



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2006 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 20, 2006 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 Fred Lee
Councilor Eric Pardee
Councilor John Weldon
City Manager Jim Jarboe
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

ABSENT:

City Attorney Christopher White

STAFF:

Community Development Director Jason Cleghorn
Senior Center Activities Director Leslie Lyne
Director of Finance Steve Ramsey
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 / NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS / NONE

CITY MANAGERS ACTION LIST

City Manager Jarboe reported the following:

- The A1A / Third Street Landscaping is completed.
- The information system conversion was still in progress.
- The Audit was complete the city is waiting for the report.
- The Freedom Shine on the wall in the Council Chamber's had been removed and replaced with Vice Mayor Pruette's art work. He would like to use the area to display local artists work.

City Manager Jarboe suggested adopting a Resolution in appreciation of the \$250,000 for the A1A / Third Street Landscaping that was made available through the City of Jacksonville by former Mayor John Delaney.

Consensus: **TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION FOR MAYOR JOHN DELANEY FOR PRESENTATION AT THE APRIL 3, 2006 MEETING.**

City Clerk Lisa Volpe announced the Supervisor of Elections Office would be conducting a Candidate's Workshop on April 4, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Fletcher High School. The workshop was free of charge to interested parties. Due to limited seating participants are required to pre-register. The forms were available in the City Clerk's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / NONE

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Election Dates

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-XX, AMENDING ELECTION DATES: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 9 ELECTIONS SECTION 9-2 SCHEDULE FOR ELECTIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Lisa Volpe explained the Supervisor of Elections Office requested the city change the date of the runoff election to allow them time to prepare the ballots, mail out absentee ballots, and also to coincide with the City of Jacksonville Beach's runoff election.

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

Recycling Bins

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-XX, AMENDING RECYCLING BIN COST: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 11 GARBAGE, TRASH AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE; SECTION 11-106 ESTABLISHED; FEES; CONTAINERS; CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS; TYPES OF MATERIALS TO BE COLLECTED AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Jarboe explained the grants previously received from the county for recycling containers, were no longer available. This ordinance would allow the cost of \$7.75 per container to be charged to the residents.

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

Land Use / Definition of Family

LAND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – DEFINITION OF FAMILY: Vice Mayor Pruette explained the reference to the definition of "family" as described in Ordinance No. 2003-02 Section 27-333, adopted May 5, 2003, was not included in the Revised Land Development Regulations. She asked if Council would like for this to be included or reconsidered.

City Manager Jarboe stated the reference to the definition of "family" would need to be added to the Ordinance for enforcement purposes.

Councilor Weldon felt Ordinance No. 2003-02 should never have been omitted and requested it be included in the exact same form as adopted on May 5, 2003. He further requested the City Clerk's Office conduct a formal review of the entire Revised Land Use Code for any further items that may have been omitted.

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

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS / NONE

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Speed Hump Policy

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A "SPEED HUMP POLICY."

Discussion ensued regarding several items within the "Speed Hump Policy."

The following revisions to Resolution No. 2006-04 were discussed and agreed upon by the Council:

ADVANTAGE OF SPEED HUMPS:

- 1. ~~Speed reduction on local streets.~~
- 2. ~~Decrease traffic volume~~
- 3. ~~May reduce incidence of vehicular accidents.~~
- 4. ~~Traffic noise may be reduced.~~

DISADVANTAGES OF SPEED HUMPS:

- 1. ~~Speed may increase after hump as drivers try to make up for lost time.~~
- 2. ~~Increased noise level at the hump due to vehicle brakes, tires, suspension and engine.~~
- 3. ~~Traffic may be diverted to other neighborhood streets creating new problem areas.~~
- 4. ~~Possible increased response time of emergency vehicles.~~
- 5. ~~Possible increased vehicle emissions due to acceleration and deceleration.~~
- 6. ~~Motorist may try to drive around the humps damaging private property.~~

PROCEDURES FOR INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS:

- 1. The initial request for the installation of speed humps shall be made in writing to the City Manager from at least five (5) ~~residents~~ registered voters from different households on the street in question.
- 2. If the street meets the necessary criteria, the City Manager will provide petition forms and instruct residents on the requirement to obtain 55% approval of the speed hump proposal from ~~effected residents~~ registered voters in residences along the effected street (one signature per household).

