



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2001 AT 6:08 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 17, 2001 at 6:08 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
City Manager Richard A. Linn
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

Finance Director Steve Ramsey
Building Official Dan Arlington
Assistant to the City Manager Terry Klein
Assistant to the Building Official Piper Turner
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait

ABSENT:

City Attorney Christopher White

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6.08 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: City Manager Linn reported the Ish Brant Beautification was working on the irrigation of the Third Street medians and trying to get funding for piping along Florida Boulevard.

Better Jacksonville
Plan

BETTER JACKSONVILLE PLAN: Vice Mayor Shimp stated that a member of the Beautification Committee had asked him about funding from the Better Jacksonville Plan. City Manager Linn replied Director of Public Services John Galen wanted to use the first installment of funds from the Better Jacksonville Plan to replace the Kings Road Bridge and thereafter replace the public works facility. Mr. Linn added that Mr. Galen was currently working with engineers on cost estimates. Councilor Pruette felt it would be a good idea to make a list of goals along with cost estimates on projects in which the money could be used. Director of Finance Steve Ramsey reported that the projected revenues from the Better Jacksonville Plan were \$250,000 for next fiscal year and to date since February the city had received \$121,000.

CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST

Jarboe Park
Improvements

JARBOE PARK IMPROVEMENTS: City Manager Linn stated the Jarboe Park Improvements were 75% completed. However the city still had some in kind work to do. He was ready to submit a reimbursement claim to the state in the amount of \$60,000. Mr. Linn encouraged council members to go out and take a look the improvements.

- Roadway Between Shopping Centers ROADWAY BETWEEN SHOPPING CENTERS: Vice Mayor Shimp suggested inviting the owners of both shopping centers to a workshop meeting to discuss constructing a roadway between the two shopping centers. City Manager Linn stated one of the owners lived in New York. Mr. Linn explained that one option would be for the city to reacquire the property that was vacated years ago when the shopping centers were built and construct the road. An engineering report completed by Smith & Gillespie identified the cost of the project to be well over \$100,000.
- Underground Containers UNDERGROUND TRASH CONTAINERS: City Manager Linn explained that BFI and Director of Public works John Galen would be meeting to decide on the location of the underground containers.
- Dune Cross-overs DUNE CROSS-OVERS: City Manager Linn reported the grant application of \$150,000 would allow for a total of 21 dune crossovers.
- Power Surge POWER SURGE AT PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AND CITY HALL: City Manager Linn reported that over the weekend a power pole went down causing a surge to hit both city hall and the public safety building. The Public Safety Building lost the telephone system, one computer, two fax machines, and a television set. City Hall lost the surge protector and one computer. Mr. Linn authorized purchase of a new telephone system for the Public Safety Building at an estimated cost of \$7,000, and would be following up with the insurance company and Jacksonville Beach Electric on claims.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- Mechanical Fees AMEND MECHANICAL PERMITTING FEES: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 8-182, PERMIT FEES, MECHANICAL. City Manager Linn explained our mechanical permits fees were higher than Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Jacksonville. Building Official Dan Arlington did a comparison and recommended using the same fees as the City of Jacksonville.
- Vice Mayor Shimp felt the rates should be more in line with Jacksonville Beach and Atlantic Beach rather than Jacksonville. Building Official Dan Arlington advised that he would be meeting with the building officials from Atlantic Beach and Jacksonville Beach on Thursday, September 20, 2001 and he would discuss it with them and get some feedback. Councilor Patronik felt we should also look at the cost of other permit fees. Mayor Brown recommended gathering information for discussion at a future meeting.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS

- Public Services Facility ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTING SERVICES – PUBLIC SERVICES FACILITY: City Manager Linn stated that the public works facility was extremely inadequate and in poor condition. Mr. Linn proposed using the “Better Jacksonville” revenue to construct a new city yard and recommended advertising for proposals for architectural services to start the process.
- Councilors Shimp, Pruette, and Patronik felt the City Manager should identify the goals and cost estimates of projects the “Better Jacksonville” revenues could be used for in order to determine the priorities before making any decisions to spend the money.
- City Manager Linn explained that allowing the request for proposals would not commit the city to anything at this point. It would just give us a cost estimate and would have to be approved by council.

Consensus: **TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES TO CONSTRUCT A NEW CITY YARD.**

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Land Development
Regulation

REWRITE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS – CHAPTER 27 – SET DATE FOR MEETINGS: Mayor Brown suggested a meeting be held soon after the filling of the vacant council seat to be done on October 1, 2001, at the regular council meeting and suggested the following Monday. City Manager Linn explained that council had asked Building Official Dan Arlington to prepare an outline form of the suggested changes to be reviewed. After the council review it would be sent to legal review and put in ordinance form to be adopted. However, if there were any amendments to the ordinance at the first reading it would be sent back to legal review. Mr. Linn added if the ordinance required changes to the comprehensive plan it would have to be sent to the Department of Community affairs for approval.

Consensus: **TO HOLD A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2001.**

Oakhurst Drive
Barriers

REQUEST OF TOM WEST TO REMOVE BARRIERS ON OAKHURST DRIVE IN SUMMERSANDS: City Manager Linn explained that Developer Tom West had requested the city provide access to his property on Oakhurst Drive from Summer Sands subdivision so he could develop the property. The city had erected a barrier across Oakhurst Drive west of the platted street, Poinciana Road and the residents of Summer Sands subdivision were concerned about through traffic and did not want the rear entrance opened. Mr. Linn added that the property owners along Poinciana Road needed to apply for a Development Order to construct the platted street in accordance with city codes. The Planning & Development Review Board would then review the application and they would make a recommendation to the council.

Consensus: **NO ACTION REQUIRED BY COUNCIL AT THIS TIME – LET THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD LOOK AT IT.**

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Sherry Nutt, 2509 Waters Edge, was concerned about drainage on Waters Edge since the pump station and culverts were removed and asked the city for relief. Vice Mayor Shimp asked City Manager Linn to contact the City Attorney to see if the city could do anything.

Johnny Sweeny, 1125 Waters Edge, was going to buy the house he rented on Waters Edge but he was concerned about the flooding and standing water.

Ralph LaPerna, 2507 Waters Edge, stated the drainage problem developed in three different stages, 1) the city removed the pump station on Bartalone Road, raised the sewer lines and eliminated the culvert, 2) six months later the flyover came in and put up an 18' wall and, 3) JEA erected a 110' tower. Mr. LePerna added that big cranes and such were also tearing up the parking lot.

City Manager Linn stated he would report and turn the problem over to the Public Works Department.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____