXIMATELY 38.48+/- ACRES, LOCATED WEST OF ROCKLEDGE COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, NORTH OF WOODLAND DRIVE AND SOUTH OF SIERRA LAKES SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINANCE; AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE TO REFLECT THE CHANGE OF ZONING EFFECTED BY THIS ORDINANCE; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO FORTHWITH CAUSE THE APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION TO BE MADE ON THE FACE OF THE OFFICIAL CITY ZONING MAP INDICATING THE NEW ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE; DECLARING THAT INVALIDITY OF ANY PORTION HEREOF SHALL NOT AFFECT THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," and moved for the second reading of the Ordinance by title only and to open the matter for public hearing; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the second reading. Chairman Price declared the matter open to the public for discussion.

Richard Swart, 1140 Serengeti Way, requested further information on the new zoning designation. Mayor Price provided clarification on the purpose of the PUD (Planned Unit Development) District.

There being no further public comment, Chairman Price declared the public hearing to be closed.

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

- B. Ordinance: Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1854-2022, Amending the Rockledge Land Development Regulations Section 62.122(c)(15) by Deleting and Replacing Same to Modify and Update Requirements for Mini-Warehouse Development and Regulation

Councilman Ferguson offered Ordinance No. 1854-2022 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 62.122 (c) (15) OF THE ROCKLEDGE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY DELETING SAME AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION 62.122 (c) (15) TO MODIFY AND UPDATE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MINI-WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION; DECLARING THAT INVALIDITY OF ANY PORTION HEREOF SHALL NOT AFFECT THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," and moved for the second reading of the Ordinance by title only and to open the matter for public hearing; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the second reading. Chairman Price declared the matter open to the public for discussion.

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

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

8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

- Student Advisory Committee, Minutes of Meeting on April 5, 2022
- Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on April 5, 2022

and to consider independently any recommendation(s) contained therein; motion seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion passed unanimously (6).

A. Student Advisory Committee, Minutes of Meeting on April 5, 2022 (no recommendation)

B. Planning Commission, Minutes of Meeting on April 5, 2022

1. Recommendation: Approval of Rezoning of 3435 S. Fiske Blvd. from C1 (Neighborhood Retail Commercial) District to C2 (General Commercial) District (ZDA-22-03)

...recommend approval of the rezoning of 3435 S. Fiske Boulevard (ZDA-22-03) from C1 to C2 and to forward the recommendation to City Council...

City Manager Fettrow offered a brief summary of the subject application and noted that the applicant was present in the audience to answer any questions.

Councilman Ferguson moved to accept the recommendation and to open the matter for public hearing; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried without objection (6).

a. Public Hearing

Chairman Price declared the matter open for public hearing.

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

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the zoning district amendment (ZDA-22-03) and to authorize the City Attorney to draft the requisite Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed by unanimous vote (6).

C. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

a. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners

Councilman Daski moved to reappoint Janet Monaco, David Bucher, Frederick Sanders, and April Fearon to serve successive four-year terms on the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed unanimously (6).

2. Appointments

- o None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- o None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of this consent business item:

- A. Approval: Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling (MACH)
Software Purchase and Agreement, Technology Enterprise
Group, Inc. (TEG) (Public Safety Department)

The motion was seconded by Councilman Cadore and passed by unanimous vote (6).

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT BUSINESS

- o None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Request for Exception to Rockledge Land Development Regulations to Construct an Eight-Foot Fence, 115 Gus Hipp Boulevard (Building Department)

City Manager Fettrow explained that the City's Land Development Regulations set forth that any request for fencing that exceeds six feet in height must be approved by City Council. On behalf of the property owner of 115 Gus Hipp Boulevard, Fence Outlet, Inc. is requesting authorization to install an eight-foot fence, comprised of galvanized chain link with a wind screen to protect paint overspray from damaging vehicles parked outside of the fence.

Planning Director Cooper clarified that the fence will be installed on the eastern side of the property and running from east to west.

Councilman Forester moved to approve the request for installation of an eight-foot fence at 115 Gus Hipp Boulevard; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).

13. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Richard Swart, 1140 Serengeti Way, expressed excitement to see Lake Betsi become a location for residents and visitors to visit, particularly due to the plantings and wildlife that are present at the site.

14. REPORTS

- A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow:
 - Reported that the City's Ad Valorem Tax (AVT) Exemption Program is set to expire at the end of 2022. She provided a brief history of the program and requested Council's direction regarding bringing back a Resolution to place the referendum question on the 2022 ballot. Further, she clarified that one company pursued the exemption in the last ten years. Council discussed the benefits and drawbacks of placing the referendum question on the ballot. Planning Director Cooper reminded Council that the Community Redevelopment Agency sunsets in 2026, which means the Agency's business incentives will also be discontinued. An Ad Valorem Tax (AVT) Exemption Program would offer an additional incentive beyond the sunset of the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Councilman Daski moved to direct staff to bring back a Resolution to Council for placing the referendum on the 2022 election ballot; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- Provided Council with a draft letter directed to the Florida League of Cities Executive Director thanking her and her team for their lobbying efforts in the 2022 Legislative Session and requested Council's authorization to transmit the letter. Council agreed to permit City Manager Fettrow to send the letter.
- Reminded Council of the Food Truck Friday event on April 22nd from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot.
- Announced that she will be out of town from Friday, April 29th through Monday, May 2nd.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- Month of April 2022

Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated April 7, 2022; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion passed unanimously (6).

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

C. Reports from the Dais

- Councilman Cadore announced that Rockledge High School will be holding a graduation ceremony on May 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the McLarty football stadium and requested that Councilmembers attend.
- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Provided a brief update from the State of the State Legislative Recap.
 - Reminded Council that the National Day of Prayer will be held on May 5th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.
 - Announced that the next Space Coast League of Cities dinner will be held on May 9th at the Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront.
 - Reported that the Space Coast League of Cities is again offering a \$2,500.00 scholarship opportunity.
 - Thanked the Police Department for their logistical support during the Faith Temple Christian Center Easter service at the Civic Hub.
 - Noted that a ribbon cutting event will be hosted at the Health Bar on Friday, April 22nd.
- Councilman Hartselle thanked Councilman Ferguson for tracking the various bills that were considered during Legislative Session.

- Councilman Daski encouraged everyone to support the City’s Charity Golf Tournament and the Rockledge High School Alumni Golf Tournament.
- Councilman Forester:
 - Thanked everyone for offering condolences on the death of his brother.
 - Expressed gratitude for the support that was offered to help purchase snacks for Andersen Elementary School students to enjoy during the recent testing period.
- Mayor Price announced that summer attire will commence at the next Council meeting.

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk