



**MINUTES**  
**WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 19, 1999 AT 7:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

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Pursuant to proper notice a Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held January 19, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor George F. Vaughn, Jr.  
Vice Mayor Thomas A. Tankersley  
Councilor Edward S. Jones  
Councilor Ronald D. Patronik  
Councilor Robert D. Shimp  
City Clerk Becky E. Hanks, CMC/AAE

City Manager Richard A. Linn  
Building Official Dan Arlington  
Administrative Assistant Lisa Volpe

Absent: City Attorney Christopher A. White

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ish Brant Beautification  
Committee

ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Due to the absence of Chairperson Chris Tyler, a written report was submitted to Council.

Water Usage

Consensus: **MOVE AGENDA ITEM 6I, ESTIMATE ON WATER USAGE FOR STREET ENDS AND COMMON AREAS, UNDER ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding an estimated free water usage cap by residents to maintain landscaping on public property.

Consensus: **CITY STAFF AND ARCHITECT BRETT GODDARD WILL RESEARCH AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL AT THE FEBRUARY 16, 1999 WORKSHOP MEETING ON AN ESTIMATED FREE WATER USAGE CAP FOR RESIDENTS THAT VOLUNTEER TO MAINTAIN LANDSCAPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.**

Events Committee  
Update

COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: In response to Council's request, a tentative list of upcoming events was submitted to Council, in the absence of Chairperson Beth Tyler, as follows:

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| Rededication of Jarboe Park                   | March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 1-3 p.m.   |
| Dedication of City Hall as Ish Brant Building | To be announced                     |
| Easter Egg Hunt, Jarboe Park                  | April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 10 a.m.     |
| Picnic In The Park, Jarboe Park               | June, to be announced               |
| King Neptune Festival                         | Oct/Nov, to be announced            |
| Christmas In The Park, Jarboe Park            | December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.  |
| Santa Claus Parade                            | December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m. |

Consensus: **COUNCIL RECOMMENDED THE PICNIC IN THE PARK EVENT BE SCHEDULED DURING MAY DUE TO THE COOLER WEATHER; AND THAT THE COMMITTEE, ALSO, WORK WITH THE CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH FOR A JOINT TOWN CENTER CHRISTMAS EVENT.**

Ad Hoc Committee **AD HOC COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE:** No report.

POC Town Center **TOWN CENTER PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:** The minutes of the Project Oversight Committee Meeting for the Town Center Streetscape Project held at the Sea Turtle Hotel on January 6, 1999, were reviewed and conceptual options addressed in said minutes were discussed.

Consensus: **MOVE FORWARD TO THE FEBRUARY 1, 1999 REGULAR AGENDA FOR ADOPTION OF CONCEPT "E", TWO-WAY TRAFFIC THROUGHOUT WITH ANGLED PARKING ON ONE SIDE ONLY AND WIDE SIDEWALK ON BOTH SIDES, AND RECOMMEND TO THE POC THAT A TAXI AREA BE PROVIDED ON ATLANTIC BOULEVARD.**

#### **CITY MANAGER PUNCH LIST**

City Manager Punch List **CITY MANAGER PUNCH LIST:** The City Manager advised Council that the lifeguard station has been demolished and that he would pursue contacts to provide a road access between the K-Mart and Scotty's Lumber shopping areas.

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Ord. No. 1998-22 Nuisances **DISCUSSION - ORDINANCE NO. 1998-22:** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA TO INCLUDE A NEW CHAPTER 28, ENTITLED "NUISANCES"; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsor Shimp)

Discussion and clarification ensued on several sections of the proposed ordinance. Comments and questions posed by Councilors:

1. Include a provision for citizens to appeal a decision to the Council.
2. Page 11, Sec. 28-21, what happens to liens after they have been in full force for twenty years and, perhaps 20 years is too long?
3. The higher standard will prevail in the event two provisions of the Code are in conflict.
4. Page 5, Sec. 28-4(n), more definitions should be included.
5. Page 8, Sec. 28-17, line 2, should the word "with" be replaced with "within"?
6. Page 9, Sec. 28-17(g), line 4, should the word "with" be replaced with "within"?
7. Page 9, Sec. 28-18, line 2, the phrase "otherwise interested" may be too broad.
8. Page 9, Sec. 28-18, line 4, the word "his" should be change to generic.
9. Page 10, Sec. 28-20, levying a special assessment of this type should be the

responsibility of the City Manager, not the Council.

