



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 1999 AT 8:20 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 May 17, 1999, at 8:20 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 Karla Strait

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Traffic Safety Committee

AD HOC TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: City Manager Linn reported that the next committee meeting was set for May 18, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the traffic calming study and how to incorporate it into the Utility Master Plan. The City Manager's office will be presenting information to the committee on the traffic counters and speed studies that were done.

Dancing in the Street

DANCING IN THE STREET: City Manager Linn reported that although Dancing in the Street was not a city event, it was very well organized, the clean up went well and there was one arrest for a bicycle theft in Atlantic Beach.

CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST

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City Manager Punch List

- *Traffic Counter:* City Manager Linn reported that the traffic counter was now at Lora and Margaret Street to see if the temporary speed bumps made an impact.
- *Life Guard Station:* City Manager Linn reported that we should have been in the new Life Guard Station last weekend, however, we were delayed by some last minute punch list items. The lifeguards should be in the building this coming weekend. Linn added that it was a beautiful attraction to our community and well constructed.
- *Drainage on Forest Avenue:* Councilor Shimp stated that property owner Don Jordan has work going on in his front yard and when that was complete Public Works will start the work for the city.

- *Roadway between Shopping Centers:* City Manager Linn reported that this was still a possibility and should be kept on the Punch List.
- *Traffic Signal at Atlantic Boulevard and Brant Boulevard:* Mayor Vaughn stated that he would like the City Manager to pursue this issue.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES - NONE

Change in Agenda items

Mayor Vaughn asked to move agenda item 6.a. as the next item on the agenda.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Community Center

UPDATE BY BRUCE REHMER ON COMMUNITY CENTER: Bruce Rehmer gave a proposal for Players By The Sea to construct a Community Center Theater on property located in the City Yard.

Megan Phifer, the children's coordinator for non-profit drama programs at the beach, gave a proposal to Council and stated that the children were in need of a permanent home for their theater.

Greg Loita, with Players By The Sea, stated that he hoped Council would consider their proposal.

Whitney Hudson, actress, stated that she has been in the acting program for six years and she felt the program helped children express themselves and show their inner talents through theater.

Matt Williams, actor, stated this is an extra curricular activity for after school and during the summer, plus gave students an alternative to doing drugs and other bad things.

Susanne Harmon, a Community Center Committee Member, stated that she was amazed by how these young people conducted themselves while putting on productions and she thought this would be a worthwhile project.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE JUNE TOWN HALL MEETING TO LOOK AT PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS AND RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT.**

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Springdale Travel Trailer

REQUEST TO PLACE THE PURCHASE OF A SPRINGDALE TRAVEL TRAILER ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR JUNE 7, 1999: The Public Safety Department has requested the purchase of a personnel-housing trailer for use during emergencies such as hurricanes.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO MAY 19, 1999 SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING.**

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

City Manager's Annual Salary Review

CITY MANAGERS ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW: Council discussed whether or not this would be a performance review or a salary review. City Attorney White stated that the contract read salary review for the second anniversary but there was nothing that prevented the Council from doing a performance review. Whereupon, each member of Council gave an opinion of the City Managers job performance.

Following discussion, Council agreed to a 5 percent salary increase.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE JUNE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR APPROVAL OF SALARY INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF 5 PERCENT FOR THE CITY MANAGER.**

The City Manager thanked Council for their comments and pointed out how well the city functions as a whole.

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

David Baker, 1102 First Street, commended Mr. Linn for his job performance. He expressed embarrassment from confrontations and newspaper articles.

Harriet Pruette, 217 1/2 Magnolia Street, stated that Mr. Linn did a good job and deserved a gold star.

Harriet Christovich, 112 Seagate Avenue, stated that she would like to see Council work more together.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky E. Hanks, CMC/AE, City Clerk

Approved: _____