



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 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 November 19, 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 A. Shimp
Councilor Ronald A. Patronik
Councilor Harriet Pruette
Councilor James Gilbert
City Attorney Christopher White

City Manager Richard A. Linn
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait, CMC
Assistant to the City Manager Terry Klein
Finance Director Steve Ramsey
Assistant to the Building Official Piper Turner

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IBBC

ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: City Manager Linn reported the Ish Brant Beautification Committee continued to work on the Third Street medians. The water lines for the irrigation system had been installed from the curb and the irrigation system itself would soon be installed. Second Hand Rose Nursery would be installing palm trees & planting wildflower seeds in the medians within two weeks, some hawthorns would also be added. The committee was also working on the design of the bike path and the barricade at Seagate Avenue and First Street.

CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST

Jarboe Park

JARBOE PARK IMPROVEMENTS: City Manager Linn reported he changed the height of the fencing around the playground area from a 3' vinyl coated chain link fence to a 4' fence for the same cost.

Roadway between Shopping Centers

ROADWAY BETWEEN SHOPPING CENTERS: City Manager Linn reported he had met with the owners of the shopping centers to discuss the addition of a roadway between the shopping centers. The issue arose of traffic shortcutting Seminole Road, dodging into the shopping center, and increasing the volume of traffic in front of the stores. The owners were not interested in that they felt the roadway would not be a commercial benefit. Therefore, the city would be faced with paying for the roadway entirely less the \$20,000 commitment from Developers Diversified.

- Bike Path** BIKE PATH ALONG FLORIDA BOULEVARD: Mr. Linn reported that 90% of the design had been received. The Ish Brant Beautification Committee would look at the design and give their recommendations and comments. The Mayors of the beach cities would be meeting with planners to coordinate the bike paths in connection with each other.
- Watersedge Drive** WATERSEEDGE DRIVE – DRAINAGE SYSTEM: City Manager Linn reported the drainage and ditches were working fine. Mr. Linn asked to remove the item from his punch list.
- Naval Air Show** NAVAL AIR SHOW: City Manager Linn stated the Sea & Sky Spectacular was very successful. There was plenty of security and law enforcement and no arrests were made.
- Jarboe Park** JARBOE PARK – WATER PLANT: Mayor Brown asked City Manager Linn if something could be done about improving the shrubbery and small trees around the fence at the water plant. Mr. Linn responded if there were funds left over from the grant at the end of the project they would be put toward landscaping. Mr. Linn added that after the events of September 11, 2001, there had been talk of removing some of the vegetation around the fence. Mr. Linn had contacted a security alarm company to insure the safety of the drinking water. Mayor Brown agreed that security was a main priority.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES/NONE

CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS

- Ivy, Harris & Walls** IVY, HARRIS & WALLS – COMPLETE LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW: City Manager Linn explained that Ivey, Harris & Walls had met their commitment to their contract with the city. However, the city still needed the firm's assistance with the final draft and legal review. Mr. Linn recommended approval of the firm's proposal for the final draft and legal review in the amount of \$3,850 plus reimbursement for expenses.

Councilor Pruette stated she was not in favor of using Ivey, Harris & Walls and felt the city should use a different firm for the legal review. City Attorney White recommended staying with Ivey, Harris & Walls stating they would have an independent review done by the law firm of Rogers, Towers & Gay.

Consensus: FORWARD THE COMPLETION OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BY IVY, HARRIS & WALLS IN, THE AMOUNT OF \$3,850 PLUS REIMBURSEMENT EXPENSES TO BE FUNDED OUT THE CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM ACCOUNT, TO THE CONSENT AGENDA ON THE DECEMBER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

- Watersedge Drive** WATERSEEDGE DRIVE – LOTS OF RECORD: City Attorney White suggested the best way to find out if the individual units were lots of record would be to have a title search done on each unit at the city's expense. The approximate cost would be \$2,000 and could be done in a period of two to three weeks. The title search would show if the units had been recorded prior to August 1, 1994 and in his opinion if they were recorded prior to that date they would be grandfathered in under the footprint bill. If they were not recorded prior to that date they could be addressed individually. Mr. White asked for the approval of council to do the title searches.

Consensus: TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A TITLE SEARCH ON THE WATERSEEDGE PROPERTY AT THE CITY'S EXPENSE TO BE FUNDED OUT OF THE CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM ACCOUNT.

Christmas Eve
Holiday

CLOSING OF CITY HALL ON CHRISTMAS EVE - MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2001:
Councilor Pruette suggested that since city employees were having to work a half day on Christmas Eve. Since it fell on a Monday the council should give them the opportunity to get on the road to visit relatives for the holidays by giving them the whole day off. Due to the events of September 11, there would be more people traveling by automobile.

Consensus: **TO FORWARD THE CLOSING OF CITY HALL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CONSENT AGENDA.**

Land Development
Review

SCHEDULE MEETING FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW: City Manager Linn stated that a date needed to be set for the next Land Development Regulations Review. Mr. Linn added that Building Official Dan Arlington would be ready to cover Group I, Monday, November 26th.

Consensus: **TO HOLD THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS REVIEW ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH AT 6:00 P.M.**

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Bob Zimpfer, 2545 Watersedge Drive, questioned if the new title search would override and preempt the current title insurance.

R. P. LaPerna, 2507 Watersedge Drive, asked why the city could not do a replat on Watersedge. Mr. LaPerna was concerned that they did not have a lot and block number. City Manager Linn responded that the City Attorney had advised him that it was not appropriate for a city to act as a developer.

Sandy Lighty, 1810 Strand, asked when a public meeting would be held about the bike path. Mr. Lighty questioned the cost of work done by Ivey, Harris & Walls.

Lynda Padrta, 1113 First Street, commended the council for taking the time to do the right thing in correcting the Watersedge problem. Ms. Padrta suggested the city adopt a standard letter for title searches making them aware of these situations.

Sherry Nutt, 2509 Watersedge Drive, did not understand what difference a title search was going to make. Councilor Gilbert explained that if the property was individually owned before August 1, 1994, it was considered a lot of record under the footprint bill.

Kristi Maddocks, 2519 Watersedge Drive, was concerned how the property could have been sold without having a lot of record.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____