10. Page 11, Sec. 28-20(j), clarification is needed as to the definition of "resolution", i.e. a written resolution adopted by Council or just a motion of Council?
11. Page 12, Sec. 28-32(c)(iv), clarification is needed on "To authorize the City to remove the nuisance with the City personnel through a private contractor.....". A specific position should be identified as having this responsibility.

Consensus: **MOVE FORWARD TO THE FEBRUARY 1, 1999 REGULAR AGENDA FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 1998-22 ON FIRST READ; FOLLOWING PASSAGE ON FIRST READ, SEND A COPY TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION AT THEIR FEBRUARY 10, 1999 BOARD MEETING.**

### **CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS - NONE**

### **ISSUE DEVELOPMENT**

- Traffic Atl. Blvd. **TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON ATLANTIC BOULEVARD WEST OF THE BEACHES:** Vice-Mayor Tankersley reported that completion of Atlantic Boulevard construction was behind schedule due to contract change orders. As a result, motorists are now using Atlantic Boulevard to avoid traffic congestion caused by construction on Beach Boulevard, which is on schedule. Unfortunately, due to delays, these two construction projects are overlapping.
- Vice-Mayor Tankersley asked the City Manager to keep Council advised as to the status of traffic congestion and project completion.
- Unused Traffic Funds **UNUSED TRAFFIC FUNDS - WONDERWOOD EXPRESSWAY:** Vice Mayor Tankersley stated that \$12 million dollars of unused transportation funds was recently made available. He recommended that Council permit him to draft a letter, for Council's approval, to the Metropolitan Planning Organization requesting that the funds be channeled to make Kernan Road a parallel corridor from the Wonderwood Expressway to the J. Turner Butler Junction to relieve the volume of traffic at the beach.
- On the Record Council Shimp stated, on the record, that the Metropolitan Planning Organization did not listen to beach citizens, although several members are from the beach area. He suggested that the City appeal directly to the State.
- Czn Complaint **COMPLAINT - MAYPORT ROAD EXIT:** Discussion ensued regarding a complaint letter dated January 6, 1999, received from Nathan Crumbley registering a concern about reckless driving by motorists who cut in front of other drivers in order to make the Mayport Road exit as they head east on Atlantic Boulevard.
- Consensus: **THE CITY MANAGER IS DIRECTED TO SEND A LETTER TO COMPLAINT NATHAN CRUMBLEY OUTLINING THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND UNAVAILABLE TO THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO RECKLESS DRIVING ON ATLANTIC BOULEVARD AT THE MAYPORT ROAD EXIT AND COPY SAID LETTER TO COUNCIL.**
- Discontinue THM **DISCONTINUANCE OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS:** Consider discontinuance of Town Hall Meetings and add Public Comments to the regular workshop agenda. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE FEBRUARY 1, 1999 REGULAR AGENDA, (1) AMEND APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION TO SET TOWN HALL MEETINGS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETINGS, (2) CANCEL TOWN HALL MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, UNLESS DEEMED NECESSARY BY COUNCIL, AND (3) AMEND THE APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION TO ADD A NEW AGENDA ITEM, "PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY" AT THE END OF EACH REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING.**

## Speeders

SPEEDERS: Discussion on complaint letter dated December 22, 1998 from Laura Schultz regarding speeders and suggested option to form a Traffic Calming Citizen Task Force.

