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# ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 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. 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
	Lisa C. Nicholas	Public Relations Officer & City Clerk
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dr. Joe Lee Smith	Councilmember, Seat #1 (excused)
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Matthew Trine	Assistant City Manager & Finance Director
	Alexandra Bernard	Planning Director
	Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	James Wilson	Deputy Fire Chief
	C. Kenneth Poole	Public Works Director
	James Elmore	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director
	Ashley Golding	Community Advocate

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

## 2. INVOCATION

- At the invitation of Councilman Ferguson, the invocation was given by Apostle Shauna Jackson of the Oil of Joy Church Ministries of Cocoa.

### 3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A salute was given to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by seventh-grade students from St. Mary School, was repeated in unison.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2019

***Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 1, 2019; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion carried unanimously (6).***

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

- None

#### NOT AN AGENDA ITEM

Mayor Price invited Nancy Potchka from St. Mary School to the podium. Ms. Potchka and her student, Brad Boncay, presented a signed photo of the seventh-grade class, along with a rosary, for placement in a time capsule that will be unearthed and opened in 2069.

### 6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- Month of April 2019

***Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of April 2019; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed by unanimous vote (6).***

### 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- None

### 8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

A. Business Development Committee, Minutes of Meeting on April 30, 2019

***The motion was seconded by Councilman Forester and passed without objection (6).***

B. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

- Business Development Committee

***Councilman Ferguson moved to reappoint Trevor Echerd, Elisabeth Logan, Sean Farrell, Amy Tidd, Arthur Edwards,***

***Daniel Henn, Francis White III, Janet Monaco, Ronald Ramsey, and Paul Grossman to the Rockledge Business Development Committee; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (6).***

2. Appointments

- o None

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- o None

10. **CONSENT BUSINESS**

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

- A. Approval: Bid Award, Community Resource Center Roof Replacement (Public Works Department)
- B. Approval: City Contribution to Brevard County Emergency Operations Center (City Manager)
- C. Approval: FDOT State Lighting, Maintenance, and Compensation Agreement (Public Works Department)

***The motion was seconded by Councilman Ferguson and passed without objection (6).***

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion: Florida Power & Light (FPL) LED Program Agreement (Public Works Department)

City Manager Fettrow explained that Florida Power & Light (FPL) will soon be embarking on a program to convert the High Pressure Sodium (HPS) street lights with Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights. This program provides the City with an opportunity to convert to a more efficient and improved street-lighting system. There will be no initial expenditure to the City for the conversion, and it is anticipated that converting to LED will eventually result in reduced energy and maintenance costs.

Because the representative from FPL was not present, Michael Jarusiewicz, Assistant to the Public Works Director, responded to questions with regard to potential cost savings, brightness of LEDs versus HPSs, and other inquiries concerning the difference between LEDs and HPSs.

***Councilman Forester moved to table the item until a subsequent meeting when the FPL representative could be in attendance; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed by unanimous vote (6).***

## 12. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

## 13. REPORTS

### A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow reported the following:
  - On February 6, 2019, Council approved awarding the Fernwood Baffle Box project to Ferguson Waterworks and Suntree Technologies, which was recently purchased by Gregory Construction. Although the cost of the project has not changed, in the interest of transparency, the City Manager wanted to inform Council that the work would be completed by Gregory Construction and not Suntree Technologies. In addition, there is no relationship between Ferguson Waterworks and Councilman Ferguson.
  - Council has authorized the City Manager to work with a consultant on a proposal for a multi-purpose recreational facility at one of two sites – at the north end of The McKnight Family Sports Complex, or in front of the Department of Public Safety building. Authorization is now being requested to issue an RFP.

***Councilman Forester moved to authorize the City Manager to solicit for RFPs; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed without objection (6).***

- Roy Wall Boulevard will be closed on May 16, 17, and 20 for the replacement of the air release valve; local traffic will be permitted access.
- The NAACP banquet is on June 7; the organization is requesting that a member of Council offer welcoming statements.
- The City Manager and key staff members have been meeting for a couple of months regarding a potential annexation west of I-95. City Attorney Miniclier reported that the most recent annexation was in 2006 or 2007, and annexations, in general, typically involve a lengthy letter of agreement. The City Attorney requested authorization to draft an Ordinance that would amend the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) by creating a provision for newly annexed property. The provision would allow annexed property to be included in the current zoning district, and, for a certain period of time, the uses inside of that district would remain the same as what they are in the County. Implementing this provision not only provides Council with an opportunity to determine appropriate

zoning districts for the annexed property, but it also makes the arrangement more palatable for the property owner because the property can continue to be utilized in the same manner and for its same purpose until the annexation process is completed and future uses are determined. If authorized, the Ordinance will apply to any and all properties annexed in the future.

***Councilman Hartselle moved to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with drafting the Ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (6).***

At this time, City Manager Fettrow noted the presence of Nancy Flickinger, Business Account Manager, from FPL.

***Councilman Forester moved to remove Item 11A, discussion with regard to Florida Power & Light (FPL) LED Program Agreement, from the table; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (6).***

Ms. Flickinger responded to additional questions posed by Council members. Francisco Arbide, FPL Business Development Manager, responded to inquiries via cell phone.

Discussion ensued.

City Attorney Miniclier referenced a 30-year Franchise Agreement with FPL that was approved in 2005 and cautioned Council that the LED conversion could potentially result in loss of revenue.

***Councilwoman Martin moved to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the conversion process and bring a specific, detailed proposal back to Council; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion passed without objection (6).***

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- o Month of May 2019

***Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated May 1, 2019; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (6).***

City Attorney Miniclier provided a synopsis of the City Attorney Litigation Report.

C. Reports from the Dias

- o Councilman Hartselle noted that: he attended the Space Coast League of Cities Dinner on May 13; Florida League of Cities policy meetings will

begin on June 14; and he will not be attending the June 5 meeting due to scheduled surgery.

- Councilman Ferguson congratulated City Manager Fettrow on her receipt of the Home Rule Hero Award and stated that he also attended the May 13 Space Coast League of Cities meeting.
- Councilman Forester reported that:
  - He attended the Public Safety Department's (PSD) "Movie in the Park" event on May 10; he estimated there were approximately 500 people there.
  - Reminded Council of PSD's OPERATION SHRED event on May 18.
- Mayor Price:
  - Will be participating in the Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Breakfast on May 17 in order to discuss the City's accomplishments.
  - Congratulated City Manager Fettrow on her Home Rule Hero Award.
- City Manager Fettrow noted that the City will place the book *100 Years of Rockledge* in the time capsule and wants all Council members to provide a brief excerpt and sign it.

#### 14. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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**Council Chairman**

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