



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 1999 AT 7:35 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 September 20, 1999, at 7:35 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 Attorney Christopher A. White

City Manager Richard A. Linn
Acting City Clerk Lisa Volpe

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Change in Agenda

Mayor Vaughn requested a change in the agenda so that Anne Murphy with Media One could make her presentation first.

Media One

Anne Murphy with Media One presented a check to the City of Neptune Beach in the amount of \$5000.00 for contributions towards city events for the coming fiscal year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Safety

Laura Schulz, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Traffic Safety Committee gave a presentation on what the committee had accomplished and presented a traffic calming study as well as some recommendations.

CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST

Shuttle Trolley

City Manager Linn reported that Danny Orr with Jacksonville Transportation Authority requested that Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Councilman Holland be included in a meeting to discuss the idea of a shuttle trolley. Danny Orr will be setting up a meeting.

Naval Air Show

City Manager Linn related that the new Commanding Officer of Mayport Naval Base Captain Furness had met with the Steering Committee to discuss scheduling of the Naval Air show, and that Captain Furness had to meet with his admiral to make some schedule changes and would report back.

Drainage on Forest

Councilor Shimp asked if the work had been started on the drainage problem on Forest Avenue. City Manager Linn replied that he would check with Director of Public Works John Galen.

- Road between Shopping Centers Councilor Shimp inquired if anything would be done about the proposed roadway between the Shopping Centers. City Manager Linn responded that U-haul was not interested.
- Short Term Rentals Councilor Patronik asked about an ordinance related to short term rentals. City Manager Linn replied that he was working on it along with Amy Skinner of Ivey, Harris and Walls.
- Taxi Cab Stand Councilor Shimp reported that the Project Oversight Committee had come to the conclusion that the taxi cab stand will stay where it is. Councilor Tankersley suggested that they speak with the taxicab companies to find out what they wanted.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- Proposed rezoning ordinance City Manager Linn reported that the Building Department had a rezoning request from the Little Red Schoolhouse. City Clerk Lisa Volpe stated that a public hearing needs to be between September 17 and October 17, 1999 and needs to be noticed 7 days prior to meeting.

Consensus: **PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING OF THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE TO BE AT THE OCTOBER 4, 1999, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS - NONE

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

- Freedom Shrine The Beaches Exchange Club requested that a Freedom Shrine be placed in the Neptune Beach City Hall with no cost to the City.
- Resolution of Support – Health Group City Manager Linn stated that he received a letter from the City of Lake Butler requesting that the City of Neptune Beach pass a resolution supporting their effort for a statewide health care plan.

Consensus: **MOVE TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION FORWARD TO THE OCTOBER 4, 1999 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

- Resolution of Support - Everglades City Manager Linn reported that the County of Martin requested support from municipalities by resolution, to the federal government, for the restudy of the everglades.

Consensus: **TO CONTACT THE COUNTY OF MARTIN AND RECEIVE MORE FACTS BEFORE MOVING THE RESOLUTION FORWARD.**

- City Attorney Fees City Manager Linn requested clarification from the Council regarding City Attorney White's retainer agreement and Resolution 1997-42 allowing the City Manager and Finance Director to authorize legal expenses above the retainer.

Consensus: **FOR ANY FUTURE LEGAL EXPENSES OVER AND ABOVE THE RETAINER FEE TO BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY WHITE'S INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,700.**

Hurricane Floyd Update City Manager Linn updated Council on Hurricane Floyd and stated there was tremendous team effort from the Mayor down to City Administration and employees for a very successful evacuation and recovery and thanked everyone for their cooperation. Linn also stated that the boil water order had been dropped as of noon today.

Muscovy Duck Control Mayor Vaughn stated that he had received a letter from the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida, regarding their concern over an article in the local newspaper.

City Manager Linn commented about a health a safety problem that was solved in the city and that three to five ducks were lost in the control program when five hundred ducks where relocated. Mr. Linn read paragraph three of the letter regarding suggestions of how to better control the population of ducks, one would be to take the eggs and chill them to make them infertile. Mr. Linn also stated that the Animal Control had gone to great lengths to save the ducks.

Global Warming Mayor Vaughn announced that a letter was received regarding global warming from Ozone Action. He stated there was a blank document enclosed to fill out and sign supporting a statement on global warming and asked council if they agreed with it to sign the document and send it in.

Public Comments PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Lynda Padra, 1113 First Street, stated her concern about the traffic on First Street.

Harriet Pruette, 217 1/2 Magnolia Street, commented that Chris White was the best City Attorney the city ever had and that he deserved a raise. Ms. Pruette also commended the Animal Control for going over and above to help her with some cat problems.

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Volpe, Acting City Clerk

Approved: _____