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# ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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, September 4, 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. Joe Lee Smith	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
	Lisa C. Nicholas	Public Relations Officer & City Clerk
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sammie Brown Martin	Councilmember, Seat #3 (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
	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 request of Mayor Price, the invocation was given by Councilman Ferguson. A moment of silence was requested for the victims of Hurricane Dorian, as well as the victims of the recent mass shooting in Odessa, Texas.

### 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 August 21, 2019

***Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 21, 2019; seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion carried unanimously (6).***

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Mayor Price

#### 1. Quarterly Awards – Third Quarter 2019

##### a. Employee of the Quarter

- Thomas Delzell, Public Works Department

Mayor Price recognized Thomas Delzell of the Public Works Department as the recipient of the Employee of the Quarter Award for the third quarter of 2019. Mr. Delzell was presented with a gift card and a certificate of commendation; Council expressed congratulations.

##### b. Residential Beautification Award

- Woodville & Patricia Sandige, 1305 Heritage Acres Boulevard

Mayor Price recognized Woodville and Patricia Sandige, whose home at 1305 Heritage Acres Boulevard was selected by The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement Board to receive the Excellence in Residential Beautification Award for the third quarter of 2019. The Sandiges were not able to attend but will receive their certificate of commendation.

#### 2. Mayoral Proclamations

##### a. Space Coast Salutes our Military, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC)

Mayor Price acknowledged a proclamation on behalf of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) in support of the EDC's launch of its "Salute our Military" recognition campaign. Because representatives of the EDC were not able to attend due to the storm event, Mayor Price deemed the proclamation to be adopted, and it will be transmitted to the EDC.

b. Official Symbol of Kindness

Due to Hurricane Dorian, this item was deferred until the September 18, 2019, City Council meeting.

6. **FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT**

- o None

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS**

- A. Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2020 General Administrative Budget and Millage Rate

Chairman Price noted that the Fiscal Year 2020 General Administrative Budget was formulated using a millage rate of 6.10, which had not been modified since the City Council Budget Workshop on July 31, 2019.

At this time, Chairman Price declared the matter open to the public for comment. There being no public comment, Chairman Price declared the public hearing to be closed.

- B. Public Hearing: Resolution Establishing Recomputed Proposed Millage Rate

**Councilman Daski offered a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RECOMPUTED PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR 2019 AD VALOREM TAXES IN THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, AND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCING THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES TENTATIVELY ADOPTED BY THE ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL" and moved to read the Resolution in its entirety and to open the matter for public hearing; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion passed by unanimous vote (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the Resolution utilizing a millage rate of 6.10. Chairman Price then declared the matter to be open to the public for comment. There being no public comment, Chairman Price declared the public hearing to be closed.

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

- C. Resolution: Certifying the Holding of a Public Hearing on the Tentative General Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020

**Councilman Ferguson offered a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL CERTIFYING THE HOLDING**

OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET OF SAID CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065(2)(c), FLORIDA STATUTES, AND ADOPTING SAID CITY'S TENTATIVE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT CHANGE OR AMENDMENT" **and moved to read the Resolution in its entirety; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion passed by unanimous vote (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the entire Resolution.

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

- D. Ordinance: First Reading, Fiscal Year 2020 General Administrative Budget

**Councilman Daski offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND EXPENSES IN THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS OF SAID CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF THE ANTICIPATED EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR AND ADOPTING THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET OF SAID CITY FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE ROCKLEDGE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS IN SAID BUDGET; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Daski moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on September 18, 2019; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

- E. Ordinance: First Reading, Fiscal Year 2020 Sewer System Budget

**Councilman Ferguson offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR OPERATION OF THE ROCKLEDGE SEWER SYSTEM DURING THE**

FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF THE ANTICIPATED EXPENSES OF THE ROCKLEDGE SEWER SYSTEM FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ROCKLEDGE SEWER SYSTEM FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE ROCKLEDGE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS IN SAID BUDGET; PROVIDING 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Ferguson moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on September 18, 2019; seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

- F. Ordinance: First Reading, Fiscal Year 2020 Stormwater Management Fund Budget

**Councilman Daski offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR OPERATION OF THE ROCKLEDGE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FUND DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF THE ANTICIPATED EXPENSES OF OPERATION, ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE AND TO CARRY OUT ALL OTHER PURPOSES OF THE UTILITY FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ROCKLEDGE STORMWATER DRAINAGE FACILITIES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE ROCKLEDGE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS IN SAID BUDGET; PROVIDING 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Daski moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on September 18, 2019; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

