



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
INDUCTION CEREMONY
DECEMBER 5, 2000, AT 8:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA

Pursuant to proper notice a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held December 5, 2000, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance

The following Council members and staff were in attendance:

Former Mayor George F. Vaughn, Jr.	City Manager Richard A. Linn
Mayor Dick Brown	City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC
Councilor Ronald D. Patronik	Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait
Councilor Robert D. Shimp	Assistant to the City Manager Terry Klein
Councilor Harriet Pruette	Building Official Dan Arlington
Councilor J. W. "Buddy" Crout	Director of Finance John Herbst
City Attorney Christopher White	Director of Public Works John Galen
	Director of Public Safety William Brandt

Order call

Mayor Vaughn called the special meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to administer the Oaths of Office, elect a Vice-Mayor and appoint a new Finance Director.

Invocation and Pledge

The Pledge of Alliance followed an invocation given by Reverend Don Lynn.

Oaths of Office

OATHS OF OFFICE: In the absence of Circuit Judge W. Gregg McCaulie, City Clerk Lisa Volpe administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Dick Brown, Councilor-Elect J. W. "Buddy" Crout, and Councilor-Elect Harriet Pruette, whereupon they each, respectively, assumed the duties of their elected office.

Certificate of Election

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION: City Clerk Lisa Volpe presented a Certificate of Election to Mayor Brown, Councilor Crout, and Councilor Pruette. The new Council members addressed the citizens of Neptune Beach.

Mayor Vaughn congratulated Mayor Brown, Councilor Crout and Councilor Pruette and invited them to take their places behind the bench.

Public Comments

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mayor Brown thanked Mayor Vaughn and opened the floor for public comments.

City Manager Linn congratulated and welcomed the new council members, and introduced his department heads and members of staff that were present.

There being no further comments from the public, the public meeting was closed.

Election of Vice- Mayor ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR: Pursuant to Section 2.04(b), City Charter, the Mayor opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Councilor Pruette nominated Councilor Shimp to serve as Vice Mayor and asked for support from the other Council members.

Moved by Pruette, seconded by Patronik.

Motion: **TO NOMINATE AND ELECT COUNCILOR ROBERT D. SHIMP TO SERVE AS VICE-MAYOR.**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 – Brown, Crout, Patronik, Pruette, Shimp

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Vice Mayor Shimp thanked the Councilors and suggested that at the end of each year another Councilor member be given the opportunity to serve as Vice-Mayor.

Appointment of a new Finance Director APPOINTMENT OF A NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR: Mayor Brown explained that the current Finance Director John Herbst had given his resignation effective at the end of the December. City Manger Linn recommended Steve Ramsey for the position of Finance Director.

Moved by Crout, seconded by Shimp.

Motion: **TO APPROVE MR. LINN'S RECOMMENDATION OF STEVE RAMSEY FOR THE POSITION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR.**

Councilor Pruette commended Mr. Linn for being proactive in replacing the Finance Director.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 – Brown, Crout, Patronik, Pruette, Shimp

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Linn introduced Steve Ramsey as the new Finance Director.

Mayor Brown invited everyone to stay after the adjournment of the meeting for refreshments and fellowship.

City Manager Linn reminded everyone that Santa would arrive in Jarboe Park Friday, December 8, 2000, and that a Special Council Meeting would be held Monday, December 11, 2000, for an orientation with the Department Heads.

Councilor Patronik and Vice-Mayor Shimp congratulated and welcomed the new Council members.

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Dick Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____