



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2005, 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 March 21, 2005 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 Harriet Pruette
Councilor Eric Pardee
Councilor Larry Shealy
City Manager Jim Jarboe
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

ABSENT:

Councilor John Weldon
City Attorney Christopher White

STAFF:

Director of Public Safety William Brandt
Community Development Director Jason Cleghorn
Director of Public Services Leon Smith
Director of Finance, Steve Ramsey
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait, CMC

Call to Order/Roll Call Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

FEMA/ISO – PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY’S LEVEL CHANGE FOR FLOOD INSURANCE: Mr. Gabriel Gamble, ISO, presented a plaque to the City for achieving a classification rating of eight (8) thereby receiving a 10% discount on our insurance policy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / NONE

CITY MANAGERS ACTION LIST

City Manager Jarboe reported on the following issues:

- There was no new information on the Florida Boulevard Landscaping Project.
- The in house audit was almost complete.
- The Public Services Department was working on resolving the drainage problems on Orange Street.
- There were nine (9) requests for new streetlights and he was working with Beaches Energy Services to have them changed.

Vice Mayor Pruette requested City Manager Jarboe place the issue of paving, speed humps, and street stripping on the agenda for the April workshop.

Councilor Pardee questioned the status of the Penman Road Traffic Study. City Manager Jarboe replied the City of Jacksonville contracted the project and he had not been able to get the plans.

City Clerk Lisa Volpe stated at the recent Goal Setting Session Council requested holding a seminar based on the Public Record Laws and the Sunshine Law. Miss. Volpe advised the First Amendment Foundation would have someone available on June 13, 2005.

Consensus: **TO HOLD THE PUBLIC RECORD AND SUNSHINE LAW SEMINAR WITH BOARD MEMBERS ON JUNE 13, 2005.**

Vice Mayor Pruette announced the Annual Easter Egg Hunt would be held Friday, March 25, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Brown commended Vice Mayor Pruette for responding to an e-mail requesting photographs of city entrance signs. Vice Mayor Pruette photographed the welcome sign on Atlantic Boulevard and mailed them as requested.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Franklin Dunn, 593 Margaret Street, voiced concern about increased parking on Margaret Street.

Mary Ann Padrta, 1030 Second Street, opposed adding parking on street ends. She was also concerned about signs placed in right-of-ways, loose animals, and lack of code enforcement.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ord. No. 2005-XX

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-XX: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 22-30, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEREBY IS AUTHORIZED TO REMOVE A MOTOR VEHICLE (HEREAFTER "VEHICLE") FROM A PUBLIC STREET, WAY OR ALLEY TO A STORAGE GARAGE OR OTHER PLACE OF SAFETY, OR TO A GARAGE DESIGNATED OR MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR BY THE CITY, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES HEREINAFTER ENUMERATED.

City Manager Jarboe explained this Ordinance would permit police officers to have illegally parked vehicles towed without having to wait 24 hours.

Director of Public Safety Chief Brandt explained by state statute parked vehicles causing hazardous conditions could be immediately towed. Property owners could have vehicles towed if they were parked on, or blocked access to their property.

Councilor Shealy stated he supported the Ordinance and would also support an increase in the fine for illegal parking citations.

Councilor Pardee asked Chief Brandt if boats parked on the city right-of-way could also be towed. Chief Brandt responded boats could be towed if parked on a city right-of-way.

Councilor Shealy agreed to sponsor the Ordinance.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE APRIL 4TH REGULAR MEETING.**

Ord. No. 2005-XX

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-XX: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 4 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Jarboe requested removing that section of the Ordinance requiring that alcohol could not be sold within 3,000 feet of a church or school or another business where alcohol was sold. The Ordinance also allowed the City Manager to issue up to four (4) alcohol permits per year for special events.

Discussion ensued regarding the city managers recommendation.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING – DELETE THE SECTION RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY MANAGER – 3,000 SQUARE FEET REQUIREMENT.**

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Tennis Camp

TENNIS CAMP CONTRACT – SANDRA PHILLIPS: City Manager Jarboe stated he did not have the authority to approve leasing public property to a private business. Thereby, the contract for use of the tennis courts would need to be approved by the Council.

Sandra Phillips, 58 Jefferson Avenue, Ponte Vedra Beach, explained the program for adults and juniors was offered in Jarboe Park two (2) separate weeks during the summer from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The program consisted of tennis lessons from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and lunch, arts and crafts from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Pruette asked if the City Attorney had reviewed the contract. City Manager Jarboe replied City Attorney White had reviewed the contract.

