



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2000 AT 6:50 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 October 16, 2000 at 6:50 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 Attorney Christopher A. White

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

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Agenda Change

Councilor Shimp suggested changing the agenda to forward the public comments to item 3 (a).

Consensus: **TO MODIFY THE AGENDA TO MOVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FORWARD TO ITEM NO. 3(A).**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IBBC

ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: City Manager Linn reported that he had personally delivered the plans for the median strips to the Florida Department of Transportation for approval because they had been misplaced in the mail and returned to city hall. Mr. Linn added that a purchase order had been issued for palm trees and the reimbursement papers had been submitted to the neighborhood grant program for \$5,000. Mr. Linn announced that the committee was also in the process of submitting an application for recognition as a Tree City and that the yard of the month program was still active.

CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST

Traffic Signal Atlantic Blvd. And Aquatic Dr.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT ATLANTIC BOULEVARD AND AQUATIC DRIVE: City Manager Linn reported that he had received a letter from the Department of Transportation rejecting the request for the traffic signal at Atlantic Boulevard and Aquatic Drive.

Roadway Between Shopping Centers

ROADWAY BETWEEN SHOPPING CENTERS: City Manager Linn announced that he and Chairman of the Planning and Development Review Board John Weldon were still

pursuing the roadway to interconnect the two shopping centers. Mr. Linn added that there was new ownership to one of the shopping centers and he felt that the negotiations would be difficult.

Historical Video

HISTORICAL VIDEO: City Manager Linn stated that he had contacted Fletcher High School regarding the historical video and they had yet to respond.

Lighting at Neptune Beach Elementary

LIGHTING OF THE RECREATION FIELD AT NEPTUNE BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: City Manager Linn reported that the City of Jacksonville Beach Utility Department had submitted the plans to the school board for approval. Mr. Linn added that he had spoken with the principal of Neptune Beach Elementary School and that she strongly supported the lighting as long as the lights did not shine on the neighborhood.

Elections 2000

ELECTIONS 2000 CANVASSING MEETING: City Clerk Lisa Volpe announced that because this year's election was a national election we would probably not receive the results until after midnight on Tuesday, November 7, 2000. Ms. Volpe suggested holding the Special City Council Meeting to publicly canvass the returns and declare the results of the election on Wednesday, November 8, 2000.

Consensus: **TO HOLD THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO PUBLICLY CANVASS THE RETURNS AND DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2000, AT 6:30 P.M.**

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Wendy Manasco, 1827 Leeward Lane, felt that a memo from the Chief of Police was inappropriate and that he should take responsibility for it.

Rod Wilson, 573 Valley Forge Road North, voiced concern about allegations of violence, guns and drugs at Fletcher High School because he as an employee at the school, did not feel that the school deserved the allegations.

Jim Schultz, 608 Valley Forge Road North, had a problem with recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, and commercial vehicles on his street and was in favor of Ordinance No. 2000-12.

Virginia Cauthen, 617 Valley Forge Road North, was concerned about the parking of recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, and commercial vehicles on the corner of Lincoln Road and Valley Forge Road North.

Robert A. West, 106 Hall Place, felt that the Central Business District needed more parking and less outside restaurants.

Pat Lynch, 700 Valley Forge Road North, felt that something needed to be done about the parking of recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, and commercial vehicles on the corner of Lincoln Road and Valley Forge Road North.

Brenna Durden, 9428 Baymeadows Road #625, attorney practicing in land use and environmental area, addressed the council regarding Group II of the Land Development Regulations concerning the definition section, non conforming units, and attached duplexes.

Christian Keeney, 1810 Forth Street, felt the cable situation was atrocious and he was upset that the cable company drilled though his sewer line.

Hal Mankin, 2037 Sandpiper Point, stated that a parked recreational vehicle was blocking

the lighting from his home and favored Ordinance No. 2000-12.

Laura Patronik, 1520 Leeward Lane, stated that she was confident in the School Board and Fletcher High School.

Mary Truta, 701 Valley Forge Road, presented to council pictures of a large trailer and commercial vehicles that were parked on the corner of Lincoln Road and Valley Forge Road North. Ms. Truta felt that something needed to be done about the situation and she favored Ordinance 2000-12.

Harriet Pruette, 217 ½ Magnolia Street, felt for the people on Valley Forge Road North that had to put up with the parking situation and favored Ordinance No. 2000-12, if a special exception for people without back yards would be added.

Lynda Padrta, 1113 First Street, suggested fining AT&T Broadband for littering and opposed the use of garage apartments for financial gain.

Larry Beety, 2016 Sandpiper Point, felt the city should be able to enforce neighborhood covenants and restrictions and complained about the appearance of the city yard.

Buddy Crout, 1027 Kings Road, stated that he would not want to live on Valley Forge Road North with the parking situation because it was unsafe and unsightly. Mr. Crout also felt there was not a violence problem at Fletcher High School.

Brian Greenwood, 222 Myrtle Street, Member of the Planning and Development Review Board, thanked Councilors Patronik and Shimp for postponing accessory buildings and recommended making it two different bills with garage apartments being one item and garages and sheds being the second.

Recess/Reconvene Mayor Vaughn called for a recess at 7:55 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

Agenda Change Because representatives were present, Councilor Patronik suggested moving agenda item 5(a) forward to item 3(b).

Consensus: **TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM 5(A) FORWARD TO ITEM 3(B).**

CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS

Proposals for solid waste collection **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES:** City Manager Linn explained that the contract with BFI and Southland Waste expired on May 31, 2000. Mr. Linn added that Redman Consulting Group, Inc. had developed a request for proposal. Mr. Linn recommended moving forward with advertising and solicitation of proposals.

Consensus: **TO ALLOW SOLICITATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WITH ONE LANGUAGE CHANGE ADDING "COOPERATION NOT CONSOLIDATION."**

Agenda Change Vice Mayor Jones requested moving agenda item 4(b) ahead of item 4(a) because residents were present to address the issue.

Consensus: **TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM 4(B) FORWARD TO ITEM 4(A).**

Agenda Change Councilor Tankersley requested moving agenda items 6(a) and 6(b) forward.

There was no consensus to move agenda items 6(a) and 6(b) forward.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ordinance No.
2000-12

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-11: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA RENUMBERING AND AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 22-28, PARKING OF BOATS AND TRAILERS AND AMENDING SECTION 22-28 TO INCLUDE A NEW SUBSECTION B, PARKING, STORAGE OR USE OF MAJOR RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT OR BOATS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Consensus: **TO CHANGE THE BOAT LENGTH FROM 28 FEET TO 30 FEET AND MOVE ORDINANCE NO. 2000-12 FORWARD TO THE NOVEMBER 6, 2000, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

Council members were asked to give any changes in writing at first read and review changes with City Attorney White.

Group II ULDR

GROUP II, UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS: Councilor Shimp suggested tabling Group II for the next council.

Consensus: **TO TABLE GROUP II TO NEXT COUNCIL.**

Discussion ensued about tabling Group II, and council came to another consensus.

Superceding
Consensus: **TO HOLD A SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2000, TO DISCUSS GROUP II OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.**

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Paving Streets

REQUEST TO CLEAR, CONSTRUCT AND PAVE BARTOLOME ROAD AND ROSEWOOD DRIVE. City Manager Linn explained that two builders had purchased property and requested that the city pave these streets. Mr. Linn recommended that the City construct the streets and have each abutting property owner share in the expense through a special assessment.

Consensus: **TO HAVE CITY ATTORNEY WHITE WORK WITH CITY MANAGER LINN ON A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR BARTOLOME ROAD AND ROSEWOOD DRIVE.**

Ballot Referendum

Mayor Vaughn stated that the City of Jacksonville's Charter Amendment and Ballot Referendum involving trees was being challenged in court. Mayor Vaughn was concerned about its effect and impact on Neptune Beach and asked council to consider joining the actions.

Legal Opinion

City Attorney White advised that we could intervene on the issue of whether or not the county could exercise this authority within the city limits of Neptune Beach and other urban service districts. Mr. White stated that he would be attending the hearings and invited council members to attend.

Consensus: **TO ALLOW CITY ATTORNEY WHITE TO ATTEND THE HEARINGS ON OCTOBER 30, 2000.**

Request for
Investigation

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT: Mayor Vaughn referred to a recent complaint from Dennis DeSpain asking the council to investigate the actions of the police department in an incident involving his son at Fletcher High School. Mayor Vaughn expressed that a letter written to the Council from Chief Brant attacked the citizen that made the complaint. Mayor Vaughn asked Council to join him in his efforts to have an investigation by Florida Department of Law Enforcement. There being no consensus from the Council, the Mayor stated that he would have an investigation done on his own as a private citizen. Each member of the Council directed City Manger Linn to deal appropriately with the Police Chief in regards to his letter.

City Manager Linn stated that Lt. Kelly had already done an internal investigation on the matter and that he would deal with the Police Chief privately.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Attest:

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____