



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 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 December 17, 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 James Gilbert
Councilor Ronald A. Patronik
Councilor Harriet Pruette
City Attorney Christopher White
City Manager Richard A. Linn

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

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6.55 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Water Facilities Plan

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WATER FACILITIES PLAN ON FLORIDA BLVD AND BAL HARBOR: City Manager Linn explained the Department of Environmental Protection required the city to hold a public hearing in order to include the addition of the main water line on Florida Boulevard and the mains in Bal Harbor to the previously adopted water facilities plan. Vice Mayor Shimp asked if there was a way to ease the new pressure since some people would be having problems with the pipes in their homes. Mr. Miller responded that he did not think the water pressure would increase that much.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing.

Thomas Edwards, 1300 Florida Blvd, commented that if the pipes would be going on the north side of Florida Blvd. they had to be very careful since there were so many utilities already in the ground and there were a lot of trees. He asked when the sewer would be fixed in the area and if all homes along Florida Blvd will be hooked up to the new line.

There being no further comments. Mayor Brown closed the public hearing.

Consensus:

**TO MOVE THE APPROVAL OF THE FACILITIES PLAN TO THE
JANUARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING CONSENT AGENDA.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IBBC ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: City Manager Linn reported the Ish Brant Beautification Committee had cancelled the meeting for tonight. They were working on Adopt -a- Street end and the Third Street medians. Second Hand Rose Nursery would be planting the palm trees on Third Street soon.

CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST

Jarboe Park JARBOE PARK IMPROVEMENTS: City Manager Linn reported the fence was installed and replacing the foot bridge was next. Age group signs were at the play areas. The handicap swing could not be fixed and would be replaced. The remaining grant funds would be used for landscaping.

Mechanical permit fees MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES: Councilor Gilbert was introducing an ordinance later on in the meeting.

Traffic light at Neptune Beach Elementary TRAFFIC LIGHT AT NEPTUNE BEACH ELEMENTARY: City Manager Linn reported he spoke with Fred Kyle of the City of Jacksonville Public Works Department. Mr. Kyle is still studying the traffic counts and will have more information in two weeks. Mr. Linn discussed this with Jacksonville Mayor John Delaney and he will try to nudge it along. Mayor Brown asked what the alternatives were if the light was not approved. Councilor Patronik asked if the traffic count was completed when school was in.

Vice Mayor Shimp asked if the road between the shopping centers, the bike path and the underground containers could be removed from the punchlist. Mr. Linn stated the bike path and the underground containers were still pending.

Councilor Gilbert asked about the adoption of the street end at Cherry Street and who had final authority. Mr. Linn stated he had authority and he had let the adjacent property owner adopt the street end.

Councilor Pruette asked if there were guidelines about obstructing the view at street ends. Mr. Linn stated homeowners needed city approval before they could do anything.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2002-01 Permit fees ORDINANCE 2002-01 AMENDING SECTION 8-182, PERMIT FEES SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR GILBERT: Councilor Gilbert explained that this ordinance was to divide the fees for certain mechanical work. The change would allow a lower permit fee for partial repairs to an air conditioning system. He felt this would encourage contractors to obtain permits, lower the cost to the consumer and be more in line with the other beach cities.

Consensus: **TO MOVE ORDINANCE 2002-01, MECHANICAL PERMITS TO THE JANUARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS/NONE**ISSUE DEVELOPMENT**

Agenda Amendment Councilor Patronik asked if City Attorney White's presentation of Watersedge Drive could be discussed first.

Watersedge Drive WATERSEDGE DRIVE – LOTS OF RECORD: City Attorney White stated the title searches had been completed and given to him earlier in the day. He was unable to do a

written opinion but one would follow. Lots 1 through 8 and 16 through 21 were qualified as lots of record because they had been subdivided and were grandfathered in under the 1994 Footprint Bill. The remaining six lots were being researched further and would be addressed individually.

Urbanomics

PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY KEN CREVLING URBANOMICS: Ken Crevling presented the preliminary study completed by his company, Urbanomics, as to whether it is feasible to build a YMCA community center in Neptune Beach or Atlantic Beach. The study was paid for by the city of Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach, the YMCA Foundation, and the Boselli Foundation. He did a telephone survey of 400 households; a survey among Fletcher High School and used focus groups. He stated there was support by the community for teen programs; skateboard park; using the facilities three times a week; paying a \$25- \$75 fee for membership; senior programs; and using tax dollars to help pay for the facility. Four locations were looked into: the old Pic-n-Sav, the old A&P, Jarboe Park, and Russell Park. Each location had its benefits. He would continue to send the council updates as this study become more in depth.

Red Cross

PRESENTATION COMMUNITY EARLY DEFIBRILATION - KRYSTAL WILLIAMS - RED CROSS: Krystal Williams from the Red Cross spoke on their campaign to have more defibrilators available in public buildings in order to help save the lives of heart attack victims. She demonstrated how easy they are to use. She stated that the Red Cross would be selling them and were able to do the training for everyone interested. Vice Mayor Shimp stated that the police department had already purchased some for the police cars.

Longevity Service Award

LONGEVITY SERVICE AWARDS: Finance Director Steve Ramsey explained he researched the cost of giving service pins for employees at 5, 10 15, 20 years of service. The cost would be \$4045 for the next 4 fiscal years. The council discussed the pins and other types of awards that could be given. City Manager Linn and Finance Director Ramsey were directed to ask department heads if their employees would appreciate the pins.

Flooding

FLOODING ON FIRST STREET – WAKE AREA: Councilor Pruette stated there were about three areas on First Street that severely flooded and cars were being damaged because of the water. She showed a video recorded by Lynda Padrta of the flood areas and the flowing water. The council discussed the different areas and the possible long and short term solutions. Possible solutions included temporary barricades, signs, pumps, a stormwater utility tax, a drain on Pine Street, and a better storm drainage system. City Manager Linn stated that a study had been completed in 1967 by Smith and Gillespie Engineers that would resolve the problem. This same study had been looked at in the 1980's and in the last year. Each time it was looked at it cost too much for the city and the price kept going up. If completed today it would cost about one third of a million dollars. Councilor Pruette suggested permitting for any concrete paving. Speeding on First Street was also discussed.

Consensus:

FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO LOOK AT THE ENGINEERING STUDY AND FOR PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR JOHN GALEN TO COME UP WITH POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

Town Center Parking

TOWN CENTER PARKING: Vice Mayor Shimp discussed changing the times for parking on First Street from 7pm to 7 am to 10 pm to 7 am. This would coincide with the noise ordinance and would allow beach goers to enjoy the beach later in the evening. He also wanted the council to think about building a parking garage in the lot across from the police station. This would help the Town Center parking problem and help attract business to the Town Center area. Councilor Pruette stated if the citizens of First Street were for the change she would support it. Council discussion ensued.

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Lynda Padrta, 1113 First Street, thanked the Council for anything they could do to help with the flooding on First Street. She was opposed to changing the time on First Street parking. She also asked that residents be made aware weekly about water and sewer work. She expressed concern about double counted parking spaces in Town Center.

Gail Shealy, 1501 First Street, did not agree with changing the times for people to be allowed to park on First street. She also stated she would be glad to help in any way possible to alleviate some of the flooding problems on First Street.

Councilor Pruette asked the council when they put something on the agenda if they would include a memorandum so the council had some idea what would be discussed. Discussion ensued about parking on First Street.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____