



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2000 AT 7:00 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 January 18, 2000 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor George F. Vaughn, Jr.
Vice Mayor Edward S. Jones
Councilor Ronald Patronik
Councilor Robert D. Shimp
Councilor Thomas A. Tankersley
City Manager Richard A. Linn
City Attorney Christopher A. White

City Clerk Lisa Volpe
Supervisor of Water Leon Smith
Lead Operator Mark Greenwood
Director of Finance John Herbst
Building Official Dan Arlington
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IBBC ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: City Manager Linn reported that the Ish Brant Beautification Committee had met on January 3, 2000 with Jacksonville Councilors Jerry Holland and Elaine Brown. They discussed joint projects along the culvert on Florida Boulevard and were working on a grant for \$5000.00 for landscaping the medians on Third Street.

CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST

Roadway Between Shopping Centers ROADWAY BETWEEN SHOPPING CENTERS: City Manager Linn stated that he had met with Ron Oehl the new owner of the K-mart shopping center. Mr. Oehl was discussing with U-Haul about the roadway.

Penman Road Bike Path PENMAN ROAD BIKE PATH: City Manager Linn stated that he had spoken with Sally Rosier of the Florida Department of Transportation and they hired a consultant to design the bike path. Ms. Rosier stated that the contract called for a bike path from Atlantic Boulevard down Florida Boulevard across Penman Road, across Third Street to the ocean. The alternative route would be along Penman Road from Atlantic Boulevard down to Seagate Avenue. The consultant was to visit the area this week.

Wastewater Management Facilities WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES: Mayor Vaughn asked City Manager Linn about the Wastewater Management Facilities. Mr. Linn answered that he didn't believe the city qualified for funding.

Short Term Rentals SHORT TERM RENTAL ISSUE: City Manager Linn announced that he received a letter from the enforcement agency for the State stating that they had no enforcement powers because the units were not five dwellings or more.

Taxi Cab Stands TAXICAB STANDS: Councilor Tankersley asked City Manager Linn if Director of Public Works John Galen had ordered the signs for the taxicab stands. City Manager Linn answered "yes" that they might have already come in.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ord. No. 2000-01 ORDINANCE NO. 2000-01: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, ABANDONING, VACATING AND CLOSING A PORTION OF FIRST STREET BETWEEN NORTH STREET AND SOUTH STREET; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Consensus: **TO MOVE ORDINANCE NO. 2000-01 FORWARD TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY FOR SECOND READ.**

CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS

CDBG Project AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR CDBG PROJECT: City Manager Linn stated that each year council is asked permission to advertise and solicit bids for the CDBG funding of sewer work. Mr. Linn requested to place this item on the consent agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting in February.

Consensus: **TO MOVE AUTHORIZATION OF BIDS FOR CDBG PROJECT FORWARD TO THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY.**

Sliders Oyster Bar GRANDFATHERING OF PARKING SPACES AT SLIDERS OYSTER BAR: City Manager Linn reported that an agreement had been drawn up for the grandfathering of two parking spaces at Sliders Oyster Bar.

Consensus: **TO MOVE SLIDERS OYSTER BAR GRANDFATHERING OF PARKING SPACES FORWARD TO THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY.**

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Risk Management Program PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REQUIRED BY THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY: Supervisor of Water Leon Smith and Lead Operator Mark Greenwood gave a presentation on the City's Risk Management Program.

Revenue Enhancements PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS: Director of Finance John Herbst gave a presentation and shared some ideas about how to enhance city revenue.

Interlocal Agreement SUGGESTED TEXT OF AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE FIRE PROTECTION AND ADVANCE LIFE SUPPORT RESCUE: Mayor Vaughn stated that there was a draft of a suggested agreement involving fire services to be provided by Jacksonville in the agenda packets. Mayor Vaughn asked for a consensus of the council to move forward with the agreement between the City of Neptune Beach and the City of Jacksonville. The Mayor's intent was not to reopen the interlocal agreement with City of Jacksonville.

Mayor Vaughn felt that if the City of Jacksonville was going to provide our fire protection and fire rescue services at no cost, there needed to be a specific binding agreement between the City of Neptune Beach and the City of Jacksonville. He felt this agreement would do it.

Councilor Shimp stated that he did not want to reopen the issue, he felt that if we did Jacksonville might want to raise our millage rate.

Mayor Vaughn stated that was against his best business interest to rely on an agreement between two entities that are not connected with us.

On the Record Councilor Shimp asked how many times Mayor Delaney and the Jacksonville Fire Chief had to explain that we are covered. He asked why we couldn't just say, "you know what for some reason we got a good deal". Councilor Shimp said for the last time "there was not a Fire Department" we didn't have a volunteer Fire Department, what we had were police officers coming off the street to take care of the fire services. He also stated that insurance rates would go down because Jacksonville was providing fire services and he was willing to trust Mayor John Delaney.

On the Record Councilor Shimp stated on the record that his statements were not meant to be derogatory.

Mayor Vaughn stated that he trusted what was on paper and specific language in an agreement.

Vice Mayor Jones stated that the council voted to surplus the fire equipment at the last meeting and he had based his vote on that we have the very best fire services ever based on the interlocal agreements that were place. Jones further stated that he was not in favor of reopening the issue.

Councilor Patronik asked City Attorney White if this agreement would open up negotiations.

City Attorney White responded that he could not speculate on what would happen but it would become fair game.

Councilor Patronik stated that we might be shooting ourselves in the head if we go ahead with this agreement. He thought it would be very difficult for Jacksonville to charge for fire services in the future.

Councilor Tankersley felt that we had a good working agreement. His concern was that it opened negotiations.

City Attorney White stated that he felt we had an expressed contract.

On the record Councilor Tankersley voted no because he did not feel we needed to go into another interlocal agreement.

Consensus: **NOT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT.**

Recess / Reconvene The meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Water & Sewer Upgrade UPDATE OF DESIGN OF WATER AND SEWER UPGRADE: Jim Miller with PBS&J gave an update on the design of the water and sewer upgrade.

Welcome Sign DESIGN OF THE "WELCOME TO NEPTUNE BEACH" SIGN: Three different sign designs, numbered 1, 2, and 3 were presented to the council to choose from.

Consensus: **MOVE FORWARD WITH SIGN DESIGN NUMBER 3.**

Public Comments PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Robert West, 106 Hall Place, expressed concern about the grandfathering of parking spaces at Sliders Oyster Bar. He felt that city streets should not be grandfathered to anyone.

Harriet Pruette, 217½ Magnolia Street, commented that Mayor John Delaney had an interest in Neptune Beach because he was a resident and felt that we should trust in his word. Ms. Pruette added that Cathy Crownover, reporter for Shorelines, had done a good job on the article about city revenues.

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Volpe, City Clerk

Approved: _____