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# ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on April 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

**PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Matthew Trine	Assistant City Manager & Finance Director
John Cooper	Planning Director
Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
Scott Brown	Public Works Director
James Elmore	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director
James Wilson	Deputy Fire Chief
Tricia 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 Daski.

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

- A salute to the flag was given, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from St. Mary Catholic School, was repeated in unison.

## NOT AN AGENDA ITEM

Mayor Price presented the St. Mary Catholic School students with commemorative City pins and thanked them for leading the Pledge.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 7, 2021

***Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 7, 2021; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (7).***

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Mayor Price

##### 1. Award for First Quarter 2021

###### a. Employee of the Quarter

- Gabriel Suba, Firefighter, Rockledge Department of Public Safety – Fire and Emergency Services Division

Mayor Price recognized Gabriel Suba, Firefighter, Rockledge Department of Public Safety – Fire and Emergency Services Division, as recipient of the Employee of the Quarter Award for the first quarter of 2021. Firefighter Suba was presented with a gift certificate and a Certificate of Commendation, along with the congratulations of the Council.

##### 2. Special Recognition

###### a. Bishop Clarence Ferguson, 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Mayor Price presented a birthday certificate to Bishop Clarence Ferguson, the father of Councilman Ferguson, and read a brief biographical summary of Bishop Ferguson's life and contributions to the community. Councilman Ferguson recognized family members and church members in attendance.

### 6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- Month of March 2021

***Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the Financial/Budget Report for the month of March 2021; 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. 1817-2021, Changing the Zoning Classification of Approximately 1.15 Acres of Property from C-2 (General

Commercial) to RMU (Redevelopment Mixed Use), 566 Barton Boulevard (ZDA-21-01)

**Councilman Ferguson offered Ordinance No. 1817-2021 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT TO THE RMU (REDEVELOPMENT MIXED USE) DISTRICT IN PLANNING DISTRICT 5 OF APPROXIMATELY 1.15 ACRES LOCATED AT 566 BARTON 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 Hartselle. 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 meeting:**

- General Employees' Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 19, 2021

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

A. General Employees' Retirement Board, Minutes of Meeting on February 19, 2021

1. Recommendation

- a. Void Resident Member Appointment and Appoint New Resident Member

...void [Alexandra] Bernard's appointment to the General Employees' Retirement Board for consecutive absences and request that [C]ity [C]ouncil appoint a new resident member to fulfill her remaining term...

City Manager Fettrow explained that the Board voted to recommend that Alexandra Bernard's appointment be terminated due to attendance issues and a new member be appointed to fulfill the remaining portion of her term.

***Councilman Daski moved to terminate Alexandra Bernard's appointment and authorize the City Manager to recommend a replacement member for appointment; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried without objection (7).***

Councilman Forester noted that the investment advisor's proposal illustrated in the minutes regarding investments in real estate and infrastructure has not performed well historically. Karan Rounsavall, Plan Administrator, 3695 Indian River Drive, Cocoa, explained that real estate and infrastructure are considered equity alternatives and would provide a less volatile return in light of the market's instability.

B. Reappointments and Appointments

1. Reappointments

- a. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners

***Councilwoman Martin moved to reappoint Ashley Lanier to serve a successive four-year term on the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion passed unanimously (7).***

2. Appointments

- a. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners

Currently, there is one vacancy on the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners. Five applicants indicated that they were interested in being considered for appointment. Applications have been received from Adam Copenhaver, Mark

O'Donnell, Erinn Stranko, David Bucher and Al Siefert. Terms of service are for four years.

Erinn Stranko was present for the meeting and withdrew her application from consideration.

***Councilman Daski nominated David Bucher.***

There were no further nominations made.

***Councilman Daski moved to appoint David Bucher to the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners; motion seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).***

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

**10. CONSENT BUSINESS**

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

- A. Approval: Acceptance of Grant Funds, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, New Police K-9 (Public Safety Department)
- B. Approval: Acceptance of Grant Funds and Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement, State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bio-Solids Final Design (Planning Division)
- C. Approval: Final Design of Sludge Drying Bed, Equalization Basin Project Final Design Phase (Wastewater Treatment 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**

- None

**14. REPORTS**

**A. City Manager Report**

- City Manager Fettrow requested authorization to serve on the Florida League of Cities Municipal Administration Committee for another year.

***Councilman Forester moved to authorize the City Manager to serve on the requested committee; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried without objection (7).***

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- Month of April 2021

***Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the City Attorney Litigation Report dated April 8, 2021; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (7).***

C. Reports from the Dais

- Councilmembers shared birthday wishes with Bishop Ferguson and Virginia Hartselle, thanked board volunteers for attending and serving, and thanked the students from St. Mary Catholic School for attending the meeting and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilman Cadore thanked Public Safety Director/Chief of Police LaSata for his Department's support at a recent event.
- Councilman Daski shared that he volunteered at a food distribution event last Saturday and noted that it was a fulfilling experience.
- Councilwoman Martin:
  - Congratulated Firefighter Suba on his Employee of the Quarter award.
  - Announced that another food distribution event will be held Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Faith Life Outreach Christian Cathedral (FLOCK).
  - Noted that she recently attended the funeral of Cedric Perry, a local Little League baseball and youth football coach.
- Councilman Ferguson noted that SB 522/HB 219 concerning the regulation of vacation rentals died in committee.
- Councilman Forester echoed the announcement regarding the food drive on Saturday and noted that approximately 1,350 boxes are distributed at each event.
- Mayor Price:
  - Reminded Council that all Councilmembers will return to the dais at the May 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
  - Announced that Rockledge Regional Medical Center and the Brevard County Health Department have COVID-19 vaccines available.

**15. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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**Council Chairman**

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