



MINUTES
MARCH 8, 1999 AT 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA

Pursuant to proper notice a Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held March 8, 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 Ronald D. Patronik
Councilor Robert D. Shimp
City Clerk Becky E. Hanks, CMC/AAE

City Manager Richard A. Linn
Director of Public Safety William Brandt
Director of Public Services John Galen

Absent: Councilor Edward S. Jones

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss traffic calming options.

Robinson Engineering suggested three options for traffic calming east of Third Street.

1. Make traffic flow one-way northbound on Second Street; one-way southbound on First Street; and one-way westbound on Florida Boulevard to Third Street.
2. Install additional barricades.
3. Take no action until the Master Utility Plan was completed in this area.

The City Manager, Director of Public Services and Director of Public Safety, after conducting their own survey, recommended a fourth option:

4. Install stop signs at all intersections east of Third Street.

A traffic count spread sheet was distributed by the City Manager for Council information.

Discussion ensued as to whether recreational bikers could be exempt from the law in obeying stop signs, if Council chose above noted Option 4, as a permanent measure.

Consensus: **TO HAVE THE CITY ATTORNEY LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING FIRST STREET A "SPECIAL" STREET FOR BIKERS, EXEMPT FROM THE LAW IN OBEYING STOP SIGNS.**

On the Record

Vice Mayor Tankersley stated, on the record, that he did not see a high volume of traffic as outlined in the Traffic Calming Study, nor did he agree there was a speeding problem in the City. He, also, stated that he would not agree to the stop signs unless First Street could be considered a special street. If that could not happen, then the City should wait

until the infrastructure repairs were completed.

Consensus: **TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO INSTALL STOP SIGNS, AS NOTED IN OPTION 4, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, SEE HOW IT WORKED, AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL IN 90 DAYS.**

The following citizens spoke:

Dr. Bob Grovenstein, 411 Snapping Turtle Court East, Atlantic Beach, recommended that the City redesign the barricades, remove the speed bumps and make Cherry Street one-way.

Mike Disch, 118 Magnolia Street, stated that it was apparent a lot of cars were through the neighborhoods, as evidenced by the traffic counter. The City should take a look at how to prevent non-neighborhood traffic.

John Reeve, 222 South Street, recommended that the speed limit be reduced on First Street, installation of stop signs at all intersections, and installation of speed bumps on First Street.

Harriet Pruette, 217 1/2 Magnolia Street, stated that the City should work on problems on Second Street and other streets. She suggested that dead end signs be placed four blocks ahead with an outlet arrow to direct traffic away from the residential areas.

Gordon Beguhn, 226 Davis Street, discussed speed bumps.

Passing of
Munroe Griffin

Mayor Vaughn announced that former Councilman Munroe Griffin had passed away.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky E. Hanks, CMC/AEE, City Clerk

Approved: _____