



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 1999 AT 7:16 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 15, 1999, at 7:16 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/AEE

City Manager Richard A. Linn
City Attorney Christopher A. White
Director of Finance John Herbst
Administrative Assistant Lisa Volpe
Deputy City Clerk Janelle Brunner
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ish Brant Beautification
And Special Events
Committees

ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT: The City Manager reported that mulch had been placed in the butterfly garden, however, more would be needed to complete the project.

COMMUNITY EVENTS SPECIAL COMMITTEE: The City Manager congratulated the committee on the fine job at the Ish Brant Building Dedication. He also reported that the Jarboe Park Rededication was canceled due to rain and would be rescheduled at a later date.

CITY MANAGER PUNCH LIST

City Manager Punch
List

CITY MANAGER PUNCH LIST: The following items were discussed:

- *Traffic Signal* – The traffic signal at the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Aquatic Drive should be changed to the traffic signal at the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Ish Brant Boulevard.
- *JTA Buses* – Daryl Smith was the new contact at JTA. In addition, the buses going down Seagate Avenue might be changed in the future.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ord. No. 1998-22
Nuisances

ORDINANCE NO. 1998-22: The revised version of Ordinance No. 1998-22, Nuisances, was not available for the March Workshop Meeting but would be completed for the April Workshop Meeting.

Ord. No. 1999-01
Turtle Protection

ORDINANCE NO. 1999-01: AN ORDINANCE OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF MARINE TURTLES; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING TITLE, CITATION AND PURPOSE; PROVIDING JURISDICTION; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING LIGHTING STANDARDS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING LIGHTING STANDARDS FOR EXISTING DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR PUBLICLY OWNED LIGHTING; PROVIDING PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES DISRUPTIVE TO MARINE TURTLES; PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION DURING THE MARINE TURTLE NESTING SEASON; PROVIDING THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO KILL MOLEST OR INJURE MARINE TURTLES; PROVIDING EDUCATION AND INFORMATION OPTIONS; PROVIDING ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS INCLUDING CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT POWERS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES REGARDING MARINE TURTLES AND HATCHLINGS IN NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING INTERPRETATION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Homeowners should have one year to comply with the new ordinance with the building department responding to complaints from the citizens.

The City Manager was directed to investigate other cities that had a turtle protection ordinance and find out what problems they have encountered.

The Mayor requested that the last sentence in Section 11 be deleted.

Consensus: **FORWARD ORDINANCE NO. 1999-01 TO THE APRIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

Ord. No. 1999-02
Parking

ORDINANCE NO. 1999-02: THAT SECTION 22-26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH IS HEREBY AMENDED BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (F) TO READ AS FOLLOWS; AND TO RENUMBER SECTION 22-26 (F) TO READ SECTION 22-26 (G); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance would prohibit citizens from parking on private property other than their own, without the permission of the property owner. Citizens would be able to contact the police to issue tickets to the offender instead of having the vehicle towed.

Consensus: **FORWARD ORDINANCE NO. 1999-02 TO THE APRIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

Ord. No 1999-03
Special Committees

ORDINANCE NO. 1999-03: THAT SECTION 2-42 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Four Council Members wanted more input regarding the creation of committees and appointees to membership.

In response to a question from Councilor Patronik, the City Attorney stated that Council could dissolve any committee. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Councilor Shimp stated, on the record, that he has never spoken with Ms. Lyne about special committees.

Consensus: **FORWARD ORDINANCE NO. 1999-03 TO THE APRIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS – NONE

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

CBD Revenue Generation

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REVENUE GENERATION: Director of Finance John Herbst explained to Council the tax based revenue generated from the Central Business District, including real property tax, personal property tax, cigarette tax, alcoholic beverage licenses, sales tax and county occupational tax, as follows:

	BUDGET FY 1999	YTD FY 1999	BUDGET TO ACTUAL
Real Property Tax	872,612	573,716	65.75%
Personal Property Tax	38,759	31,004	79.99%
Cigarette Tax	109,000	35,993	33.02%
Alcoholic Licenses	5,000	4,791	95.82%
Sales Tax	550,000	207,228	37.68%
County Occupational Tax	13,000	7,069	54.38%
 Total General Fund Revenue	 2,686,251	 1,240,249	 46.17%
 Effect of development on property.		 Ad Valorem Taxes	
Value of Lot		375,000	1,223
Value of mixed-use development		975,000	3,179
Value added tax increase			<u>1,956</u>

Commercial properties or businesses include, but are not limited to:

1. Vacant Ed Smith Lumber Co., owner Edward S. Jones.
2. Neptune Mall, owner Louis B. MacDonell.
3. 241 Atlantic Boulevard, owner George E. Pharr.
4. 100 First Street Complex, owner Southcoast Capital Partnership.
5. Parking Lot corner Second/Lemon Streets, owner Barbara Horne Arnold.
6. Parking Lot at Town Center, owner Frank Keasler.
7. Sea Horse Motel, owner Frank R. Keasler.
8. Pete's Bar, owner Clara Jensen
9. Parking Lots behind City Hall, owner Southcoast Capital Partnership.

Naval Air Show

NAVAL AIR SHOW: The Mayor requested that the Council support a resolution favoring the Naval Air Show. In addition, the City Manager was directed to place said item on the City Manager's Punchlist.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NAVAL AIR SHOW.**

Water Usage

WATER USAGE IN COMMON AREAS: The City Manager explained there was an error in Resolution 99-08 adopted March 1, 1999. The wording in Section 2, line 2, should read, "...20,000 gallons per 10,000 square feet". A revised resolution should be placed on the next regular agenda.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE APRIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CONSENT AGENDA, AN AMENDED RESOLUTION, AS NOTED ABOVE.**

Wastewater Mgmt. Facilities Grant

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES GRANT: The City Manager announced the availability of a Wastewater Management Facilities Grant for financially disadvantage

small communities. Eighty-five percent will be for the planning, design and construction/rehabilitation of wastewater sewers, treatment and disposal/reuse facilities. After completion of these activities, a grant amendment will be made for at least 65% percent of eligible construction costs.

The appropriate application should be received by December 1999 and a return deadline of February 2000.

Consensus: **PLACE THE ABOVE NOTED ITEM ON THE CITY MANAGER'S PUNCH LIST.**

FIND Grant

FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT GRANT (FIND): The Mayor explained that the FIND, 1999-2000 Waterways Assistance Program, provides funding assistance to local governments to perform waterway improvement projects. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Entertainment, City of Jacksonville, in cooperation with the City of Neptune Beach, proposes to the Florida Inland Navigation District for 1999, a Phase I, Design, Engineering and Permitting of a Canoe Launch at the old bridge site on Seagate Avenue. The City of Jacksonville will provide the grant writing and administration, as well as the 50% percent match for Phase I of the project.

For year 2000, a Canoe Launch at the end of Forest Avenue near the City Yard will be proposed with this grant.

With regard to Forest Avenue, parking near the City Yard and FOP would be feasible. The gun range was an obstacle that could be overcome to allow the Forest Avenue Canoe Launch to be a reality.

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Judy Bost, 115 Walnut Street, liked the idea of ticketing cars on private property and had been questioned by citizens on the purpose of the Nuisance Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky E. Hanks, CMC/AE, City Clerk

Approved: _____