G. Ordinance: First Reading, Fiscal Year 2020 Sanitation Services Budget

**Councilman Ferguson offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR OPERATION OF THE ROCKLEDGE SANITATION SERVICES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF THE ANTICIPATED EXPENSES OF THE ROCKLEDGE SANITATION SERVICES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE ROCKLEDGE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS IN SAID BUDGET; PROVIDING 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Ferguson moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on September 18, 2019; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

H. Ordinance: First Reading, Fiscal Year 2020 Community Redevelopment Agency Management Fund Budget

**Councilman Daski offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR OPERATION OF THE ROCKLEDGE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF THE ANTICIPATED EXPENSES OF OPERATION, ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ROCKLEDGE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND TO CARRY OUT ALL OTHER PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ROCKLEDGE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE ROCKLEDGE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS IN SAID BUDGET; PROVIDING 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Daski moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on September 18, 2019; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

- I. Ordinance: First Reading, Fiscal Year 2020 Rental Facilities Budget

**Councilman Ferguson offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR OPERATION OF THE ROCKLEDGE RENTAL FACILITIES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF THE ANTICIPATED EXPENSES OF THE ROCKLEDGE RENTAL FACILITIES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE ROCKLEDGE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS IN SAID BUDGET; PROVIDING 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion carried unanimously (6).**

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

**Councilman Ferguson moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on September 18, 2019; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

- J. Ordinance: First Reading, Amending Section 39.17 of the Rockledge Code of Ordinances, Adding a Sanitation Impact Fee for All New Construction

**Councilman Daski offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 39.17 OF THE ROCKLEDGE CODE OF ORDINANCES, "IMPACT FEES", TO ADD A SANITATION IMPACT FEE FOR ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried unanimously (6).**



City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

***Councilman Daski moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on September 18, 2019; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).***

- K. Ordinance: First Reading, Amending Section 17-12(b) of the Rockledge Code of Ordinances, Increasing the Gallonage Charge for Sewer Usage

***Councilman Ferguson offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 17-12 (b) OF THE ROCKLEDGE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY INCREASING THE GALLONAGE CHARGE BY FIVE PERCENT FOR SEWER USAGE PER MONTH FOR EACH OF THE NEXT THREE FISCAL YEARS; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried unanimously (6).***

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.

***Councilman Ferguson moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on September 18, 2019; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).***

- L. Ordinance: First Reading, Amending Section 9-18 of the Rockledge Code of Ordinances by Increasing Certain Recycling and Collection Fees

***Councilman Daski offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 9-18, GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES, OF THE ROCKLEDGE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE RESIDENTIAL, RECYCLING AND COMMERCIAL/MULTI-FAMILY FEES; 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried unanimously (6).***

City Attorney Miniclier read aloud the title of the Ordinance for the first reading.



**Councilman Daski moved to authorize publication and a public hearing to be held on September 18, 2019; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

- M. Ordinance: Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1748-2019, Amending the Rockledge Land Development Regulations Regarding Recently Annexed Property

**Councilman Ferguson offered Ordinance No. 1748-2019 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ROCKLEDGE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PART III-PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 31.34, RECENTLY ANNEXED PROPERTY, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH PROPERTY IS ACCOMPLISHED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION TO DESIGNATE THE APPROPRIATE FUTURE USES FOR SUCH PROPERTY; AMENDING THE ROCKLEDGE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "RECENTLY ANNEXED PROPERTY" AT SECTION 1.95; 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 Smith. 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 Smith, Ferguson, Forester, Daski and Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).**

## 8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

- The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board, Minutes of Meeting on August 8, 2019

**and to consider independently any recommendations contained therein; seconded by Councilman Daski. The motion passed unanimously (6).**

- A. The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board, Minutes of Meeting on August 8, 2019 (no recommendation)

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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## 10. CONSENT BUSINESS

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

- A. Approval: Barton Boulevard Road Closures (City Manager)
  - 1. Hot Rockin' Nights Car Show – October 19, 2019
  - 2. Rockledge Art & Craft Show – February 15 and 16, 2020
- B. Approval: Preliminary Population Estimate as of April 1, 2019, University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research (Planning Division)
- C. Approval: Renewal of Recycling Services Agreement with Waste Management Inc. of Florida (Public Works Department)
- D. Approval: Ratification of Teamsters Contract Amendments and Memorandum of Understanding (City Manager)
- E. Approval: Memorandum of Agreement, FDOT, Maintenance of Vegetation on U.S. 1 and Fiske Boulevard (Public Works Department)

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

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Proposed City Council Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2020 (Office of the City Clerk)

The City Clerk indicated that Ordinance No. 1608-2012 requires that, by December 31 of each year, City Council must adopt a schedule of regular meetings for the following calendar year. Typically, City Council meets on the first and third (or only the third in some instances) Wednesdays of the month. Because of required budget and TRIM-related advertising deadlines, the meetings for September had to be shifted to the second and fourth Wednesdays (September 9 and September 23). If the proposed schedule is approved, a Resolution will be drafted for adoption by City Council at a subsequent meeting.