Ad Hoc Traffic Safety Committee: Mayor Vaughn announced that he had formed an Ad Hoc Traffic Safety Committee to study the above noted issue in greater detail and allow for much needed community input. The Committee would address traffic calming concerns and strategies as they related to the newly adopted Traffic Calming Study to make the neighborhood streets safer and to make recommendations. Ms. Laura Schultz has volunteered to chair this Committee.

City Manager Linn stated that he and Chief of Police Brandt endorsed the Ad Hoc Committee.

It was recommended that the Council schedule a workshop meeting specifically for reviewing the Traffic Calming Study in detail.

Agenda 2-16-99 Councilor Shimp requested that the issue of appointment of committees be placed on the next workshop agenda for discussion.

## Parking

COMPLAINT - PARKING: Discussion ensued regarding a complaint letter dated January 5, 1999 from Thad Moseley on commercial parking infiltrating the residential area near Orange Street, in particular blocked driveways.

Per Officer Larry Dean, State Law prohibits the City from towing vehicles off private property. City Manager Linn expressed concern regarding the City's liability in the event the City did tow a private vehicle.

On the Record Vice-Mayor Tankersley, on the record, referenced statements made by City Manager Linn on potential off-site parking relief for the proposed development at 200 First Street, as outlined on page 3 of the Planning and Development Review Board Minutes dated June 16, 1998. The Vice-Mayor strongly urged Council to address the parking problem issue in Town Center for the betterment of the whole community.

## Restrooms Jarboe Park

RESTROOMS IN JARBOE PARK: Discussion of all matters relating to potential restrooms in Jarboe Park.

Architect Brett Goddard gave a presentation on the current Jarboe Park Master Plan. Restrooms being to most desired improvement suggested by citizens that frequented the park. In addition, desired improvements were basketball courts, additional parking, signage identifying the park, snack bar, benches, bike rack, water fountains, lighting and so on. Several park improvements have already been completed with current grant monies to avoid forfeiting the funds because of a deadline to complete certain projects.

Total cost of the Master Plan was estimated at approximately \$300,000 dollars, minus the

\$48,000 of grant money spent to date, over the next several years. Most of the additional funds would come from grants. Mr. Goddard noted that the Jarboe Park Master Plan needed approval from Council.

On the Record Vice-Mayor Tankersley, on the record, stated that he opposed any further money for Jarobe Park, at this time, including budgeted funds for the restrooms. He cited yearly maintenance on the restrooms, opposition by several citizens at Council meetings and identified several issues that may be more important to address before restrooms. Although, he favored improvements to Jarboe Park with grant monies.

Consensus: **DISPLAY THE PRESENT JARBOE PARK MASTER PLAN IN CITY HALL FOR CITIZEN VIEWING; FORWARD DISCUSSION OF THE MASTER PLAN TO THE FEBRUARY 22, 1999 SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING FOR PUBLIC INPUT.**

Legal Opinion LEGAL OPINION - LETTERS TO EDITOR: Letter dated December 21, 1998 from Councilor Patronik to City Attorney White requesting a legal opinion on whether volunteers could reference their titles in opinion letters to newspaper editors.

Per City Manager Linn, Mr. White will render a written opinion to each Councilor.

Culvert Florida Blvd. POSSIBLE CULVERT ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD: The City Manager stated that he was not ready to make a report to Council on the feasibility of the City of Jacksonville installing a culvert along Florida Boulevard in conjunction with construction of the Mayport Flyover Project. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Public Comments PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Consensus: **TO OPEN THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Harriet Pruette, Magnolia Street, favored the Ad Hoc Traffic Safety Committee with citizens from each areas of the City to bring their specific concerns forward; favored placement of a sign stating "Dead End Ahead" on the 200 block of Cherry Street to stop drive through traffic onto First Street; favored citizen input at all Council meetings; and favored all committee minutes being available on the Mayor's Town Web Page.

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Becky E. Hanks, CMC/AEE, City Clerk

Approved: February 1, 1999