



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2001 AT 7:35 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 July 9, 2001 at 7:35 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Finance Director Steve Ramsey
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait
Assistant to the City Manager Terry Klein
Director of Public Services John Galen

Absent:
City Attorney Christopher White

Call to Order/Roll Call The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

PBS&J

Jim Miller, PBS&J, gave a slide show presentation that consisted of a summary of the Water & Sewer Master Utility Plan on where we have been, where we were now, and where we needed to go. A copy of said slide show is incorporated, as attachment, to these minutes.

DISCUSSION

Discussion

Vice Mayor Shimp was concerned that the pipe bursting technology would cause disruption in other services due to the construction. He felt the water lines needed to be replaced before the pipe bursting or the old pipes would bust. Mr. Miller responded that if the water lines were too close to the sewer it could cause water problems. Mr. Miller stated that Director of Public Services John Galen's recommendation of replacing some water mains first would be best because it would increase the water pressure.

Vice Mayor Shimp voiced concern about the future water supply and felt the city should go with technology that would be the most effective 15 years from now. He stated he learned in Germany that the vacuum system took less than one liter of water per toilet flush. Mr. Galen talked about a reuse system where the water lines would go into the house and the sewer lines would go out in a loop. Mr. Miller stated that the city was not big enough to establish a reuse system and added that a mandatory reuse system would not be cost effective and would be a burden on the taxpayers.

Mayor Brown questioned if it had been decided that the water system replacements would be first. Mr. Miller responded it was the council's decision and agreed that it was a high priority. Mr. Miller added that the Florida Boulevard water main needed to be addressed and we needed to find out what was causing the pumps not to respond to the tank levels.

Councilor Patronik was concerned about adequate pressure needed to fight fire and felt running a water line from Florida Boulevard would increase the pressure. Mr. Galen stated that the fire hydrants were going to be inspected next month and if there were any bad ones they would be replaced. The fire hydrants east of Third Street had no valves on them which might cause some inconvenience when they were replaced.

Councilor Crout realized that it would be costly but he wanted Mr. Miller to get the best price on the staff priorities and move forward with taking action and getting bids. Councilor Crout commented that the longer we waited the more costly it would be. Mr. Miller stated there was still money left in the original contract that could be used for engineering and some items could be done by purchase order.

Councilor Pruette asked how many fire hydrants were east of Third Street. Mr. Galen replied that there were a total of 215 in the city and east of Third was in good shape because new hydrants had been installed at each street end. Councilor Pruette agreed with Councilor Crout to move forward with the priorities.

Vice Mayor Shimp stated the council was waiting on staff recommendations to move forward with the water but council needed to make the decision on the type of sewer system.

Councilor Patronik agreed it was time to start implementing the water improvements.

AVAILABLE FUNDING REPORT

State Revolving Loan Fund

STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND - WATER PROJECTS: City Manager Linn reported that the city had been authorized a \$211,033 State Revolving Loan and had been approved for a total of \$2,943,685. The loan would be available in September. The application was submitted based on the Master Plan Phase 1, A, B, & C. The funds were only available for the engineering that was done and submitted for the Master Plan. Mr. Linn added that we could ask for changes but they may not be approved.

STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND - SEWER PROJECTS: City Manager Linn reported that the sewer projects were approved for \$6,089,778 for a State Revolving Loan for Phase 1, A, B, and C, that was submitted.

Disadvantages Small Community Grant

DISADVANTAGES SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT: City Manager Linn stated that the Disadvantages Small Community Grant was for cities under 7,500 in population. Neptune Beach was #27 on the list for the grant and should be reached in 2006 or 2007. This grant money could be used to pay off the State Revolving Loans.

Fund Balances

FUND BALANCES: City Manager Linn stated that the city had \$1,624,597.89 available in cash, \$363,778 to be reserved to meet the bond covenants of the previous bond. The available money in surpluses was \$1,060,819.89.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Water Project

City Manager Linn recommended proceeding with the water project improvement east of Third Street (Phase 1-B&C) and the main line from the water tank to First Street. Mr. Linn

further recommended either pre-qualifying contractors using unit pricing or piggybacking on another agency contract using a "trenchless" technology pipe bursting or directional boring.

Sewer Project

City Manager Linn recommended that we continue research and review of the sewer projects. Mr. Linn felt we needed to collect more cost versus benefit relationship of the various sewer system technologies.

John Galen stated he was not opposed to the vacuum system but felt one system would not be the sole solution. Mr. Galen thought a mix of different technology would be the solution.

Councilor Crout asked the City Manager to come up with a proposal on how the city would pay for the improvements. City Manager Linn replied rate studies had been done and water rates had been raised to allow the work to be done in phases.

On the Record

Vice Mayor Shimp stated on the record that the previous council approved and accepted the water rate study.

Councilor Pruette asked John Galen if the underground lift station would be removed. Mr. Galen responded it was not the original intent but it may end up being permanent.

Mayor Brown asked City Manager Linn to firm up what was covered tonight.

City Manager Linn's conclusion was that he had direction to proceed with water and he and Mr. Miller would put together a list of what they wanted to go out on contract on water lines.

Consensus: **TO GO TO WORK ON THE WATER SUPPLY EAST AND REPLACING THE FAULTY AREAS.**

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Slater, 573 Magnolia Street, agreed and encouraged the action for Bal Harbor, he had problems with water lines and water pressure.

Lynda Padrta, 1113 First Street, was concerned about the size of the water pipes.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____