



**MINUTES**  
**WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 15, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

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Pursuant to proper notice a Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held August 15, 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  
Councilor John Weldon  
City Attorney Christopher White  
City Manager Jim Jarboe  
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

STAFF:

Assistant to the City Manager Terry Klein  
Director of Finance Steve Ramsey  
Director of Public Safety David Sembach  
Director of Public Services Leon Smith  
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait, CMC

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Brown announced Officer Larry Dean would be retiring after thirty two years of service with the City. This would be his last meeting as Sergeant at Arms. City Manager Jarboe informed the Council and audience that a retirement luncheon was planned for Officer Dean on Wednesday, August 17, 2005 at 11:30 a.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS / NONE**

**CITY MANAGERS ACTION LIST**

The new computer software was in the process of being installed. The software conversion was expected to be completed by February 1, 2005.

The Public Services Department painted the recently repaired Kings Road Bridge.

Vice Mayor Pruette questioned the progress of the replacement of the Kings Road Bridge. City Manager Jarboe stated the project was under review by the Florida Department of Transportation for funding.

Councilor Weldon stated the replacement of the Kings Road Bridge was the number one priority at the Goal Setting Workshop Meeting. He suggested allowing FDOT sixty days to respond. If they did not to consider other options.

Mayor Brown added the Public Services Department recently completed extensive repairs to the bridge and he did not feel the need to rush FDOT for a response.

Councilor Weldon requested that the City Manager add a column for an estimated completion date on the City Manager Action List.

Vice Mayor Pruette questioned if there was a response from FDOT regarding the maintenance of the ditches. Mayor Brown stated he would speak with the new secretary of FDOT.

Mayor Brown recognized Councilor Pardee who was featured in the City of Jacksonville Newsletter, regarding using his skills as an employee with the City of Jacksonville, while serving as a Councilor for the City of the Neptune Beach.

Councilor Pardee suggested safety precautions for operating generators be included in the city newsletter.

Councilor Pardee was concerned with the traffic on and around Seagate Avenue, near Fletcher High School, during the hours directly before and after school. He asked if the traffic could flow better. Chief Sembach responded that officers had orders to be at Fletcher High School during those hours if they were available.

City Clerk Lisa Volpe advised because September 5, 2005 was Labor Day, the Regular Council Meeting would be held on September 12, 2005. A meeting was tentatively scheduled with the Florida Regional Planning Council to provide training for the Board of Appeals and the Planning & Development Review Board for September 26<sup>th</sup> if approved by the Council.

Consensus: **TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2005.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS / NONE**

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Ord. No. 2005-XX **ORDINANCE NO: 2005-XX, AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2004 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005.**

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE SEPTEMBER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

Ord. No. 2005-XX **ORDINANCE NO. 2005-XX, AMENDING SECTION 9-5(A) QUALIFYING OF CANDIDATES: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 905(A), QUALIFYING OF CANDIDATES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING FOR FIRST**

READ.CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Caribbee Associates CARIBBEE ASSOCIATES, LLC: Request for extension of hours for outdoor seating as described in Section 10 of the sidewalk lease agreement.

John Brocato, owner of Caribbee Key, stated the terra cotta planters he was using to create boundary lines for the sidewalk seating encroached 8 to 9 inches and he requested permission for the encroachment. He also requested to extend the hours of operation for the outdoor seating from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding problems associated with alcohol use.

Chief Sembach informed the Council that Caribbee Key was the second most active area in the city for police calls. He recommended waiting a period of one year before extending the hours. This time would allow him the opportunity to work with Mr. Brocato to reduce the amount of problems and police calls.

Councilor Shealy asked if an off duty police officer stationed on site would be effective in reducing the number of police calls. Chief Sembach replied an off duty officer would be effective and would help discourage and reduce negative behavior.

Councilor Weldon suggested allowing the hours to be extended until 11:00 p.m. on a provisional basis during which time Chief Sembach could accumulate data.

Consensus: DIRECT STAFF TO REVISE THE CONTRACT AND THE ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READ AT THE SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING.

Consensus: TO HAVE MR. BROCATO COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT BOUNDARY LIMITS.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Generator PURCHASE OF GENERATOR: Bids were received for the purchase of a generator. The low bid was from Flint Power Systems for the amount of \$20,750.

Consensus: FORWARD TO THE SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL.

Permissible Uses Table DISCUSSION OF TABLE 27-226-1, PERMISSIBLE USES: Mayor Brown stated Community Development Director Jason Cleghorn was absent, therefore this item would be deferred.

Consensus: TO DEFER THE DISCUSSION OF TABLE 27-226-1 UNTIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JASON CLEGHORN COULD BE PRESENT.

Welcome Sign CONCEPTUAL STUDY FOR THE NEPTUNE BEACH AND ATLANTIC BEACH WELCOME SIGN: City Manager Jarboe presented a conceptual design for a welcome sign for both Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach on Atlantic Boulevard. The estimated cost of the sign was \$75,000 and would be shared by both cities.

Discussion ensued over the type and cost of the sign. Councilor Pardee stated he received negative input regarding welcoming people to the beaches. He felt a welcome

sign would not fix the problem and the city should create a welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors before spending the money for a sign.

Consensus: **DIRECT STAFF TO NEGOTIATE WITH ATLANTIC BEACH AND COME BACK WITH A CONCRETE PROPOSAL.**

Res. No. 2005-XX **RESOLUTION NO. 2005-XX: A RESOLUTION FOR LEGISLATIVE BODY RELATING TO A MONEY PURCHASE PLAN.**

Consensus: **TO FORWARD TO THE SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA.**

Vice Mayor Pruette asked City Manager Jarboe to have Public Services trim the bushes located in the Myrtle Street beach access. Councilor Weldon suggested that the City Manager contact the adjacent property owner and ask him to trim the bushes before sending in a city crew.

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_