



**TOWN HALL MEETING
MAY 17, 1999, 7:10 AT 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 May 17, 1999, at 7:10 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.	City Manager Richard A. Linn
Vice Mayor Thomas A. Tankersley	City Clerk Becky E. Hanks CMC/AE
Councilor Edward S. Jones	Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait
Councilor Ronald D. Patronik	Administrative Assistant Lisa Volpe
Councilor Robert D. Shimp	

Order Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and stated the purpose was (1) to receive public input on Ordinance No. 1999-01, Turtle Protection and (2) extending parking hours on First Street.

Public Comments

Bruce Rehmer, 804 McCollum Circle, stated that extending the parking hours on First Street for commercial business would cause problems in neighboring residential areas.

Harriet Pruette, 217 ½ Magnolia Street, opposed extending parking hours on First Street and stated that it would cause more traffic problems and only benefit Commercial businesses.

Regina Nolte, 1606 First Street, opposed extending parking hours on First Street due to trash, noise and safety.

Kurt Cobb, 112 Orange Street, stated that he would like to see the barricades on First Street down, because Midway got all First Street traffic. He recommended moving the grand stand, used by Dancing in the Street Festival, forward, to discourage traffic from entering the residential area on Midway. He also stated that he thought the Turtle Ordinance was to strict.

John Kowkabany, 110 Palm Place, stated that extending parking hours on First Street would interfere with the people's right to quiet enjoyment.

David Baker, 1102 First Street, stated that he favored the barricades on First Street, and suggested extending parking hours on First Street during the summer only.

John Knooz, 816 Oceanfront, opposed the Turtle Ordinance and stated that it was too strict.

George Phelps, 100 Rose Place, felt that the Turtle Ordinance was not necessary and that everyone was already in compliance.

Linda Padrta, 1113 First Street, opposed extending parking hours on First Street and stated that she preferred the present atmosphere on First Street, including the barricades.

Harriet Christovich, 112 Seagate Avenue, stated that the Turtle Ordinance was not necessary and that everyone was already in compliance. She suggested parking permits for homeowners and temporary permits for extended guests.

Patricia Sowerby, 1910 Oceanfront, was out of town for the public hearing, therefore, City Manager Linn read a letter from her opposing the Turtle Ordinance.

Fred Cattar, 110 Walnut Street, opposed extending parking hours on First Street, citing an increase in litter and noise.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky E. Hanks, CMC/AEE, City Clerk

Approved: _____