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## ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on February 1, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

PRESENT:	Thomas J. Price	Mayor
	Dr. Joe Lee Smith	Councilmember, Seat #1
	Richard K. Blake	Councilmember, Seat #2
	T. Patrick O'Neill	Councilmember, Seat #3
	Frank T. Forester	Councilmember, Seat #4
	E. Georgia Phillips	Councilmember, Seat #5
	Kimberly L. Prosser	Councilmember, Seat #6
	Joseph E. Miniclier	City Attorney
	James P. McKnight	City Manager
	Betsi Beatty Moist	City Clerk

STAFF PRESENT:	David A. Henderson	Assistant City Manager
	Dennis Clements	Building Official
	Don R. Griffin	Planning Director
	Stephen H. Wilson	Community Advocate
	Richard E. Allen	Fire Chief
	Ronald D. Krueger	Chief of Police
	C. Kenneth Poole	Public Works Director
	Alan M. LaDuke	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Forester.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilman Forester.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

A salute was given to the flag and the pledge of allegiance was repeated in unison.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting on January 18, 2012

*Councilwoman Phillips moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 18, 2012; seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion carried unanimously (7).*

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Price and Chief of Police Krueger

Mayor Price and Chief of Police Krueger recognized Carmine Abruzzo, who has

volunteered at the Police Department for the past 10 years. Due to health issues, he is no longer able to volunteer his time. A large contingent of Police Department employees was present to support Mr. Abruzzo, who was presented with an engraved plaque in appreciation for his service. Mr. Abruzzo is Mayor Price's father-in-law.

At 6:39 p.m., Chairman Forester declared a five-minute recess.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT – None
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS – None
8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

A. Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on January 12, 2012

*Councilwoman Phillips moved to be in receipt of the minutes of the following meetings:*

- Code Enforcement Board on January 12, 2012
- T.R.E.E. Board on January 12, 2012
- Citizens Recreation Advisory Board on January 19, 2012
- Council Administrative, Personnel & Community Relations Committee on January 23, 2012

*and to consider independently any recommendations contained therein; seconded by Councilwoman Prosser. The motion passed unanimously (7).*

B. The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board, Minutes of Meeting on January 12, 2012 – See 8 A

C. Citizens Recreation Advisory Board, Minutes of Meeting on January 19, 2012 – See 8 A

1. Staff Request: Authorization to submit Grant Application, Playground Equipment, Anderson Stormwater Park (KABOOM!)

City Manager McKnight stated that the Kaboom! Organization has invited the City to apply for another grant to build a playground. Because the application deadline was rapidly approaching, the concept was introduced to the Citizens Recreation Advisory Board and the grant application was submitted for playground installation at Anderson Park.

*Councilman Blake moved for approval to submit the requested grant application; seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.*

Mayor Price addressed the possibility of finding available grant funds for a dog park in one of the City's existing parks, such as Anderson Park.

*The motion carried unanimously (7).*

D. Council Administrative, Personnel & Community Relations Committee, Minutes of Meeting on January 23, 2012 – See 8 A

1. Recommendation: Deputy City Clerk Position

...to designate Sherry Cazessus as the Deputy City Clerk with a \$2,000 annual

stipend...

City Manager McKnight addressed the Clerk's recommended appointment of Sherry Cazessus as Deputy City Clerk in anticipation of becoming City Clerk Moist's successor upon retirement. Sherry already performs many integral functions of the Clerk's office.

***Councilman Blake moved to accept the recommendation; seconded by Mayor Price. The motion passed without objection (7).***

...that the Education and Experience requirements in the job description for Deputy City Clerk include two years of college level course work or equivalent or five years work experience, or designation as a Certified Municipal Clerk.

City Manager McKnight suggested that the CMC designation be eliminated from the requirements. The education and experience requirements are intended to be the acceptable minimum requirements, and in order to achieve the CMC designation, one must have served as a Deputy Clerk for a certain period of time.

Councilman Smith announced that Brevard Community College offers a program that promotes the use of interns for public administration.

***Mayor Price moved to approve the Committee's recommendation for education and experience requirements, including the CMC option. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blake and passed unanimously (7).***

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

***Councilwoman Phillips moved for approval of these consent business items:***

- A. Approval to Purchase Vehicles (Police Department)
- B. Special Event Permit, Tent Sale at 201 Bouganvillea Drive  
(Business Archives of Rockledge)

***The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed without objection (7).***

11. NEW BUSINESS – None

12. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions, remonstrances or communications.

13. REPORTS

A. City Manager Reports

Committee Meetings Scheduled

- Council Public Works & Utilities Committee, Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm
- Council Finance & Budget Committee, Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm

- City Attorney Miniclier provided a legal opinion concerning the property at 810 Barnes Boulevard and imminent Nuisance Abatement action in accordance with the Rockledge Code of Ordinances. The opinion: That the Nuisance Abatement Board may meet, without further notice, hearing being waived, and may take any action allowed under the Code. During discussion, it was confirmed that any funds spent toward nuisance abatement, estimated to be approximately \$2,000.00, would become a lien against the property, and that the Code Enforcement fines continue to accrue.
- Councilwoman Phillips reported that she and City Manager McKnight have set aside an area at the old police station for a library/resource center, and that a \$5,000 grant has been received from Brighthouse, thanks to support in writing from Representative Steve Crisafulli.

Councilwoman Phillips provided a report on the latest legislation news on matters impacting the City, and invited Assistant City Manager Henderson to address the Pension Reform issue.

- Mayor Price related the he has received positive feedback from constituents about changing the meeting time to 6:00 p.m.
- Councilman Smith suggested naming one of the rooms in the new Police Station in honor of Carmine Abruzzo, whose presence and impact at the PD were very evident during the earlier presentation.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Forester declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Council Chairman

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