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# ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on May 18, 2022, 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
	Michael 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
	John Cooper	Planning Director
	Victor "VJ" Karycki	Public Works Director
	James Elmore	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director
	James Wilson	Deputy Fire Chief
	Donna Seyferth	Deputy Chief of Police
	Tricia T. Olsson	Deputy City Clerk

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

## 2. INVOCATION

- The invocation was given by Councilman Hartselle.

## 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

- Regular Meeting on May 4, 2022

***Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 4, 2022; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried unanimously (7).***

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS

##### A. Mayor Price

##### 1. Special Recognition

##### a. Kennedy Middle School Boys Basketball Team

Mayor Price recognized the Kennedy Middle School boys basketball team for their recent victory in the Brevard County championship basketball game. Team members and coaches were presented with commemorative City pins.

Councilman Cadore also reported that the McNair Magnet Middle School girls basketball team were the North Area Champions and second place winners in the District Championship.

#### 6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- Month of April 2022

***Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of April 2022; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).***

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

- A. Ordinance: Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1855-2022, Changing the Zoning Classification from C1 (Neighborhood Retail Commercial) District to C2 (General Commercial) District on Approximately 2.00+/- Acres, 3435 S. Fiske Boulevard (ZDA-22-03)

***Councilman Daski offered Ordinance No. 1855-2022 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE C1 (NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT TO THE C2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT IN PLANNING DISTRICT 7 OF APPROXIMATELY 2.00+/- ACRES, LOCATED AT 3435 S. FISKE BOULEVARD 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 Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried by unanimous vote (7).**

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.

**Councilwoman Martin moved for the adoption of the Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Cadore. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Cadore, Ferguson, Martin, Forester, Daski and Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (7).**

## 8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

- Student Advisory Committee, Minutes of Meeting on May 3, 2022

**motion seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed unanimously (7).**

- A. Student Advisory Committee, Minutes of Meeting on May 3, 2022 (no recommendation)
- B. Reappointments and Appointments
  - None

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Civic Hub/City Hall Parking Lot (Planning Division) – *Tabled October 6, 2021*

City Manager Fettrow reported that this topic came before Council in October 2021 and was presented as an agreement with Florida Power & Light (FPL) to install an electric vehicle charging station in the Civic Hub/City Hall parking lot. Council moved to table the item so that more research could be conducted pertaining to best practices as well as identifying alternatives that did not entail an agreement with FPL and

would pass the charging cost onto the individual user rather than the taxpaying body.

Staff has researched alternatives, and options were provided to Council for review. Staff recommended that Council consider a lease to purchase agreement with ChargePoint for two charging stations.

***Councilman Daski moved to remove this item from the table; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion passed without objection (7).***

Councilmembers discussed the benefits, drawbacks, and legal liabilities of installing chargers and recommended that fast chargers be pursued in the future. City Manager Fettrow confirmed that the mid-range charger offered in the proposal can fully charge a vehicle in approximately seven (7) hours. Concerns were raised regarding lack of security, adequate lighting, whether additional insurance would be required, and the potential for broken down vehicles being stranded in the parking lot for an extended period of time. Additionally, it was suggested that new developments include charging stations in their plans.

***Councilman Daski moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a lease to purchase agreement with ChargePoint and to execute the requisite agreement; seconded by Councilman Cadore. A call for discussion was made.***

City Manager Fettrow reported that the implementation process would take approximately 3-4 weeks and confirmed that due diligence would be performed before executing an agreement.

***The motion passed with a vote of six (6) in favor and one in opposition (Hartselle).***

## **10. CONSENT BUSINESS**

***Councilman Daski moved for approval of this consent business item:***

- A. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Sell Said Property, Three (3) Drones with Cases and Accessories (Public Safety 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

- Richard Swart, 1140 Serengeti Way, expressed his desire to see a preserve be established at Lake Betsi. He provided information to Council based on a naturalist's recommendations concerning wildlife, vegetation, shelter, and maintenance. Mr. Swart invited Councilmembers to a meeting with a contractor on Friday to address some of the issues that were mentioned. Mayor Price stated that the City would invite Mr. Swart to assist with establishing a plan.
- David Thomas, 1873 Barrington Circle, reported that he has started a petition for the City to stop paving the Don Griffin Trail at Lake Betsi and noted that the money could be better spent on the suggestions provided by Mr. Swart. He expressed concern about the additional heat generated by the paved surface, the trash that is being discarded in the lake, and chemical leeching.
- Anna-May Smith, 1881 Barrington Circle, thanked Mr. Thomas for his efforts at Lake Betsi and inquired about whether the charging stations would be handicap accessible.

### 14. REPORTS

#### A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow reported that the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference will be held in Hollywood, Florida from August 11-13, 2022 and noted that a formal item will be brought to Council for consideration at the next meeting.

#### B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- Month of May 2022

***Councilman Ferguson moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated May 9, 2022; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (7).***

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

#### C. Reports from the Dais

- City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur:
  - Reported that registration for the Inaugural "Rocktober" 5K will open on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Shared that the City has implemented an ADA accessibility widget on the City's website that corrects violations and helps the City to achieve a higher level of compliance with accessibility standards.

- Announced that the latest issue of the *About Town* newsletter should be arriving in mailboxes any day.
- Councilmembers thanked the residents in the audience for attending and bringing their concerns to Council and for their efforts at Lake Betsi.
- Councilman Cadore:
  - Congratulated the Kennedy Middle School and McNair Magnet Middle School basketball teams on their District Championship achievements.
  - Reminded Council that Rockledge High School will be hosting a graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Thanked the Public Safety Department for their service.
- Councilman Ferguson:
  - Thanked everyone for supporting the National Day of Prayer event on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Attended the Public Safety Department Award and Promotion Ceremony on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Reminded Council that the next Space Coast League of Cities meeting will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Center for Space Education at Kennedy Space Center.
- Councilman Hartselle:
  - Announced that St. Mary Catholic School Principal Sandy Basinger is retiring.
  - Attended the Public Safety Department Award and Promotion Ceremony on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Attended the most recent Space Coast League of Cities dinner.
  - Announced the passing of longtime Rockledge resident Adeline Landacre.
- Councilman Daski:
  - Attended the Public Safety Department Award and Promotion Ceremony on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Attended the City of Rockledge Annual Charity Golf Tournament opening ceremony on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Will be attending the Rockledge High School graduation ceremony on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Will be recognizing graduates at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Rockledge on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Councilman Forester:
  - Congratulated the Kennedy Middle School basketball team on their achievement.
  - Lauded the Public Safety Department for hiring quality employees with exemplary character.

**15. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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**Council Chairman**

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