



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 20, 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 June 20, 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
City Manager Jim Jarboe
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait, CMC

ABSENT:

Councilor Larry Shealy
Councilor John Weldon
City Attorney Christopher White
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

STAFF:

Community Development Director Jason Cleghorn
Director of Public Safety David Sembach
Director of Public Services Leon Smith

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

PRESENTATIONS / NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS / NONE

CITY MANAGERS ACTION LIST

City Manager Jarboe reported on the following items and asked if there were any questions regarding the Action List enclosed in the agenda packet.

- The Kings Road Bridge repairs were complete and the bridge was reopened.
- The beach walkovers constructed in house by our Public Services Department were being well used by the public.

Mayor Brown and Council thanked Director of Public Services Leon Smith and his department for repairing the Kings Road Bridge at a significantly lower cost than the city would have paid a contractor.

City Manager Jarboe stated the Public Services Department also completed major water repairs without the use of an outside contractor.

Vice Mayor Pruette announced the Disabled Services Division of the Community Services Department was working on providing the city with an additional beach wheelchair and hoped to have it a couple weeks.

Vice Mayor Pruette suggested adopting a Resolution thanking the Florida Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of the Hopkins Creek drainage ditch. City Manager Jarboe replied he was currently in the process of drafting such a Resolution.

Vice Mayor Pruette announced she had spoken with some citizens regarding the new street lights and they were very pleased with them.

City Manager Jarboe stated the wastewater department was working on innovative approaches in order to meet the new nitrogen level now required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Protection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Candy Sullivan, 220 South Street, was pleased with the recently installed speed hump on South Street.

Inez Ellis, 809 Davis Street, would like for the city easement adjacent to Florida Boulevard to remain a Wildlife Sanctuary.

Camille Burban, would like the city easement adjacent to Florida Boulevard to remain a Wildlife Sanctuary.

Wayne Scarborough, Jr., 224 Bowles Street, requested speed humps be placed on Bowles Street.

Anna Kuhlman, 625 Florida Boulevard, would like the city easement adjacent to Florida Boulevard to remain a Wildlife Sanctuary.

Harriet Christovich, 110 & 112 Seagate, ask the city when Seagate Avenue would be paved.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES / NONE

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS / NONE

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

FLC Voting Delegate CHOICE OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES 79TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: City Manager Jarboe stated the Mayor usually served as the voting delegate or the Vice Mayor in his absence.

Consensus: **TO DESIGNATE MAYOR BROWN TO SERVE AS THE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES 79TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND FORWARD TO THE JULY REGULAR MEETING CONSENT AGENDA.**

Waste Services
Rate Increase

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR WASTE SERVICES OF FLORIDA: City Manager Jarboe stated Waste Services of Florida provided the city's trash, recycling, and yard waste pick up. They were requesting a cost of living increase and an increase for fuel costs.

Garth Fowles, Waste Services of Florida, Northeast District Manager, stated Waste Services had a 3 year contract for fuel at a cost of \$1.31 per gallon. That contract expired in March and they now had to pay \$2.12 per gallon. The proposed increase was calculated based on the amount of four (4) fuel gallons per hour at an average of 953 gallons per month.

Vice Mayor Pruette stated she would like to review Waste Services contract with the city and asked to move to issue to the July workshop meeting.

Vice Mayor Pruette asked if the cost of living increase was included in the budget. City Manager Jarboe responded it was included in the budget.

Consensus: **TO MOVE THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR WASTE SERVICES TO THE JULY REGULAR MEETING AND THE FUEL INCREASE TO THE JULY WORKSHOP MEETING.**

Garbage/Trash Bins

PLACEMENT OF GARBAGE AND TRASH BINS IN FRONT YARDS: Vice Mayor Pruette was concerned about permanent trash/garbage bins being erected in front yards. She suggested an amendment to the ordinance that would only allow permanent trash bins to be erected in side or rear yards.

Councilor Pardee felt permanent trash bins could be handled through code enforcement under the current ordinance.

City Manager Jarboe stated a code enforcement citation had been issued in the case of the permanent structure.

Mayor Brown suggested waiting to see what happened with the code violation before taking any action.

Consensus: **TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION BEFORE MOVING FORWARD.**

Backyards facing
Third St.

FENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR BACKYARDS FACING THIRD STREET: Mayor Brown was concerned about the rear yards of two Park Place apartments in the 1100 block of Third Street currently exposed to Third Street. He had asked Community Development Director Jason Cleghorn to draft an ordinance that would require backyards facing Third Street to have a privacy fence and a buffer zone that would benefit the tenants as well as the appearance of the city.

Community Development Director Jason Cleghorn stated because the property was actually commercial and not residential a landscape buffer may already be required by the Code. He requested to speak with City Attorney Chris White before amending the ordinance.

Consensus: **FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JASON CLEGHORN TO SPEAK WITH CITY ATTORNEY WHITE AND REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL AT THE JULY WORKSHOP MEETING.**

Traffic Calming /
Speed Humps

TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY – SPEED HUMPS: City Manager Jarboe stated the Traffic Calming Study prepared by Volkert & Associates, Inc. recommended speed humps be placed east of Third Street and a speed table installed in one or two places on Strand Street. Mr. Jarboe stated the Public Services Department could install the speed humps according to the Florida Department of Transportation standards thereby avoiding the expense of a contractor.

Consensus: **TO HAVE THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT INSTALL THE SPEED HUMPS EAST OF THIRD STREET FROM FLORIDA BOULEVARD TO HOPKINS STREET AND FORWARD TO THE JULY REGULAR MEETING CONSENT AGENDA.**

Res. No. 2005-06

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-06 RENAMING ELEVENTH STREET SANDY’S WAY: Councilor Pardee suggested renaming Eleventh Street after Sandy Forsyth, the owner of Aqua East Surf Shop who recently passed away.

Mayor Brown asked to move the Resolution to the July workshop meeting agenda when all Council Members would be present.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE JULY WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA.**

Fla. Blvd.
Wildlife Sanctuary

FLORIDA BOULEVARD WILDLIFE SANCTUARY: Mayor Brown stated it would be a tremendous effort to clean up the easement and provide future maintenance. He recommended leaving the easement in its current condition.

Vice Mayor Pruette stated a majority of the residents would like for the easement to remain a Wildlife Sanctuary.

Consensus: **TO ALLOW THE EASEMENT TO REMAIN A WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.**

City Manager Jarboe stated Council action was not necessary.

For the Record

Vice Mayor Pruette stated for the record that the easement was a Wildlife & Bird Sanctuary and the abutting property owners would like it to remain.

July Reg. Mtg.

Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait stated the July Regular Council Meeting fell on July 4th, a city holiday, and asked the Council to reschedule.

Consensus: **TO HOLD THE JULY REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY JULY 11TH, 2005.**

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____