



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 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 September 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
City Manager Richard A. Linn
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait

Building Official Dan Arlington
Assistant to the City Manager Terry Klein
Director of Public Safety William Brandt

ABSENT:

Councilor Thomas A. Tankersley
City Attorney Christopher A. White

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Lisa Volpe announced that Councilor Tankersley was absent due to a death in the family.

City Manager Linn announced that City Attorney White was absent due to an appointment in Orlando.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IBBC

ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: City Manager Linn reported that the Ish Brant Beautification Committee was working on the Third Street medians, and had submitted plans to the Florida Department of Transportation for approval. The committee was also in the process of a grant application for Highway Beautification and the ordinance for tree city.

CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST

Naval Air Show

City Manager Linn reported that he would be attending the Steering Committee Meeting on September 21, 2000 and that they were working on the mechanics, funding and marketing.

Intergovernmental
Committee

City Manager Linn announced that he had met with the City Managers and Mayors of Atlantic Beach and Jacksonville Beach in an effort to establish an intergovernmental committee to formally notify each city of development actions in Neptune Beach. Mr. Linn

stated that the consensus of the three cities was to keep notifications informal.

Historical Video
Development

Councilor Shimp requested that City Manager Linn approach Fletcher Senior High or Neptune Beach Elementary School to see if they would be interested in developing a historical video.

Consensus: **TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER LINN TO APPROACH FLETCHER SENIOR HIGH OR NEPTUNE BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING A HISTORICAL VIDEO.**

Presentation of Water
and Sewer Rate Study

PRESENTATION OF WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY ANALYSIS: City Manager Linn introduced Jonathan Varnes and Michael Burton of Burton and Associates.

Mr. Varnes and Mr. Burton gave a presentation of the water and sewer rate study analysis and conceded that the city was in good shape and the rates looked good for the next five years.

Town Center Green
Market

TOWN CENTER GREEN MARKET ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR \$1500 SEED MONEY: Patricia Goelz explained to the council that the Town Center Green Market Association had recognized that some seed capital would be required in order to start up the market. Ms. Goelz requested that the city contribute \$1500 in seed capital toward the start of the project.

Consensus: **TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER LINN TO RESEARCH IF AT&T BROADBAND FORMERLY MEDIA ONE WOULD BE ABLE TO SPONSOR THE EVENT AND INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET FOR EVENTS BY MEDIA ONE AND PRESENT HIS FINDINGS AT THE OCTOBER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ordinance No.
2000-11

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-11: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 27-324, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 27-328(3) AND 27-328(4), ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.

Discussion ensued about how to proceed with the adoption of Article V of the Revised Land Development Regulations.

Consensus: **TO HOLD A SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2000, STARTING AT 6:00 P.M. AND ENDING AT 7:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2000-11 AND ARTICLE V ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES.**

CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS

Capital Petroleum
Equipment Co.

CAPITAL PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT CO. BACKGROUND CHECK: City Manager Linn explained that his assistant had provided documentation that Capital Petroleum Equipment Company had met the requirements and the background check was acceptable for awarding the contract.

Truancy Program

CDBG GRANT FOR TRUANCY REDUCTION PROGRAM: City Manager Linn explained that Chief Brandt had provided documentation of how the grant would be used.

Director of Public Works Chief Brandt informed council how the program would work and that no other program could be used for the grant. Chief Brandt explained that the grant

would pay for an officer, a clerical person, and provide transportation along with other expenses. Chief Brandt added that Fletcher High School was also interested in the program.

Discussion ensued about 1) the necessity of the program, 2) concerns about what would happen with the officer if the grant was not funded, and 3) the income requirements and restrictions of the grant.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

