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# ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 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
	Ted J. Hartselle	Councilmember, Seat #6
	Joseph E. Miniclier	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
	Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	John Cooper	Planning Director
	Victor "VJ" Karycki	Public Works Director
	James Elmore	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director

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

## 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 repeated in unison.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting on September 20, 2023

***Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 20, 2023; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried unanimously (7).***

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mayor Price

1. Mayoral Proclamation

- a. National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation recognizing the month of October 2023 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The Proclamation was presented to the citizens of Rockledge and received by Keri Goff, representative from Brevard Achievement Center.

#### 6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- o None

#### 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- o None

#### 8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

- o Board of Adjustment, Minutes of Meeting on September 19, 2023

***Seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed without objection (7).***

- A. Board of Adjustment, Minutes of Meeting on September 19, 2023 (no recommendation)

- B. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

- o None

2. Appointments

- a. Student Advisory Committee

***Councilwoman Martin moved to appoint Angelina Gonzalez, Lindy Collins, Addy Jones, Felicity Inman, Ethan Knepp, and Arthur "Quinn" Carlson to the Student Advisory Committee for***

***the 2023-2024 school year; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed without objection (7).***

Mayor Price recognized Angelina Gonzalez in the audience and invited her to introduce herself. Ms. Gonzalez received welcoming remarks from the City Council.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

## **10. CONSENT BUSINESS**

***Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:***

- A. Approval: Payment of Invoice for Telemetry Monitoring from Mission Communications, LLC (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- B. Approval: Contingencies for the Equalization Basin/Bio-Solids Project (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- C. Approval: Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR) Well "No Flow" Permit Renewal, Tetra Tech (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- D. Approval: Purchase of Mobile Generator (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- E. Approval: Purchase of Caterpillar 289D3 Compact Tracked Loader (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- F. Approval: Shoreline Stabilization and Restoration Project Along Rockledge Drive and Under Dock at River Groves Drive, W+J Construction Corp. (Public Works Department)
- G. Approval: Extension of Professional Services Agreements with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.; Tetra Tech; and Jones Edmunds & Associates, 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**

- A. Action Item: City Employee Group Health Insurance Recommendation (City Manager/Finance Division)

City Manager Fettrow explained that she and staff have met with representatives of the Gehring Group, and after negotiations and discussions, it was determined that Cigna proposed a beneficial option with an 8 percent premium increase and no change to benefits. The City's

dental policy is also able to be renewed with no change in premium. She reviewed the options for absorbing and distributing the premium increases amongst the employees and the City.

***Councilman Daski moved to approve the provider recommendations, remain with all current providers, and allow for a maximum offset of up to \$35,000.00 to be paid from the Internal Service Insurance Fund reserves; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).***

### 13. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

### 14. REPORTS

#### A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow:
  - Announced that the Brevard Legislative Delegation meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Port Canaveral. She has signed up to speak on the City's behalf.
  - Explained that City Hall has termites, and attempts to remedy the issue have been unsuccessful thus far. The building will be tented and fumigated on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Announced that the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference will be held at the Hilton Orlando from November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>. She requested that Councilmembers inform her by Friday if they plan to attend.
  - Reminded Council of the Rocktober 5K on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.
  - Praised Public Safety Director LaSata and his department for a successful National Night Out.

#### B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- None

#### C. Reports from the Dais

- City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur reported that the Rocktober 5K currently has 138 registrants.
- City Attorney Miniclier provided a brief update on the pending Watson Paving case.

- Councilmembers thanked the Public Safety Department, Public Works Department, and event volunteers for hosting a successful National Night Out event.
- Councilwoman Martin attended the United Third Bridge 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Puerto Rican Gala at Eastern Florida State College and noted that, at the event, Councilman Cadore was recognized as Educational Ambassador.
- Councilman Cadore:
  - Attended the State of the Cities event, hosted by the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce, and complimented City Manager Fettrow for her service as a guest panelist.
  - Recognized his fraternity brothers who completed a street cleanup on Eyster Boulevard.
  - Thanked Angelina Gonzalez for attending the meeting.
  - Thanked City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur for her work on the Rocktober 5K.
- Councilman Ferguson:
  - Reminded Councilmembers of the Space Coast League of Cities meeting on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Hotel Melby.
  - Wished Mayor Price a happy birthday.
  - Congratulated Councilman Cadore for being honored as Educational Ambassador.
  - Thanked Angelina Gonzalez for serving on the Student Advisory Committee.
- Councilman Hartselle:
  - Attended the Melbourne Kiwanis 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.
  - Announced that the St. Mary Fall Festival will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Attended the funeral of Dr. Leslie Lee.
- Mayor Price:
  - Will be out of town for the next City Council meeting, so Deputy Mayor Forester will serve as Chair.
  - Announced that winter attire will begin on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**15.ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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**Council Chairman**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Clerk**