REMOVAL OF SPEED HUMPS:

Once installed, Speed Humps must be in place for at least ~~one (1) year~~ (3) years before removal will be considered unless unanticipated safety problems arise.

Consensus: **TO DELETE ADVANTAGES OF SPEED HUMPS AND DISADVANTAGES OF SPEED HUMPS, TO CHANGE NUMBER 1. & 2. IN PROCEDURES FOR INSTALLATION TO DELETE EFFECTED RESIDENTS AND INSERT REGISTERED VOTERS LIVING IN RESIDENCES ALONG THE EFFECTED STREET, AND TO CHANGE THE REMOVAL OF SPEED HUMPS FROM ONE YEAR TO THREE YEARS.**

Waste Collection Fees

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-XX, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING CHARGES OR FEES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES.

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

Welcome Sign

WELCOME SIGN – NEPTUNE BEACH AND ATLANTIC BEACH: At the previous Council meeting, Atlantic Beach Commissioner Dezmond Waters requested our Council to consider sharing the cost of an \$80,000 proposed welcome sign with the City of Atlantic Beach.

Consensus: **TO HAVE NO FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF AN \$80,000 WELCOME SIGN WHERE THE COST WOULD BE DIVIDED BETWEEN NEPTUNE BEACH AND ATLANTIC BEACH.**

Streetlights

MARGARET STREET – STREETLIGHT BULB WATTAGE UPGRADED: Vice Mayor Pruette pulled this item from the agenda.

Day of Prayer

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: Mayor Brown asked the Council if they would support the request from The Beaches Area – National Day of Prayer by proclaiming the first Thursday of May, which would be May 4, 2006 a “National Day of Prayer. “

Consensus: **TO PREPARE A PROCLAMATION SIMILAR TO THE ONE PREPARED BY JACKSONVILLE BEACH, PROCLAIMING MAY 4, 2006, AS THE BEACHES AREA NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.**

Parking of Trucks

PARKING OF LARGE TRUCKS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY: City Manager Jarboe was concerned about large trucks and school buses parking overnight in shopping centers and on other private properties in the city. He felt an ordinance allowing the city to fine owners of said vehicles was in order.

Discussion ensued regarding a time limit of 12 to 24 hours for parking, the amount of the fine, the size commercial trucks, and the effect of residents living in the CBD.

Consensus: **DRAFT AN ORDINANCE AND FORWARD TO THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

Commercial Setbacks

SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mayor Brown stated he recently received a telephone call from a Wal-mart representative regarding commercial setbacks. He was concerned after reviewing preliminary drawings of the plot plan for a proposed Wal-Mart Store to be constructed at the site of the old Food Lion Store in the Neptune Square Shopping Center.

Under the current 50 feet setback, the preliminary drawing showed the front of the store facing west, the rear facing to the east, and the garden center to the north very close to Atlantic Boulevard.

A second plot plan for the Wal-Mart showed a more traditional building placed further back on the lot, facing Atlantic Boulevard with the parking lot in the front.

He asked the Council if they would be interested in reconsidering the setback requirements in commercially zoned districts.

Councilor Weldon stated the concept of bringing the buildings closer to the highway was simply to create a more pedestrian and user friendly shopping area and encourage creative landscaping. Councilor Weldon stated he was not in favor of allowing Wal-Mart to open in Neptune Beach

Councilor Pardee stated he would be interested in changing the front setback from 50 feet in order to accommodate any store that was interested in building on the property. Councilor Pardee stated he would gladly welcome Wal-Mart to the community.

Mayor Brown stated Council needed to be aware that there were rules in place driving this type of concept.

SJRWMD

ST. JOHN'S RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT – TWO DAY PER WEEK LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION RULE: Mayor Brown stated the ordinance would require local enforcement of the two day per week landscape irrigation rule.

City Manager Jarboe stated Section 23-27 of the Code of Ordinances addressed the issue of irrigation restrictions; however it was not as comprehensive as St. Johns River Water Management would like local governments to be. Council discussed the proposed ordinance.

Consensus: **NO COUNCIL ACTION NECESSARY.**

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____