



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 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 May 15, 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.	Assistant to the Building Official Piper Turner
Vice Mayor Edward S. Jones	Assistant to the City Manager Terry Klein
Councilor Robert D. Shimp	
Councilor Thomas A. Tankersley	ABSENT:
City Manager Richard A. Linn	Councilor Ronald Patronik
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait	City Attorney Christopher A. White
Director of Finance John Herbst	City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IBBC

ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE: City Manager Linn reported that the Ish Brant Beautification Committee was working on the plans for the median improvements on Third Street to send to the Department of Transportation for approval. Mr. Linn added they were also working on improvements for Florida Boulevard.

CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST

Kings Road Bridge

KINGS ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT: City Manager Linn reported that he had spoken with Mayor John Meserve, the beaches representative for the Metropolitan Planning Organization, to seek funding for a preliminary study of the Kings Road Bridge replacement.

Roadway Between Shopping Centers

ROADWAY BETWEEN SHOPPING CENTERS: City Manager Linn announced that a purchase authorization had been prepared for Smith and Gillespie to do the fieldwork, survey and cost estimate for the roadway between the shopping centers.

Bike Path

BIKE PATH FLORIDA BOULEVARD AND PENMAN ROAD: Councilor Shimp asked City Manager Linn what was happening with the Bike Path.

Mr. Linn explained that the consultant was working on a sketch of the bike path and he expected it this week.

Councilor Shimp stated that he thought council had a consensus that the bike path would not run east of Penman Road and asked the City Clerk's office to research the issue from the minutes and place it on the Regular City Council Meeting in June.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Farmer's Market FARMER'S MARKET PROPOSED ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR OUTDOOR SALES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A FARMER'S MARKET.

Consensus: HAVE CITY ATTORNEY CHRISTOPHER WHITE REVIEW THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND FORWARD TO THE JUNE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS

City Manager Renegotiations RENEGOTIATIONS OF CITY MANAGERS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT: City Manager Linn asked to be excused from the meeting during the discussion. Mayor Vaughn excused City Manager Linn. Vice Mayor Jones explained that the City Managers' contract would expire on July 8, 2000 and he had requested the council to review it and change some terms.

Consensus: RENEW THE CITY MANAGERS CONTRACT FOR 3 YEARS WITH A 5% INCREASE PER YEAR AND 3 MONTHS SEVERANCE PAY AND ASK THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW ALL LANGUAGE OF THE CONTRACT MAKING SURE THAT IT WAS IN THE CITY'S BEST INTEREST.

Land Use Code LAND USE CODE CONTRACT WITH IVEY, HARRIS AND WALLS: Vice Mayor Jones felt that since discussion of the Land Use Code had been tabled that a decision needed to be made about the contract that the city had with Ivey, Harris and Walls.

Consensus: TO PLACE THE LAND USE CODE ON THE JUNE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO VOTE ON CONTINUING THE DISCUSSION OF THE LAND USE CODE REVISIONS.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Animal Control ANIMAL CONTROL CITATIONS: Councilor Shimp explained that he had written a memo to the City Manager requesting copies of the citations from animal control officers from last September and had not received them.

City Manager Linn felt that Councilor Shimp needed a consensus of council due to the amount of records that were requested and the cost involved.

Consensus: REQUEST THE CITY MANAGER TO PRODUCE THE ANIMAL CONTROL CITATIONS COUNCILOR SHIMP HAD REQUESTED.

City Manager Linn requested that council establish a procedure for future record requests.

Recess/Reconvene Mayor Vaughn called for a recess at 8:20 and the meeting reconvened at 8:30.

- Special Events Committee SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: Councilor Shimp explained that he had several names of residents that were interested in serving on a Special Events Committee and asked permission of council to give the names to the City Clerks office.
- Right of way RIGHT OF WAY ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD EAST OF THIRD STREET: Councilor Shimp requested that a right of way be given to the property owners on Florida Boulevard east of Third Street. City Manager Linn responded that he would discuss the issue at an upcoming staff meeting and have the City Attorney review it.
- USS Roosevelt COMMISSIONING OF THE USS ROOSEVELT: Ed Parpart and Larry Pecket, Members of the Navy League of Mayport Council, asked council for financial support in the amount of \$500.00 for the commissioning of the USS Roosevelt on October 14, 2000.
- Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE JUNE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
- Department of Justice Grant DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT: Public Safety Director Chief Brandt briefed council on the Department of Justice Grant, explaining it would be used for school protection and crime prevention.
- Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE JUNE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
- Public Comments **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**
- John Ster, 1031 Marvone Lane, questioned why council tabled the review of the Proposed Land Development Regulations and recommended reconsideration of the review.
- Kirk Cobb, 112 Orange Street, opposed the proposed farmer's market and felt that there would be a problem with parking, vendors and visitors. Mr. Cobb also felt that the vendors should be required to have licenses stating that the other merchants in the area had to have one. Mr. Cobb supported Councilor Shimp on the animal control issue. Mr. Cobb stated that a few years ago the City Attorney said it was against the law for the city to give away property.
- Judy Bost, 115 Walnut Street, asked council to reconsider the review of the Proposed Land Use Regulations.
- Harriet Pruette, 217 ½ Magnolia Street, felt that no one should be denied access to public records.
- Linda Padrta, 1113 First Street, asked council for assistance in obtaining a public record request.
- Thad Mosesey, 219, 221, 223, 225 Orange Street, opposed the location of the proposed farmer's market due to parking, and blocking of First Street.
- Pat Lynch, 700 Valley Forge Road East, urged council to resume the review of the Proposed Land Development Regulations and felt that the area designated for the farmer's market was not appropriate.
- Tom Gelsh, 631 Beach Avenue, owner of Cobalt Moon on First Street, felt that a farmer's market would be a positive feature for Neptune Beach adding to the quality of life.

John Weber, Animal Control Officer, explained that if the citizens did not become involved that the problems would not be solved. Mr. Weber added that in order for him to issue a citation he would actually have to witness the animal going to the bathroom. Mr. Weber encouraged the citizens to become involved by filling out affidavits.

Steve Hould, 111 Walnut Street, felt the method of tabling the Proposed Land Use Regulations was brought up inappropriately under old business with no notice given to the public and felt it was disrespectful to everyone in the community. Mr. Hould strongly encouraged council to continue the review of the Proposed Land Use Regulations.

John Weldon, 108 Oak Street, explained that the idea of the farmer's market was to use a time period when very little was going on in the Central Business District and there was little demand for parking. Mr. Weldon felt that a farmer's market would create a community event that provided services that were otherwise not available in the area, including topical fruits, organic produce and fresh flowers. Mr. Weldon added that they were not committed to holding it in the street and could utilize one of the parking lots.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at: 9:30 p.m.

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____