***Councilman Forester moved to approve the proposed City Council meeting schedule for calendar year 2020 and to authorize staff to draft the requisite Resolution; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion passed unanimously (6).***

- B. Action Item: Request to Amend Section 2-16, Rockledge Code of Ordinances, Modifying the Qualifying Period for Elections (Office of the City Clerk)

The City Clerk explained that, with regard to elections and ballot information, Brevard County is required to provide a bilingual ballot by 2020. As a result of these new regulations, the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Office will need to receive election information from municipalities no later than 78 days prior to the election. Because the City's qualifying period runs from the 77<sup>th</sup> day to the 67<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election, the City has been requested to modify its qualifying period in order to conform to the 78-day deadline. If the recommended change in qualifying dates is not approved, it will result in information arriving to the Supervisor of Elections Office 11 days late. If approved, the new period will still provide for the same 10-day time frame for qualifying. Staff is further recommending that any future changes to the qualifying period can be executed by Resolution.

***Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the recommendation and amend Section 2-16(a), Rockledge Code of Ordinances, by modifying the qualifying period for elections; and further moved to permit any future changes to the qualifying period to be executed by Resolution; seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion passed by unanimous vote (6).***

### **Not an Agenda Item**

Ratification of Declaration of Emergency, Hurricane Dorian (City Manager)

City Manager Fettrow explained that, on August 28, 2019, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order Number 19-198 declaring that a State of Emergency existed in every county in the State of Florida as a result of Hurricane Dorian. As prescribed in the minutes of the July 17, 2018, City Council meeting, the City Manager obtained verbal confirmation from all Council members to proceed with having the Mayor issue a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency. The purpose of this agenda item is to ratify the action that was taken. A Resolution memorializing same will be presented to Council for consideration at the September 18, 2019, meeting.

***Councilman Forester moved to ratify the action taken to declare a local state of emergency and the action taken to close City administrative offices on September 3 and 4 to nonessential personnel and to provide for the employees' compensation; and to authorize staff to draft the requisite Resolution; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion passed unanimously (6).***

## 12. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mike Cadore, 1311 Hideaway Lane, thanked Council members for their courtesy and professionalism during the storm and informed them that students from Rockledge High School would be helping to deliver meals to seniors in conjunction with Aging Matters on September 5.

## 13. REPORTS

### A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow:
  - Reported that, at the August 21, 2019, City Council meeting, a Resolution was considered by Council. The Resolution, which was tabled by Council pending a meeting of the Canaveral Port commissioners, set forth that the Canaveral Port Authority would be required to invest a portion (2 percent) of its gross revenue in cleanup efforts for the Indian River Lagoon. On August 28, the Canaveral Port Authority convened, but the item was not on the agenda, and, while some remarks were made, no action was taken. State Representative Tyler Sirois, who is spearheading the effort, will be meeting individually with each Port commissioner.
  - Thanked Council members for their support during Hurricane Dorian and noted that the area dodged a major bullet.

### B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- None

### C. Reports from the Dias

- Councilman Hartselle noted that he was pleased that Hurricane Dorian did not do extensive damage.
- Councilman Smith reported that he will be out of town the week of September 8.
- Councilman Ferguson:
  - Stated that, although the Space Coast dodged a bullet, the Bahamas unfortunately did not.
  - Expressed appreciation to the City Manager and staff for their efforts during the storm.
  - Invited all in attendance to a community gathering, Praise at the Hub, on September 14, 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Hub.
  - Reported that he and the City Manager attended a productive meeting on August 22 with State Senator Tom Wright; a meeting

with State Representative Tyler Sirois will take place in the near future.

- Councilman Daski:
  - Commented that he had the honor of attending executive staff meetings at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the storm event and that they were enlightening and informative.
  - Expressed gratitude to staff for their efforts during Dorian.
  - Reminded members of the 9/11 Ceremony on Wednesday, September 11, 6 p.m., at the Civic Hub.
  - Noted that he will be out of town for a few days beginning on September 13.
- Councilman Forester indicated that he greatly appreciated the efforts of staff during the storm event.
- Mayor Price noted that he was looking forward to the 9/11 Ceremony and informed Council that he would be delivering a State of the City address at Rockledge Presbyterian Church on September 14 at 9:00 a.m.

#### 14. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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**Council Chairman**

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