Consensus: **FORWARD THE APPROVAL FOR SANDRA PHILLIPS CONTRACT TO LEASE THE TENNIS COURTS IN JARBOE PARK FOR TWO WEEKS FOR RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00 TO THE APRIL CONSENT AGENDA.**

Sea & Sky
Spectacular

2005 SEA & SKY SPECTACULAR – CITY OF JACKSONVILLE: Mayor Brown explained the Sea & Sky Spectacular rotated annually between the Naval Air Station Jacksonville and Jacksonville Beach. The City of Jacksonville asked each of the beach cities to sponsor and contribute \$10,000 for the event.

Vice Mayor Pruette stated when the event began in 2001 the City of Jacksonville had asked each of the beaches to contribute \$10,000 as a one time only contribution and the council was assured it was a one time contribution. She added if the \$10,000 contribution for the event was to continue \$5,000 should be budgeted annually. She was in favor of prorating.

Councilor Shealy felt it was not fair to the citizens of Neptune Beach for the city to contribute the same amount of money as the other larger cities. He felt contributions should be prorated per capita.

City Manager Jarboe informed the per capita amount would be approximately \$2,000. .

Consensus: **FORWARD THE \$10,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEA & SKY SHOW TO THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING IF THE CITY MANAGER SPEAKS WITH THE EVENT COORDINATOR BEFORE THE MEETING**

DATE.July 4th Fireworks

City Manager Jarboe asked Council to also approval a request for a contribution of \$5,000 for the July 4th fireworks show. The City of Jacksonville Beach was contributing \$15,000 and Atlantic Beach was contributing \$5,000 towards the event. The event would be held July 4, 2005, at the City of Jacksonville Beach's new pier.

Consensus: **FORWARD THE APPROVAL OF A CONTRIBUTION FOR FIREWORKS TO THE APRIL AGENDA.**

Mayor Brown recognized City of Jacksonville Councilman Art Graham and asked if he would like to address the Council.

City of Jacksonville Councilman Art Graham stated the Jacksonville City Council held a joint meeting with the St. Johns County Commissioners. They discussed concerns relating to traffic and the increasing population between the two counties.

Penman Rd.
Traffic Study

Councilor Pardee asked Councilman Graham the status of the Penman Road Traffic Study. Councilman Graham responded the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was considering conducting the study but the scope kept growing out of the allocated funds for the study.

Mayor Brown, member of the MPO, advised if any changes were needed to Penman Road it would be to widen it to five (5) lanes. He had asked the MPO to look into alternatives like improving the intersections and regulating the traffic lights in lieu of widening the road.

For the Record

Councilor Pardee stated for the record he was against any efforts to widen Penman Road.

Vice Mayor Pruette asked Councilman Graham to have Jacksonville consider repaving and stripping both Florida Boulevard and Penman Road and also adding a right turn lane at the intersection of Penman Road and Atlantic Boulevard.

Mayor Brown felt it would be best if requests were made in writing to the City of Jacksonville Council.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Ord. No. 2005-06

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-06: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 27 UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDING SECTION 27-476 STREET DESIGN STANDARDS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Pruette suggested adding to the Ordinance "landscaping shall not restrict the ocean views." Council determined it was not necessary to add the language because the landscaping limitations must be approved by the City Manager. City Manager Jarboe stated he would work on adding language to Ordinance No. 2005-06 that would restrict landscaping from blocking ocean views.

Mayor Brown suggested exploring the possibility of installing parking spaces on a few of the street ends for residential use by permit only. The revenue from the permits could be used for beautification and maintenance of the street ends.

Vice Mayor Pruette stated she received a request from a citizen to place bicycle racks at some of the beach accesses. City Manager Jarboe advised that would not be a problem,

however, those requests should be made through administration.

Mayor Brown felt the Ordinance was necessary to clarify what was permitted on beach accesses and street ends thereby prevent encroachments on the right-of-ways.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING FOR SECOND READ AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

Code Enforcement Vice Mayor Pruette felt the level of code enforcement should be tougher and suggested Council consider setting priority issues to be enforced.

City Manager Jarboe felt the priorities were unlawful signs, citizens doing work without permits, loose animals at the parks and on the beach, also the ongoing issue of parking.

Discussion ensued regarding code enforcement.

Councilor Pardee felt the city should keep citizens informed of the Codes.

The issue would be forwarded to the next workshop.

Board Applications **REVISION OF BOARD MEMBER APPLICATIONS:** City Clerk Lisa Volpe stated she had revised the board applications as requested at the Goal Setting Session and asked Council if they would like to add or change anything.

Consensus: **TO USE THE REVISED APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS.**

Mayor Brown stated he and Atlantic Beach Mayor John Merserve were photographed and interviewed for an article about beach communities that would appear in the September issue of Southern Living Magazine.

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____