
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

PRESENT:	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

STAFF PRESENT:	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
	Donna Seyferth	Deputy Chief of Police

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 September 21, 2022

Councilman Daski moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 21, 2022; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Price

1. Special Recognition

- a. Lori Scott, Brevard County Supervisor of Elections

Mayor Price recognized Lori Scott, Brevard County Supervisor of Elections, and thanked her for her years of service to Brevard County. Councilmembers, City Manager Fettrow, and City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur offered complimentary departing words and well wishes.

B. Rockledge Public Safety Department

1. Special Recognition

- a. Rockledge High School Strings Ensemble

Mayor Price and Officer Deakins, Rockledge Public Safety Department, recognized Rockledge High School Chorus, Orchestra, and Piano Director Meg McGivney, as well as students Michelle Kirkpatrick, Anna Effinger-Morris, Tori Praino, Brielle Perini, and Reilly Fitzsimmons for their recent service to the City of Rockledge in which they performed as a strings ensemble at the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

C. Dr. Mark Mullins, Superintendent, Brevard Public Schools

1. Millage Increase Request on General Election Ballot

Dr. Mark Mullins, Superintendent, Brevard Public Schools, presented an overview of the millage increase referendum that will be on the general election ballot on November 8th. Dr. Mullins explained that the revenue generated by the millage increase would address issues such as wage compression; program development, access, and support; and technology advancements for classrooms. Dr. Mullins responded to questions and received comments from Council.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution: Approving and Adopting the City of Rockledge Health and Safety Management Policy

Councilman Ferguson offered a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 6, 2022" and moved to waive the reading and adopt the Resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. 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 Daski moved to be in receipt of the minutes of the following meetings:

- Fire Employees' Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on August 19, 2022
- General Employees' Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on August 19, 2022

Seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed without objection (7).

- A. Fire Employees' Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on August 19, 2022 (no recommendation)
- B. General Employees' Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on August 19, 2022 (no recommendation)
- C. Reappointments and Appointments
1. Reappointments
 - None
 2. Appointments
 - a. Student Advisory Committee

Councilman Daski moved to appoint Jeremiah Perez, Evelyn Bullion, Davin Valdes, Howard Graham, Marina Reyes, Jaxson Powers, and Angelina Gonzalez to the Student Advisory Committee for the 2022-2023 school year; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed without objection (7).

Marina Reyes and Angelina Gonzalez were recognized in the audience.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:

- A. Approval: Fourth Modification of Tenant Lease Agreement, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Rockledge Community Resource Center (City Manager)
- B. Approval: Utilization of Owner-Direct Purchasing (ODP) Process for Painting of Public Safety Building (Public Safety Department)
- C. Approval: Payment of Invoice for Telemetry Monitoring from Mission Communications, LLC (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- D. Approval: Acceptance of Quote and Sole Source Letter, and Authorization to Enter into Agreement for Sand Filter Rehabilitation, Parkson Corporation (Wastewater Treatment Department)
- E. Approval: Ratification of Council Action on September 21, 2022; Zoning Map Review (City Manager)
- F. Approval: Ratification of Council Action on September 21, 2022; Sewer Agreement with B3 Capital, LLC (City Manager)
- G. Approval: Invoice for Emergency Reclaimed Water Main Repair, Atlantic Development of Cocoa, Inc. (Wastewater Treatment Department)

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martin and passed by unanimous vote (7).

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT BUSINESS

- o None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Award of Proposal, Employee Group Insurance Renewal (City Manager/Finance Division)

City Manager Fettrow reported that earlier in the Summer, a Request for Proposals was advertised for group health insurance, and proposals were received, analyzed, and discussed. The City's current health care provider, Cigna, proposed the most beneficial solution with no premium increase and no change to benefits. Additionally, a \$12,000.00 credit was offered for the first month of billing. City Manager Fettrow also noted that Cigna's dental policy is also able to be renewed with no change in premium or benefits. The City's broker, the Gehring Group, recommends that the City remain with all current providers with a 0% cost impact. Further, the City is requesting that Council allow for a maximum offset of up to \$35,000.00 to

be paid from the Internal Service Insurance Fund reserves to hold costs the same for employees.

Councilwoman Martin 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 Councilman Ferguson. The motion passed by unanimous vote (7).

13. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

14. REPORTS

A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow:
 - Thanked Councilmembers for their support during Hurricane Ian.
 - Thanked staff and employees for their tireless work before, during, and after the storm.
 - Reminded Council of the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference on December 1st and 2nd and requested that Councilmembers let her know by Friday if they wish to attend.
 - Reported that the Rocktober 5K was postponed due to Hurricane Ian, and Running Zone's Saturday race schedule is booked through May. Council was supportive of rescheduling the race on a Sunday.
 - Noted that the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Candidates & Cocktails event and requested that Councilmembers let her know as soon as possible if they wish to attend.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- None

C. Reports from the Dais

- City Attorney Miniclier provided a brief update on an upcoming trial process.
- Councilwoman Martin attended the City of Cocoa National Night Out event and shared her hope that the City of Rockledge can resume its event next year.
- Councilman Cadore recognized Eastern Florida State College student Deome Nicholson and Attorney Trizia Everson in the audience.

- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Praised Councilman Daski and staff for a successful 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.
 - Thanked all who attended Public Safety Appreciation Day on September 11th at Faith Temple Christian Center.
 - Announced that the next Space Coast League of Cities dinner is on Monday, October 10th at Grand Manor in Melbourne.
 - Is working with the Florida League of Cities staff to find ways for the Space Coast League of Cities to help the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Ian.
 - Thanked City Manager Fettrow and employees for their work throughout Hurricane Ian.
- Councilman Hartselle reported that the Florida Kiwanis Foundation awarded funds to Iceplex for the installation of handicap accessible doors.
- Councilman Daski:
 - Attended the Alzheimer's Walk in Cocoa.
 - Thanked staff and employees for their work before, during, and after Hurricane Ian.
- Councilman Forester praised the Sanitation Division for their work after Hurricane Ian.
- Mayor Price:
 - Echoed remarks about storm cleanup.
 - Will not be attending the October 19th City Council meeting, as he will be out of town.

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk