



**MINUTES**  
**WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2000 AT 7:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

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Pursuant to proper notice a Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held February 22, 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  
City Manager Richard A. Linn  
City Attorney Christopher A. White

City Clerk Lisa Volpe  
Director of Finance John Herbst  
Director of Public Services John Galen

ABSENT:  
Councilor Thomas A. Tankersley

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

For the Record    City Clerk Lisa Volpe read into the record a message that Councilor Tankersley was out of town due to a family emergency.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** City Manager Linn reported that there were two items of business in the committee report. One being the culvert on Florida Boulevard and the other addressing a \$5,000 grant to beautify the medians on Third Street. Mr. Linn turned the floor over to Dayne Etherton the Chairman of the Ish Brant Beautification Committee.

Mr. Etherton informed the council that he felt the culvert project would create an easier maintenance program for the city and would also beautifying the area. He asked the council to look at a resolution that had been drafted in favor of the culvert, trees and bike path on Florida Boulevard and asked if the council had any questions.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Consensus:    **FORWARD THE RESOLUTION FOR CULVERT ALONG FLORIDA BOULEVARD TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA FOR MARCH 6, 2000.**

**CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST**

- Roadway between shopping centers      **ROADWAY BETWEEN SHOPPING CENTERS:** City Manager Linn reported that he and Building Official Dan Arlington had met with representatives of U-Haul to discuss a future roadway between the K-mart and the Food Lion shopping centers. Mr. Linn added that he and Director of Public Services John Galen had met with the representatives of Smith and Gillespie and asked them to provide a proposal on the cost of the roadway. The proposal had come in and he believed that the price was under \$5,000.
- Penman Road Bike Path      **PENMAN ROAD BIKE PATH:** City Manager Linn stated that the Ish Brant Beautification Committee had requested that the Jacksonville Transportation Authority include the bike path in the scope of their work on the Florida Boulevard culvert. Mr. Linn added that a meeting with a consultant hired by Jacksonville Transportation Authority would be held on February 23, 2000, to discuss any concerns.
- Shuttle Bus Trolley      **SHUTTLE BUS TROLLEY:** City Manager Linn announced that the construction of the shuttle bus parking area at the K-Mart shopping center had been completed.
- Naval Air Show      **NAVAL AIR SHOW:** City Manager Linn stated a meeting was planned for February 24, 2000, with Captain Furness and the City Managers of Jacksonville Beach and Atlantic Beach to discuss the Air Show.
- Wastewater Management Facilities Grant      **WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES GRANT:** City Manager Linn reported that the city was included on the list to receive the Wastewater Management Facilities Grant.
- MTBE Testing      **MTBE TESTING:** City Manager Linn stated that water samples had been sent to the lab and he was awaiting the results.
- Items on City Managers Punch List      **KINGS ROAD BRIDGE:** Councilor Shimp suggested that some old issues be removed from the City Managers punch list one being the Kings Road Bridge Safety and Fishing Pier.
- Discussion ensued about the safety, cost of repairs and concern for the residents having to cross the bridge.
- It was decided to leave the item on the punch list changing the title from "Kings Road Bridge Safety and Fishing Pier" to "Kings Road Bridge".

**PROPOSED ORDINANCES / NONE****CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS**

- 911 – Interlocal Agreement      **911 – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:** Mr. Linn stated that the city would be reimbursed \$66,865 in salaries and expenses for the 911 dispatchers from the 911 interlocal agreement with Duval County.
- Consensus:      **FORWARD THE 911 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING CONSENT AGENDA FOR MARCH 6, 2000.**
- Bell South Easement      **BELL SOUTH EASEMENT REQUEST:** City Manager Linn stated that he had met with representatives from Bell South and their real estate agent and they had agreed to a one time payment of \$3,500 for the easement.

Consensus: **FORWARD THE BELL SOUTH EASEMENT REQUEST TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING CONSENT AGENDA FOR MARCH 6, 2000.**

Emergency 1 Fire Engine

**SURPLUS AND SALE OF 1985 EMERGENCY 1 FIRE ENGINE:** City Manager Linn informed the council that he had received a letter from Crescent City proposing to purchase the 1985 emergency 1 fire engine. Mr. Linn added that the proposal was for a total of \$20,000, paying \$5,000 down and the remaining \$15,000 when they passed a new budget on October 1, 2000.

Consensus: **FORWARD EMERGENCY 1 FIRE ENGINE TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA FOR MARCH 6, 2000.**

### **ISSUE DEVELOPMENT**

Misuse of Public Funds

**MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS:** Mayor Vaughn felt that the city had misused funds by performing the construction of curbs adjacent to the Ed Jones development. He felt that the developer had torn out the curbs during the construction of the building and should be responsible for the replacement.

Discussion ensued.

City Manager Linn stated that the city did put in the curb, it was on the city right of way, and it was the only section between Third Street and the ocean that was not curbed and had not been curbed for a long time. Mr. Linn added that the city was required by the St. Johns River Water Management District to control storm water and part of that requirement was installing curbing. Mr. Linn further stated that putting in the curbing was a normal course of city business.

Mosquito Control Aircraft

**PERMISSION FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL AIRCRAFT:** City Manager Linn stated that he had received an annual request from Mosquito Control requesting that council write a letter allowing them to fly an airplane over the city for the treatment of mosquitoes.

Consensus: **FORWARD THE MOSQUITO CONTROL AIRCRAFT TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING CONSENT AGENDA FOR MARCH 6, 2000.**

Financial Status Report

**FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT:** Director of Finance John Herbst gave a financial status report indicating that the city was in a sound financial state.

Mail Handling Procedures

**DISCUSSION OF MAIL HANDLING PROCEDURES:** Mayor Vaughn wanted to read a memo that he had written to City Clerk Lisa Volpe regarding the opening of a letter that was addressed to him.

Vice Mayor Jones stated that it was not required for the Mayor to read the letter that could submit it for the record.

Mayor Vaughn stated that he was going to read the memo into the record.

Vice Mayor Jones made a motion to prevent the mayor from reading the memo into the record.

Consensus: **TO PREVENT THE MAYOR FROM READING A MEMO FOR THE RECORD.**

Mayor Vaughn agreed not to read the memo into the record and explained that a letter addressed to him had been delivered to city hall and was opened by the City Clerk because a member of press asked to see it. He felt that no one other than himself should open his mail.

For the Record Mayor Vaughn stated for the record that the City Clerk would have the original envelope and letter back tonight.

City Clerk Lisa Volpe explained that when the member of the press asked her to open the letter and copy it for them that she did not foresee a major problem. Ms. Volpe apologized to the Mayor and said that it would not happen again.

Flooding end of Atlantic Blvd.

FLOODING OF ATLANTIC BOULEVARD BETWEEN FIRST STREET AND THE OCEAN: City Manager Linn suggested two possible solutions for the flooding problem at the end of Atlantic Boulevard and the ocean. One was to build a ramp or a crossover adjacent to the lifeguard building that would allow access to the beach when the area was flooded. The other was to find a place to pump the water and install pump stations.

Councilor Shimp asked if a handicap walkway could be installed next to the lifeguard station during times of flooding.

Mayor Vaughn stated that he would like to see all the cities come together and work in a committee format on an ongoing basis to develop a solution.

City Manager Linn stated that he would meet with the City Manager of Atlantic Beach and discuss a solution.

Vice Mayor Jones and Councilor Patronik felt that the Town Center Project Oversight Committee should have handled the issue.

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Harriet Pruette, 217 ½ Magnolia Street, felt that the flooding at the end of Atlantic Boulevard needed to be addressed. Ms. Pruette also felt that it was a misuse of public funds to have to redo the curbing in Town Center because it was done right the first time. Ms. Pruette also felt that Mayor Vaughn could have handled the issue of mail handling directly with the City Clerk.

Elaine Kenny, 1301 Neptune Grove Drive West, stated her concern about the flooding on Atlantic Boulevard at the ocean. Ms. Kenny also felt that City Clerk Lisa Volpe had been put in an awkward position.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa Volpe, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

