



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2002 AT 6:00 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 18, 2002 at 6:00 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
Director of Public Services Leon Smith
Building Official Dan Arlington
Assistant to the City Manager Terry Klein
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait, CMC

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IBBC

ISH BRANT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: City Manager Linn reported the Ish Brant Beautification Committee had completed the beautification of the barricade at Seagate Avenue and First Street.

CITY MANAGERS PUNCH LIST

Bike Path

BIKE PATH IMPROVEMENT: There was a delay in beginning construction on the bike path, which should have been started on September 12, 2002. City Manager Linn stated his contact Sally Rosier was no longer with the Florida Department of Transportation, but he would look into the cause of the delay.

Utility Improvements

UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Jim Miller with PBS&J was present and would give a presentation and update on the Utility Improvement Project later in the meeting.

Kings Rd. Bridge

KINGS ROAD BRIDGE: The contract was signed and the architect was working on the repairs.

Summer Sands

SUMMER SANDS – STEVE JARRETT ACCESS: Council approved access for Steve Jarrett's lots on Poinciana at the November 4, 2002, regular council meeting. Councilor Pruette suggested removing this item from the punch list since the access had been granted.

Underground Containers

UNDERGROUND TRASH CONTAINERS: City Manager Linn was continuing working with the manufacturer of the underground trash containers to trade in the jumbo

containers for smaller ones.

Seagate Ave.

PROPERTY AT THE END OF SEAGATE AVENUE: City Manager Linn reported funding through the City of Jacksonville Preservation Fund and the Florida Community Trust Fund Preservation had been received for the purpose of turning the property located at the end of Seagate Avenue at the marsh into a preserve with a canoe launch and picnic shelter. The next step in the process was to obtain an appraisal of the property. Discussion ensued about what the entire process entailed.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES / NONE

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Utility Study

JOINT BEACHES UTILITY STUDY: The idea of the study was to interconnect the water systems of Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, and Atlantic Beach on a permanent basis allowing water to flow freely between all cities. There were two phases involved in the utility study. Phase I would consider the pros and cons of wholesaling water from the City of Atlantic Beach and the City of Jacksonville Beach. Phase II of the study would consider a central billing system for all three beach cities. The cost of the study was \$109,000 and would be split equally between the three cities.

Vice Mayor Shimp suggested including the availability of the future water supply and the City of Jacksonville in the study.

Councilor Pruette asked Jim Miller, PBS&J engineering consultant, to comment on his opinion of the study.

Mr. Miller stated he felt it was a good idea to consider combining beaches utilities. His only concern was that the wells in Neptune Beach continue being used in order to maintain the consumption use permit.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION.**

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Water Imp. Project

UPDATE OF WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – JIM MILLER, PBS&J: Jim Miller, PBS&J, gave a presentation regarding the current status of the Water Improvement Project.

CBD

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT: Councilor Pruette was concerned that residents living in the Central Business District were not being notified of proposed changes in businesses.

City Attorney White drafted a proposed ordinance, at Councilor Pruette's request, that would require the city to notify abutting property owners within the Central Business District of any proposed changes regarding businesses.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE DECEMBER WORKSHOP MEETING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

BFI Complaints

STATUS OF BFI – TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION COMPLAINTS: Councilor Pruette was concerned about the increased number of trash and recycling pick up complaints.

Assistant to the City Manager Terry Klein had prepared a report of complaints for the

months of June, July, August, September, and October. The report showed a substantial increase of complaints during the month of October.

City Manager Linn explained the BFI contract enabled the city to collect liquidated damages from BFI per various incidents. The city had fined BFI a total of \$3,450.00 for the month of October. He felt the increased number of complaints might be due to BFI trucks having difficulty accessing streets that may have been blocked off by the utility company during the installation of new water lines. Councilor Pruette suggested refunding five dollars for legitimate complaints.

Parking/Lemon St.

PROPOSED PARKING ON LEMON STREET BY THE NEW AMSOUTH BANK: Vice Mayor Shimp suggested the area on Lemon Street next to the Amsouth Bank could be used to add 15 parking spacing. He felt it would help the businesses in Town Center and keep it from becoming a blighted area. City Manager Linn stated he would look into it.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE DECEMBER WORKSHOP MEETING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no comments from the public on the agenda items.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____