
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge City Council met in regular session on May 4, 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. 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

ABSENT:	Michael A. Cadore	Councilmember, Seat #1
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STAFF PRESENT:	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
	Donna Seyferth	Deputy Chief of Police
	Tricia T. 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 was given to the flag, and the Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- o Regular Meeting on April 20, 2022

Councilwoman Martin moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 20, 2022; seconded by Councilman Hartselle. The motion carried unanimously (6).

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mayor Price

1. Mayoral Proclamation

a. Women's Lung Health Week, May 9 – 13, 2022

Mayor Price read aloud a Proclamation recognizing May 9 – 13, 2022 as Women's Lung Health Week. The Proclamation was presented to the American Lung Association's LUNG FORCE organization and received by Debra Smith, LUNG FORCE organization representative and lung cancer survivor.

Mrs. Smith shared her experience as a survivor of lung cancer and emphasized the importance of cancer awareness.

6. FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

- o None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance: First Reading, Changing the Zoning Classification from C1 (Neighborhood Retail Commercial) District to C2 (General Commercial) District on Approximately 2.00+/- Acres, 3435 S. Fiske Boulevard (ZDA-22-03)

Councilman Daski offered an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM THE C1 (NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT TO THE C2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT IN PLANNING DISTRICT 7 OF APPROXIMATELY 2.00+/- ACRES, LOCATED AT 3435 S. FISKE 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 first reading of the Ordinance by title only; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. 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 May 18, 2022; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).

- B. Resolution: Approving and Adopting the Records Management Policy
Council discussed removing subsection E.1. in Item "E. Exceptions to Fees for Public Records Requests."

Councilwoman Martin offered a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY EFFECTIVE MAY 5, 2022" and moved to waive the reading and adopt the Resolution with item E.1. removed; seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Ferguson, Martin, Forester, Daski, and Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).

- C. Resolution: Authorizing Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Referendum

Councilman Ferguson offered a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION REFERENDUM PER SECTION 196.1995, FLORIDA STATUTES" and moved to waive the reading and adopt the Resolution; seconded by Councilman Forester. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Ferguson, Martin, Forester, Daski, and Hartselle. The motion carried by unanimous vote (6).

- D. Resolution: Supporting the Memorial Highway Designation of State Road 519 (Fiske Boulevard) in Recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

City Manager Fettrow clarified that this Resolution is per the request of the Florida Department of Transportation so that they can proceed with the designation.

Councilman Forester offered a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING MEMORIAL HIGHWAY DESIGNATION OF STATE ROAD 519 (FISKE BOULEVARD), FOR THAT PORTION LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, IN RECOGNITION AND HONOR OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND

ACHIEVEMENTS BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." **and moved to waive the reading and adopt the Resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Martin. Voting for the motion: Mayor Price and Councilmembers Ferguson, Martin, 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 meetings:

- Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on April 14, 2022
- Board of Adjustment, Minutes of Meeting on April 19, 2022
- Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on April 27, 2022

and to consider independently any recommendation(s) contained therein; motion seconded by Councilwoman Martin. The motion passed unanimously (6).

- A. Code Enforcement Board, Minutes of Meeting on April 14, 2022 (no recommendation)
- B. Board of Adjustment, Minutes of Meeting on April 19, 2022 (no recommendation)
- C. Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, Minutes of Meeting on April 27, 2022
 - 1. Recommendation: Receipt of Community Redevelopment Agency Audit for Fiscal Year 2021

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

City Manager Fettrow reminded Council that the Community Redevelopment Agency must undergo an independent audit per recent legislation and reported that the Agency received a clean audit.

Councilman Daski moved to be in receipt of the Community Redevelopment Agency audit for Fiscal Year 2021; seconded by Councilman Forester. The motion carried unanimously (6).

- D. Reappointments and Appointments
 - None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

10. CONSENT BUSINESS

Councilman Daski moved for approval of these consent business items:

- A. Approval: Cylinder Replacement for Gradall, PW55D (Public Works Department)
- B. Approval: Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Sell or Scrap Said Property, Ten (10) Police Vehicles (Public Safety Department)

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martin and passed by unanimous vote (6).

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:
 - Shared a letter from the principal of Andersen Elementary School expressing gratitude for the personal donations to provide snacks to students during FSA testing.
 - Introduced Victor "VJ" Karycki as the new Public Works Director.
 - Announced that Commissioner Rita Pritchett inquired as to whether the City would be interested in a ballot item regarding a referendum to generate additional funding for Brevard County District 4 Parks and Recreation. Council discussed the potential benefits and drawbacks, and several Council Members reported that they regularly receive calls from residents concerning the state of parks in Rockledge. Council was amenable to the referendum being included on the November ballot.
 - Received an invitation for Council from the City of Cocoa regarding a Brightline train ride on Monday, May 16th from Palm Beach to Miami. City Attorney Miniclier and Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization Attorney Paul Gougelman have recommended against participating due to the secluded nature of the ride and lack of public access, which would appear to violate the

Sunshine Law. Council agreed that City Manager Fettrow should decline the invitation.

- Announced that the City's annual Independence Day Picnic is scheduled for Monday, July 4th, and volunteers are needed.

B. City Attorney Litigation Report

- None

C. Reports from the Dais

- Councilmembers congratulated Public Works Director Karycki.
- City Attorney Miniclier provided a brief update on the Trosset case and noted that a default judgement hearing will be set.
- Councilwoman Martin:
 - Reported that the recent Good Friday "Gospel on the Lawn" event was a great success.
 - Acknowledged her husband, Dexter, in the audience, along with Veronica Jenkins, Alberta Wilson, and Bernadine Franklin.
 - Announced that she will serve as Committee Chair for the MLK Coalition Committee.
- Councilman Ferguson:
 - Reminded Council that the National Day of Prayer will be held at City Hall on Thursday, May 5th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Announced that the next Space Coast League of Cities dinner will be held on May 9th at the Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront.
 - Attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at The Health Bar.
 - Acknowledged Alberta Wilson in the audience.
- Councilman Hartselle:
 - Attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at The Health Bar.
 - Thanked everyone for attending the Celebration of Life service for Lynne Roll.
 - Will again be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs with the Kiwanis Club at the Independence Day Picnic.
 - Announced that a 5K run will be held on May 14th and will benefit Kiwanis Children's Charities.
- Councilman Daski offered to volunteer in the drink trailer at the Independence Day Picnic.

- Mayor Price:
 - Announced that the old Searstown Mall has sold, and the buildings will be razed within the next few months, which will pave the way for a multi-family Class A project.
 - Reported that City Attorney evaluations are due on May 25th.

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairman Price declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Council Chairman

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk