



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2001 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 February 26, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Richard A. Brown
Vice Mayor Robert D. Shimp
Councilor Ronald Patronik
Councilor Harriet Pruette
Councilor J. W. "Buddy" Crout
City Manager Richard A. Linn
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait
Assistant to the City Manager Terry Klein
Finance Director Steve Ramsey
Building Official Dan Arlington
Public Works Director John Galen
Animal Control Officer John Webber
Customer Service Representative Denise Helms

ABSENT:

City Attorney Christopher White

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: City Manager Linn reported the Ish Brant Beautification Committee had received the permit to plant palm trees and wild flowers in the A1A/Third Street medians and they were going to wait until the irrigation was installed before planting them. Mr. Linn added that the committee was also waiting on the design of the bike path on Florida Boulevard, working on the Yard of the Month, and looking at enhancing the intersection of First and Seagate.

Easter Egg Hunt

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT 2001: City Manager Linn reported that this year's Easter Egg Hunt would be held on Friday, April 13, 2001 and the Police Department volunteered to coordinate it.

Councilor Pruette thanked Candy Sullivan, who was in the audience, for her efforts in coordinating the Easter Egg Hunt for over ten years. City Manager Linn also thanked Ms. Sullivan.

CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST

Jarboe Park
Improvement

JARBOE PARK IMPROVEMENT: City Manager Linn stated Goddard Design would be at the March 5, 2001, Regular Council Meeting to give a presentation on the Jarboe Park

Improvement designs.

Roadway between Shopping Centers	<u>ROADWAY BETWEEN SHOPPING CENTERS:</u> City Manger Linn stated he had received a letter of commitment for \$20,000 from one of the shopping centers last October.
Bike Path	<u>FLORIDA BOULEVARD BIKE PATH:</u> City Manager Linn stated that he was still waiting on the design plan for the Florida Boulevard Bike Path.
Underground Containers	<u>UNDERGROUND GARBAGE CONTAINERS:</u> City Manager Linn mentioned that the BFI contract was on the agenda and the underground containers were identified in the contract.
Naval Air Show	<u>NAVAL AIR SHOW:</u> City Manger Linn stated that the Interlocal Agreement for the Naval Air & Sea Show was on the agenda to be discussed.
AT&T/Broadband	<u>AT&T/BROADBAND CLEAN UP OF CABLES:</u> City Manager Linn stated he had been notifying AT&T of the loose cable wires in writing and they had been correcting the problems.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Cross Connectors	<u>ORDINANCE REGULATING CROSS CONNCTIONS:</u> City Manager Linn explained that the Florida Administrative Code Chapter 62-555.330 and 62-555.360 required each municipality to regulate cross connections and backflow preventions with its public water supply. Mr. Linn added that the Backflow Prevention Policy had been in place since 1992 and the Ordinance was needed to back it up. Director of Public Works John Galen explained that the program insured that where there was a lawn meter for an irrigation system attached to a water supply the backflow prevented the water from the sprinkler system from getting sucked back into the drinking water supply.
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Councilor Shimp agreed to sponsor the Ordinance and Councilor Crout agreed to be the co-sponsor.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE MARCH REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA.**

Dogs Beach Hours	<u>ORDINANCE CHANGING THE HOURS ALLOWING DOGS ON THE BEACH:</u> Mayor Brown stated he had received a letter from a citizen suggesting extending the hours that dogs are allowed on the beach during the non season hours.
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The council members discussed the following issues:

1. dogs defecating on the beach,
2. dogs on the beach without a leash,
3. dogs not having city pet tags, and
4. increasing the amount of the animal violation citations.

Animal Control Officer John Webber explained the process of collecting the citation fees.

There was no consensus to move forward on this issue.

Green Market	<u>ORDINANCE CHANGING THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE GREEN MARKET:</u> City Manager Linn stated he received a letter from the Planning & Development Review Board recommending changing the hours of operation of the Green Market to 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mr. Linn felt the council should extend the permitted hours by ordinance and allow the Board to establish the seasonal hours of operation.
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Councilor Pruette agreed to sponsor the Ordinance and Councilor Crout agreed to be the co-sponsor.

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

CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS

Garbage Collection **GABAGE COLLECTION CONTRACT TO BFI:** City Manager Linn stated the bid from BFI was \$67,000 lower than the others and recommended the approval of the garbage collection contract with BFI.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE MARCH REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA.**

Air & Sea Show
Interlocal Agreement **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF THE AIR & SEA SHOW:** City Manager Linn stated that following discussions with the Steering Committee and the Chief of Special Events for the City of Jacksonville a consensus was reached on the proposed interlocal agreement for joint sponsorship of the Air & Sea Show. Mr. Linn added that the agreement spelled out the duties and responsibilities of everyone involved and recommended approval of this agreement.

For the Record Vice Mayor Shimp stated for the record that the \$10,000 contribution from Neptune Beach was a onetime kick off contribution only.

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

Air & Sea Show
Consulting Agreement **AIR & SEA SHOW CONSULTING AGREEMENT:** City Manager Linn stated the Executive Steering Committee of the Air Show selected Aerial Entertainment Resources, Inc., to provide the consulting services for the show and recommended approval of the agreement.

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

City Managers Car **REPLACEMENT OF CITY MANAGERS VEHICLE:** City Manager Linn explained he had received a proposal in the amount of \$6,840 from Garber Country Chevrolet for a brand new 2001 Chevrolet Impala that included the trade in value of four police vehicles and the surplus fire truck. Mr. Linn recommended approval of the proposal for the purchase of the Impala for use by the City Manager.

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

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Harcon Change Order **SETTING A DATE FOR WORKSHOP FOR CHANGE ORDER #1:** Council discussed payment of the change order from Harcon for the sheet piling required by Florida Department of Transportation that was not included in their bid.

Consensus: **TO HOLD A SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING TO DISCUSS THE
CHANGE ORDER FROM HARCON BEFORE THE REGULAR CITY
COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2001, BEGINNING AT
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Brown asked the Council if anyone would like to accompany him along with Jim Miller, City Manager Linn, and John Galen, on a trip to explore the pipe bursting technology in Jacksonville either Thursday or Friday afternoon.

- Parking Enforcement ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING ORDINANCE: Vice Mayor Shimp stated that Mr. Linn advised that property owners should call Chief Brant when unauthorized vehicles were parked on their private property. Vice Mayor Shimp added that the Florida League of Cities was working on an ordinance that would enforce the unauthorized parking in parking lots.
- Town Center Clean Up TOWN CENTER CLEAN UP: Vice Mayor Shimp felt that Town Center merchants should take some responsibility for the clean up around and in front of their establishments. Mayor Brown stated that he would be chairing the next Project Oversight Committee Meeting and he would bring up the issue.
- Goal Setting DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL GOALS: Councilor Pruette stated the goals she would like to accomplish were; 1) Land Development Regulations, 2) working on the Budget earlier this year, 3) replacing faded street signs, 4) repairing pot holes and, 5) trimming tree limbs hanging over the sidewalks.
- Mayor Brown suggested future special events and programs such as flags being sold at City Hall for citizens to display on flag days and a Community Watch Program.
- Councilor Crout wanted to work on a solution for the water & sewer problems, water pressure, and take action on one ordinance at a time in order to improve the code.
- Councilor Patronik felt the codes, the water & sewer project, signs, sidewalks, and street resurfacing needed to be addressed.
- Vice Mayor Shimp felt that the water & sewer project was the most pressing issue and that the water pressure, land use codes, budget, and traffic control needed to be improved.
- Code Enforcement DISCUSSION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES: Councilor Pruette suggested that the city come up with a better way of tracking code enforcement complaints. City Manager Linn recommended using the civic tracker software that his office used for various other complaints.
- Cable TV Franchise DISCUSSION OF CABLE TV FRANCHISE: Councilor Pruette stated that City Attorney White and City Manager Linn were in the process of seeing if the Cable TV Franchise contract could be renegotiated.
- Beaches Park Project BEACHES PARK PROJECT: Mayor Brown stated that the Beaches Park Project for Kids was asking for a donation of \$10,000 to be shared by the beaches cities. Discussion ensued about donating a pro rata share instead of 1/3 of the cost and donating to a project that was not within our city. City Manager Linn stated that he would allow the employees to volunteer to help with the project.

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Steve Hould, 111 Walnut Street, was pleased that the council was proceeding to continue to review the Land Use Codes.

Tom Tankersley, 1038 Kings Road, agreed that the Land Development Regulations needed to continue. Mr. Tankersley stated that AT&T/Broadband's contract was for cable only and did not include computer lines. Mr. Tankersley suggested that unleashed dogs be picked up by animal control and have the owner pay a fee to get them out. Mr. Tankersley stated although BFI provided side yard pick up for garbage, people were still putting their cans out front to avoid the scattering of stuff

all over the yard. Mr. Tankersley was tired of seeing Neptune Beach pay the same amount as the other cities and felt we should only pay a pro rata share. Mr. Tankersley was concerned why \$64,000 was included in Harcon's bid if they didn't know about the sheet piling. Mr. Tankersley also was concerned about the beer bottles coming out of the restaurants and bars at Town Center and felt that the merchants should be cleaning them up.

JoAnne Waddill, showed the council a butterfly plague and stated there would be six more of them all to be placed throughout the Butterfly Garden in Jarboe Park.

Lynda Padrta, 1113 First Street, stated that she was terrified of the dogs at large on the beach. Ms. Padrta suggested placing dog poop bag stations at the street ends and having a list of rules given to new residents whenever they applied to have their water turned on. Ms Padrta asked council to consider having the citizens that are caught not cleaning up after their dogs or allowing them to run at large do some community service by cleaning up poop throughout the city. Ms. Padrta added that Massachusetts had a deposit and refund system for bottles and cigarette butts and thought maybe we could do something similar. Ms. Padrta also stated that AT&T/Broadband had not repaired the damage to her property or responded to her letter.

Cecilia Adams, 449 Lora Street, favored extending the hours that dogs were allowed on the beach. Ms. Adams added that she had lived in Neptune Beach since 1988 and was not aware of the licensing requirement for dogs.

Tom Tankersley, 1038 Kings Road, asked if the problem with the water pressure was serious enough that people had to worry about their homes burning down.

City Manager Linn responded that the pressure and the flow of the fire hydrants were audited annually.

JoAnne Waddill asked if the homeowners were aware of the fire hydrant situation.

John Webber, Animal Control Officer, responded that there were 180 fire hydrants in the city and informed that only 10% of the fire hydrants had a problem and most of them were putting out what they were supposed to and it was not a crisis situation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Dick Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____