



**TOWN HALL MEETING
MARCH 15, 1999, AT 9:35 P.M.
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET,
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

Pursuant to proper notice a Town Hall Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held March 15, 1999, at 9:35 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance:

The following Council members and staff were 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 Manager Richard A. Linn
City Clerk Becky E. Hanks CMC/AE
Director of Finance John Herbst

Order Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:35 p.m.

Animal Cruelty

Jim Hayes, 519 McCullom Circle, complained that three police officers abused his two dogs while trying to retrieve them when they dug out of his back fence. The puppy received 17 lacerations on his face and an injured leg. The incident occurred on Friday, March 12th, but on Monday, March 15th, a police officer had to be called in off the road to fill out a police report of the incident so Mr. Hayes could have a copy in order to file a complaint.

Tony Mazzola, 529 Birch Court, a neighbor of Mr. Hayes, offered help to the Police Officers because he knew the dogs and could get them to come to him. However, the police officers told him to leave the premises.

Consensus: **THE CITY MANAGER WAS DIRECTED TO CONDUCT A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO THE ABOVE NOTED INCIDENT AND MAKE A REPORT TO COUNCIL AND TO SEND ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS OF COPY OF THE POLICE REPORT INVOLVING THIS INCIDENT.**

Police Complaint Forms

Steve Spencer, 816 Commerce Street, stated that he asked the City Manager for the appropriate form to file a complaint against a police officer (SOP52), but was given an incorrect form (Citizen Contact Form). Mr. Spencer stated that he did not feel comfortable entering the police department and that the City Manager's office should have this form available to the public.

Consensus: **THE CITY MANAGER WAS DIRECTED TO WORK OUT AN APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING FORM SOP52 AND OTHER GENERAL COMPLAINT FORMS.**

Committee
Minutes

Harriet Pruette, 217 ½ Magnolia Street, will be requesting copies of the minutes from the
Ish Brant Beautification Committee and the Community Special Events Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky E. Hanks, CMC/AE, City Clerk

Approved: _____