



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2005, AT 7:10 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 28, 2005 at 7: 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:

Community Development Director Jason Cleghorn
Administrative 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
Fire Marshall & Code Enforcement Officer John Weber

Call to Order/Roll Call Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS / NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS / NONE

CITY MANAGERS ACTION LIST

City Manager Jarboe reported there were currently ten active projects and 51 completed projects on the list. Thirty-seven Ordinances had been adopted in 2004 & 2005, three of which were on the December regular meeting for second read.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carl Peacock, 211 Cherry Street, favored speed humps.

Marsha Coker, 206 Margaret Street, favored the speed humps and the stop signs on First Street.

Candy Sullivan, 220 South Street, favored the speed humps on South Street and was grateful for the increased police patrol.

Mary Ann Padrta, 1030 Second Street, favored the stop signs on First Street and was concerned about the appearance of a dead cedar tree across the street from her.

James Lee, 246 Myra Street, voiced concerned regarding the agenda format which placed public comments at the beginning of the meeting. He stated he and the majority of residents he had spoken with, opposed speed humps.

Patrick Clyne, 1210 Ocean Front, was concerned regarding the agenda format which placed public comments at the beginning. He felt the city should remove the stop signs on First Street if that was Chief Sembach's recommendation. He also voiced concern about bicyclist not being ticketed for not stopping at stop signs..

David Miller, 101 Rose Place, felt the volume of traffic did not support speed humps.

Dick Crane, 120 Sand Castle Way, felt that due to the lack of maintenance on city property, the city was partially responsible for the deterioration of the fence in Summer Sands. On behalf of the Summer Sands Homeowners Association, he requested the city contribute 50% of the replacement cost.

John Shedden, 2010 Shadow Lane, felt the most economical solution for the Kings Road bridge issue would be for the City of Jacksonville Beach to open the rear entrance.

David Baker, 1102 First Street, opposed removing the stop signs and speed humps. He suggested widening First Street and installing angled parking on the east side for visitor parking.

Lynda Padrta, 1113 First Street, opposed removing stop signs on First Street without having an alternate plan in place for traffic calming.

Wayne Scarborough, Jr., 224 Bowles Street, supported speed humps.

Agenda Format

Councilor Weldon explained the meeting agenda format allowed residents to speak early as a courtesy for residents who did not wish to stay for the duration of the meeting. He added that Council did not take action at workshop meetings and the public would have other opportunities to speak prior to Council action on agenda items.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES / NONE

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

NPDES

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH AND THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE FOR NPDES MONITORING: An agreement allowing the City of Jacksonville to perform periodic water quality and stormwater system monitoring at a cost of \$11,000 annually.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING.**

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Dog Park

DOG PARK DISCUSSION: Councilor Shealy questioned the feasibility of a dog park in the city. City Manager Jarboe reported he had spoken with the two interested residents. They were looking at two locations and would report back to him.

Kings Rd. Bridge

KINGS ROAD BRIDGE DISCUSSION: City Manager Jarboe had spoken to the City of Jacksonville Public Works Director who informed him the cost to reopen the Seagate Avenue bridge would be over one million dollars. Meanwhile he had spoken with a bridge builder working in Jacksonville Beach who told him he could replace the current bridge with a timber bridge for the cost of \$1,000 per lineal foot, approximately \$200,000 in total.

Vice Mayor Pruette felt the City of Jacksonville Beach should temporarily open the rear gate Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the large trucks to enter. She felt the issue was a City of Neptune Beach and Jacksonville Beach problem and they needed to work together.

City Manager Jarboe stated large trucks were currently allowed entrance through the rear gate by calling the City of Jacksonville Beach and making an appointment.

Councilor Weldon felt it was too expensive to reopen the Seagate Avenue bridge and impractical to demolish the Kings Road bridge. He felt Council should reassert the decision to rebuild the Kings Road bridge and take an effort to find the resources. He suggested having staff bring specific proposals to Council within 90 days.

Councilor Pardee stated he surveyed the residents north of Seagate Avenue and found they were concerned about traffic. He felt the best option was to rebuild the Seagate Avenue bridge.

Councilor Pruette questioned the status of a letter the Mayor was supposed to have written, by consensus of the Council, to Jacksonville Beach requesting their help with funding. City Manager Jarboe stated he had spoken with City of Jacksonville Beach City Manager George Forbes and Mr. Forbes was going to speak with a representative of the Florida Department of Transportation in an effort to move the Kings Road bridge further up on the state's list to rebuild.

Councilor Weldon asked Council if there was a consensus to pursue reopening of the Seagate Avenue causeway.

Consensus: **NOT TO PERSUE THE REBUILDING OF THE SEAGATE AVENUE CAUSEWAY.**

Councilor Weldon asked Council if there was a consensus to move forward with rebuilding of the Kings Road bridge.

Consensus: **TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE REBUILDING THE KINGS ROAD BRIDGE AND FOR STAFF TO BRING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO COUNCIL WITHIN 90 DAYS.**

Councilor Shealy suggested holding a joint council meeting with the City of Jacksonville Beach Council to discuss the issue of the Kings Road bridge.

Traffic Calming

TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY: Chief Sembach presented to the Council his Traffic Calming Study for east of Third Street. The study indicated there was not enough traffic or speeding to justify speed humps. He explained the advantages and disadvantages of speed humps and recommended the city adopt a Speed Hump Policy. He also recommended forming a committee that would consider other traffic calming options and make recommendations.

Councilor Weldon suggested the Planning & Development Review Board be tasked with finding traffic calming options.

Consensus: **TO HAVE THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD ALONG WITH STAFF DISCUSS TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS.**

Trees & Landscape ARTICLE 9 – TREE PROTECTION AND LANDSCAPING: Mayor Brown suggested deferring this item to the December workshop meeting.

Consensus: **DEFER TO THE DECEMBER WORKSHOP MEETING.**

Fences, Walls & Hedges SECTION 27-330 – FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES: Mayor Brown suggested deferring this item to the December workshop meeting.

Consensus: **DEFER TO THE DECEMBER WORKSHOP MEETING.**

Sidewalks & Bikeways SECTION 27-479 – SIDEWALKS AND BIKEWAYS: Mayor Brown suggested deferring this item to the December workshop meeting.

Consensus: **DEFER TO THE DECEMBER WORKSHOP MEETING.**

Personnel Policy PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE: City Manager Jarboe stated the personnel policy had been updated and needed Council approval.

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

Foreclosures
914 Fifth St. &
1602-1604 First St. FORECLOSURE AUTHORIZATION – 914 FIFTH STREET AND 1602 & 1604 FIRST STREET: City Manager Jarboe stated these homeowners have refused to cooperate with the Code Enforcement Board. Code Enforcement Officer John Weber explained the previous violations and non-compliances.

City Attorney White advised the lien would need to be filed for 90 days before foreclosure.

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

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____