- Agenda Change Mayor Vaughn asked the council to consider modifying the agenda to include item g a presentation of a petition from Terry Cater to one way Cherry Street and to move to the first item under issue development.
- Consensus: **TO MODIFY THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEM G PRESENTATION OF A PETITION FROM TERRY CATER TO ONE WAY CHERRY STREET AND MOVE TO THE FIRST ITEM UNDER ISSUE DEVELOPMENT.**
- One Way Cherry Street **PRESENTATION OF PETITION FROM TERRY CATER TO ONE WAY CHERRY STREET:** Terry Cater of 208 Cherry Street provided a petition from homeowners and tenants on Cherry Street that supported the idea of one way west bound traffic on the 200 block of Cherry Street.
- For the Record Councilor Shimp stated on the record that he felt it was an injustice to the residents that lived on Walnut Street.
- Consensus: **TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION TO ONE WAY THE 200 BLOCK OF CHERRY STREET WEST BOUND FOR A 60 DAY TRIAL PERIOD AND HAVE IT READY FOR THE OCTOBER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**
- Building Permit Fees **DISCUSSION ON BUILDING PERMIT FEE STRUCTURES:** Mayor Vaughn stated that he had been contacted by a contractor that paid a permit fee of \$360 and the same fee in the City of Jacksonville Beach would only cost \$90. Mayor Vaughn felt there was a serious disparity in permit fees between our city and neighboring cities.
- Building Official Dan Arlington explained that the neighboring cities grouped all permits in one category and in our city they were split into commercial and residential and that the permit fees for commercial property is more expensive. Mr. Arlington felt that our permit fees should be a little higher than our neighboring cities because we didn't have very much new construction.
- Consensus: **DIRECT CITY MANAGER LINN TO PLACE THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE STRUCTURE ON HIS PUNCH LIST.**
- Hurricane Doors **CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF HURRICANE DOORS FOR CITY HALL J.B. MATHEWS CO. \$3,809:** City Manager Linn recommended that the hurricane doors be placed on the consent agenda for the October Regular Council Meeting.
- Billy Jones, the city carpenter, explained how the hurricane doors would operate and that they would match the exterior color of the building.
- Recess/Reconvene The Mayor called for a recess at 8:55 p.m. while councilors went outside to look at the doors and the meeting reconvened at 9:05.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE OCTOBER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Lighting at Neptune
Beach Elementary

REQUEST FOR LIGHTING AT NEPTUNE BEACH ELEMENTARY FIELD: City Manager Linn reported that he had received a letter through Councilor Shimp from Mr. Kinsey requesting lights at the practice field behind the elementary school. Mr. Linn asked Councilor Shimp to speak in regard to issue.

Councilor Shimp stated that he had spoken with the President of Jacksonville Beach Pop Warner Association Mr. Kinsey. Councilor Shimp added that sixty kids participated in practices that were held on a reoccurring basis at the field. Councilor Shimp suggested that the neighbors next to the field be notified before making a final decision.

Discussion ensued about 1) the timing of the lighting, 2) the electric bill and 3) the lease agreement.

Consensus: **DIRECT CITY MANAGER LINN TO HAVE A REPORT PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AT THE OCTOBER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Tennis Proposal /
Jarboe Park

TENNIS PROPOSAL FOR JARBOE PARK: City Manager Linn stated that Sandra Phillips approached him with a proposal to implement a tennis program at Jarboe Park.

Ms. Phillips addressed the council and stated that she was a member of the United States Professional Tennis Registry and had been teaching tennis for ten years. Ms. Phillips stated that she would like to create more activity at Jarboe Park by implementing junior and adult programs. Ms. Phillips explained that she would never block off all of the courts at one time.

Consensus: **DIRECT CITY MANAGER LINN TO REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL WITH A RECOMMENDATION.**

Violence at Fletcher
High School

VIOLENCE AT FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL/FELONY THEFT COMPAIN BY DENNIS DESPAIN AGAINST THE NEPTUNE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT: Mayor Vaughn stated that he received a recent complaint relating to violence at Fletcher High School. Mayor Vaughn added that he had written a memo to Mr. Linn on May 23, 2000 asking him to provide him with information regarding a violent incident in May and he still hadn't received a response. Mayor Vaughn asked for support from the council to find out why he couldn't get information when he asked for it.

Discussion ensued relating to the recent incident.

Mayor Vaughn asked City Clerk Lisa Volpe to research the May 23, 2000, memo from the Mayor to Mr. Linn to find out if it was part of the July 12, 2000, agenda packet.

Consensus: **CITY MANAGER LINN TO INVESTIGATE THE VIOLENT INCIDENTS AND REPORT BACK TO CITY COUNCIL.**

LDR Group I

UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS: Mayor Vaughn explained that he placed this on the agenda in hopes of coming up with some kind of schedule to address the proposed Land Development Regulations.

Consensus: **TO PROPOSE FOUR SEPARATE ORDINANCES FOR ARTICLE V, ARTICLE IV ARTICLE XIII, AND ARTICLE XVIII AND FORWARD TO THE OCTOBER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Harriet Pruette, 217 ½ Magnolia Street, felt council was trying to rush the Land Development Regulations through.

Chief Brandt, 200 Lemon Street, stated that according to the city charter department heads were allowed to speak at anytime during council meetings.

JoAnne Waddill, 115 Oleander Street, objected to garage apartments in all of Neptune Beach.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____