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# ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on May 3, 2023, 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. 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

<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Matthew Trine	Assistant City Manager & Finance Director
	John Cooper	Planning Director
	Joseph P. LaSata	Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
	James Elmore	Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Director
	Victor "VJ" Karycki	Public Works Director

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

## 2. INVOCATION

- The invocation was given by Councilwoman Martin.

## 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 April 19, 2023

***Councilwoman Martin moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 19, 2023; seconded by Councilman Cadore. The motion carried unanimously (7).***

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

- None

## **NOT AN AGENDA ITEM**

Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation recognizing the week of April 30 – May 6, 2023 as Municipal Clerks Week. The Proclamation was accepted by City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur.

## **6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT**

- None

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

- None

## **8. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

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

- Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on April 13, 2023
- Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on April 26, 2023

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

- A. Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on April 13, 2023 (no recommendation)
- B. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on April 26, 2023
  - 1. Recommendation: Receipt of Community Redevelopment Agency Audit for Fiscal Year 2022

...moved to be in receipt of the audit and to forward the recommendation to City Council...

***Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the Community Redevelopment Agency audit for Fiscal Year 2022; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried unanimously (7).***

- 2. Recommendation: Approval of Engagement Letter with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC for Fiscal Year 2023 Auditing Services

...moved to approve the engagement letter with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC for Fiscal Year 2023 auditing services and to forward the recommendation to City Council...

***Councilwoman Martin moved to approve the recommendation; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion passed without objection (7).***

3. Recommendation: Approval of Land Acquisition Utilizing Community Redevelopment Agency Funds

...moved to approve a land acquisition in an amount up to \$250,000.00 and to forward the recommendation to City Council...

City Manager Fettrow reported that the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners authorized usage of the funds if a purchase agreement is reached.

***Councilwoman Martin moved to accept the recommendation; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. The motion carried without objection (7).***

- C. Reappointments and Appointments
- o None

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- o None

## **10. CONSENT BUSINESS**

Mayor Price removed item 10.C. from Consent Business for discussion.

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

- A. Approval: Engagement Letter; Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) LLC; Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Services (Finance Division)
- B. Approval: Aerial Spraying of Mosquitoes, Brevard County Mosquito Control (City Manager)
- ~~C. Approval: Revised Interlocal Agreement, Airport Zoning Regulations Ordinance; Brevard County and Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority (Planning Division)~~
- D. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Sell or Scrap Said Property (Public Safety Department)
- E. Approval: Agreement for Registration of Vacant, Abandoned, and Foreclosed Properties; Property Registration Champions, LLC (Planning Division)

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

## 11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT BUSINESS

- 10.C. Approval: Revised Interlocal Agreement, Airport Zoning Regulations Ordinance; Brevard County and Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority (Planning Division)

Mayor Price requested that City Manager Fettrow set up a meeting with the City Attorney, Mayor Price, and City Manager Fettrow to further discuss the Interlocal Agreement with the Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority.

***Councilman Forester moved to table item 10.C. for further discussion; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed without objection (7).***

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

- None

## 13. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Marla Purvis, 17A Sutton Street, serves as a member of the Remembering Heroes organization, which supports veterans and local heroes in their time of need. Ms. Purvis invited Councilmembers to a Remembering Heroes health and wellness fair on June 10<sup>th</sup> in Bunnell, Florida.

## 14. REPORTS

### A. City Manager Report

- City Manager Fettrow reminded Council of the following events:
  - Volunteer Breakfast on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Rockledge Regional Medical Center
  - Space Coast League of Cities Dinner on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> in Indialantic/Melbourne Beach
  - Public Safety Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chamber
  - Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Turtle Creek Golf Club
- City Manager Fettrow:
  - Reported that a minor mistake was made on the Lake Virginia signs, and once the signs are remade and ready, she will let Council know.
  - Noted that Council received an invitation to a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Johnnie Jenkins. The invitation will be forwarded to Council via e-mail.
  - Returned earlier in the day with the Mayor, Public Safety Director LaSata, and Fire Division Lieutenant Joel Pickel after traveling to

Ohio to inspect the City's new fire engine, which will be delivered in a couple of weeks.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- None

C. Reports from the Dais

- Councilmembers congratulated City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur for the Proclamation and complemented her work with the City.
- City Clerk & Public Relations Officer LeVasseur thanked Councilmembers for the Proclamation and supportive comments.
- City Attorney Miniclier reported that the Watson Paving trial originally scheduled for May has been continued to August due to illness. Mayor Price reiterated that the City would provide legal assistance to City Attorney Miniclier, if needed.
- Councilman Daski:
  - Will not be attending the Public Safety Awards Ceremony, as he will be traveling for work.
  - Attended the Taylor Funeral Home Groundbreaking Ceremony and complemented Councilwoman Martin for her work as MC at the event.
- Councilwoman Martin:
  - Reported that the Gospel on the Lawn event was well attended and thanked Councilmembers for attending.
  - Expressed gratitude that the Taylor family chose Rockledge to establish their funeral home.
  - Announced that the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Space Coast Convention Center.
  - Reported that she and Councilman Cadore attended the Cocoa Police Foundation Annual Inaugural Dinner at the Mike Erdman car dealership in Cocoa.
- Councilman Ferguson:
  - Announced that May 4<sup>th</sup> is National Day of Prayer and reported that a commemoration of the day will be held in the Council Chamber at 3:00 p.m.
  - Expressed his appreciation for teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day and recognized the City Manager and those

Councilmembers who currently serve and have previously served in the education field.

- Suggested that the City recognize teachers in some way next year.
- Councilman Hartselle attended the April Space Coast League of Cities dinner and the Kiwanis District Board Meeting.
- Councilman Cadore:
  - Thanked audience members for attending the meeting.
  - Reported that the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity participated in a street cleanup on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Rockledge.
  - Announced the following events:
    - Rockledge High School Second Annual Alumni Flag Football game on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - Car Show on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Rockledge City Center parking lot.
    - Rockledge High School graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilman Forester:
  - Offered complementary remarks about the Taylor Funeral Home Groundbreaking Ceremony.
  - Recommended that everyone utilize their contacts and relationships with the Brevard Public School District to try to influence change and improve the state of Brevard schools.

## 15. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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**Council Chairman**

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