



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 2001 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

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Pursuant to proper notice a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held September 5, 2000, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance

IN ATTENDANCE:

Vice Mayor Robert D. Shimp  
Councilor Ronald D. Patronik  
Councilor Harriet Pruette  
City Manager Richard A. Linn  
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait

Finance Director Steve Ramsey  
Assistant to the City Manager Teresa Klein  
Assistant to the Building Official Piper Turner

Absent:  
Mayor Richard A. Brown

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Vice Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Director Steve Ramsey informed the council on the following issues regarding the budget:

1. The raises for the council and the city clerk had been added to the budget.
2. The cost of healthcare had been adjusted by 40% to take into account rate increases although the city was still shopping.
3. The employee that was to be split between the Finance Department and the Building Department was still in the budget and needed to be decided on. This person would give Piper Turner more time to be out of the office to enforce the codes. The total cost would \$18,000.
4. The council needed to decide if they wanted to add funding for the traffic control system Vice Mayor Shimp had mentioned at the previous council meeting. That would add \$7,000 to the police budget.
5. Union negotiations were still underway and may affect the budget slightly.

Mr. Linn asked if the council wanted to include the same resolution from last year where they had to approve any spending of contingency funds.

Consensus: **TO HAVE THE RESOLUTION FOR CONTINGENCY FUNDS AT THE FINAL BUDGET HEARING**

Vice Mayor Shimp opened the public hearing.

Two citizens asked why their taxes had doubled from last year. After review from staff it was shown that since they had bought the homes within the last year the houses had been reassessed from the prior owner and that was the cause for the increase.

Vice Mayor Shimp closed the public hearing.

The council discussed adding the additional employee.  
Moved by Pruette, seconded by Patronik.

Motion: TO TAKE OUT THE ADDITIONAL PERSON AND EVERYTHING THE CITY DEEMS ABLE TO TAKE OUT.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes; 3 - Patronik, Pruette, Shimp

Noes; 0

Absent: 1 - Brown

MOTION CARRIED

The council discussed the traffic control system.

Consensus: TO USE CONTINGENCY FUNDS WHEN THE CITY BUYS THIS EQUIPMENT

The council discussed looking into scanning equipment. City Clerk Volpe stated she had already begun looking into it and would forward the information on to them when it was complete

Ordinance No. 2001-12 ORDINANCE NO. 2001-12, FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2001, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING "ROLLED-BACK RATES"; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADJUST THE ADOPTED MILLAGE RATES IN THE EVENT OF CHANGES IN THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND TAXABLE VALUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Moved by Patronik, seconded by Pruette.

Motion: TO PASS ORDINANCE 2001-12 ON FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 3 - Patronik, Pruette, Shimp

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 - Brown

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 2001-13 ORDINANCE NO. 2001-13, FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2001, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Moved by Patronik, seconded Pruette.

Motion: TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2001-13 ON FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE AMENDMENT.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 3 - Patronik, Pruette, Shimp

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 - Brown

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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Richard A. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_