



**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 5, 1999, AT 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET,
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

Pursuant to proper notice a Budget Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held August 5, 1999, 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 Tom Tankersley
Councilor Edward S. Jones
Councilor Ronald D. Patronik
Councilor Robert D. Shimp
City Manager Richard A. Linn

Acting City Clerk Lisa Volpe
Director of Finance John Herbst
Director of Public Safety William Brant
Director of Public Works John Galen
Administrative Assistant Piper Turner

Absent:
City Attorney Christopher A. White

Call to Order/Roll Call The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council reviewed the budget page by page.

Consensus: **TO DECREASE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMOUNTS:**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES:
ACCOUNT NO. 001-1111-511-30-41:
FROM \$500 TO \$0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES:
ACCOUNT NO. 001-1111-511-30-48:
FROM \$1,000 TO \$500.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONTINGENCIES & EMERGENCY:
ACCOUNT NO. 001-1111-511-90-99:
FROM \$2,500 TO \$1,250.

CITY MANAGER'S OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:
ACCOUNT NO. 001-1112-512-30-34:
FROM \$10,000 TO \$5,000.

Council decided that they would submit any small cuts in writing and review the larger budget items.

Consensus: **TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER BUDGET WORKSHOP ON AUGUST 23, 1999 AT 7:00 PM.**

Finance Director
submission of budget
reductions

John Herbst stated that the following items could be accelerated into this year's budget.

Finance	\$25,000	Machinery and Equipment
Building	\$10,000	Machinery and Equipment
City Clerk	\$ 5,000	Machinery and Equipment
Non-departmental	\$10,000	Improvements - Not Buildings

The following items are reductions:

Police	\$25,000	Regular Salaries
Police	\$15,000	Overtime
Police	\$12,000	Benefits

Council discussed leaving the \$30,000 for the parks department in the budget for the time being.

Schedule of
Modifications from
budget workshops

Council discussed the modifications of the First Draft of the Proposed Budget and the funding a Volunteer Fire Department.

On the Record Mayor Vaughn stated on the record, that this {fire department budget} is not as simple as taking those items off your sheet and to hear Councilor Patronik say we are getting a free fire service is unbelievable. He asked John Herbst if we are paying anything to Jacksonville for fire services. City Manager Linn responded that we were paying for rescue which is now located in Atlantic Beach. The Mayor asked if the \$150,000 that Jacksonville gives to Atlantic Beach for services is enough to cover us too. Mr. Linn stated that the question should be directed to Atlantic Beach. The mayor stated his concern that the city is not allowing the citizens participation in the termination of the fire department and questioned why the fire equipment was not kept up over the past few years and why money was not put in reserves.

Mayor Vaughn requested that Director of Finance John Herbst find out how many calls Atlantic Beach had received from Neptune Beach over the past twelve months and equate a cost to those calls.

Consensus: **TO DECREASE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO \$4000.**

The council discussed budget items that Mayor Vaughn requested: additional street signs, widening of sidewalks, Spanish tile roofs, widening walking paths, installing video cameras, constructing new street ends, adding benches at street ends, and the dune crossovers.

On the Record Mayor Vaughn stated, on the record, that he would like council to understand that we have one of the best dune systems, however the crossovers built provide a weakness for storm surges to pass through, and he thoroughly disagreed with arbitrarily cutting this item from the budget.

Consensus: **TO ELIMINATE STREET DEPARTMENT AND PARKS DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 4 THROUGH 11, IMPROVEMENTS – NOT BUILDINGS, ON THE SCHEDULE OF MODIFICATIONS FROM THE BUDGET.**

John Galen stated that the Watersedge lift station would be reconstructed out of the Community Development Block Grant.

John Herbst advised Council that the cost of meters had been split between the water fund and the sewer fund. He also revealed there was a correction in the Water Construction Fund Department of Environmental Protection Water Revolving Loan from \$96,234 to \$1,307,854.

Recess/Reconvene

The meeting was recessed at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

John Herbst stated that with the amounts struck from the budget at this meeting the city has a new deficit of \$111,500.

On the Record

The Mayor stated on the record that he strongly recommends that anyone who comes up with budget cuts speak with City Manager Linn and the Department Head before cutting any funds from the budget.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Volpe, Acting City Clerk

Approved: _____