



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2006 AT 6:36 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 July 17, 2006 at 6:36 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Richard Brown
Vice Mayor Harriet Pruette
Councilor Fred Lee
Councilor Eric Pardee
Councilor John Weldon
City Attorney Chris White
City Manager Jim Jarboe
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

STAFF:

Senior Center Activities Director Leslie Lyne
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 / NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS / NONE

CITY MANAGERS ACTION LIST

City Manager Jarboe reported on the following:

- An Ordinance amending the FY2006 budget was on the agenda.
- Funding for the Kings Road Bridge was secured with the Department of Transportation and waiting for approval from the City of Jacksonville.
- Staff was still working on the conversion and the training process on the new computer system.
- The nitrogen removal demonstration project for the wastewater plant was ongoing. Once completed a demonstration would be given to the Council.
- The capital improvements were included in the FY2007 budget and the first hearing was scheduled for September 11, 2006.

Councilor Lee questioned when the drainage improvements at Florida Boulevard and Fifth Street would begin. Public Services Director Leon Smith responded the project would begin in about one month.

Mayor Brown commended Public Services Director Leon Smith and the employees of the Public Services Department for their efforts in initiating the nitrogen system process. City Manager Jarboe stated the in-house project would save the city around 3 million dollars.

Councilor Pardee recognized the City Clerk's Office for placing all backup paperwork for council meeting agendas on the website. The backup information was now available to the public online.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hank Wilkinson, 203 North Street, suggested increasing animal citation fines for unleashed dogs.

Sheri Nicholson and her son Daven, 222 Oleander Street, favored the city contributing to the Neptune Beach Elementary School handicap playground.

Allison Moore, 401 McCollum Circle, supported the city contribution for the Neptune Beach Elementary School handicap playground.

Stephen Carter, 1723 Indian Woods Drive, supported placing speed humps on Forest Marsh Drive and Indian Woods Drive.

Scott Adeeb, 1507 Kings Road, supported the speed hump placement.

Bennie Furlong, 1820 Tanglewood Drive, Jacksonville Beach, supported the city contributing to Dial-a-Ride.

Susan Bolenbaugh, 2022 Shadow Lane, informed the Council she was impressed with Waste Pro when an employee could not find her trash cans and came to her door one morning to find out where they were located.

There being no further comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ord. No. 2006-XX

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-XX, AMENDING FY2006 BUDGET: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Caribbee Key

CARIBBEE KEY SIDEWALK LEASE AGREEMENT: Mr. John Bracato stated the outdoor seating had been well received by the public for the past two years and asked the Council to consider extending the sidewalk lease agreement for a period of one year.

City Manager Jarboe suggested amending the lease agreement to have Caribbee Key pressure wash the sidewalk area every six weeks. He also recommended placing a railing along the poles in an effort to control the boundary lines.

Councilor Weldon felt the planters currently identifying the outdoor seating area were appealing and requested the Council be able to approve the design of any railing.

Mr. Bracato stated he would work with the city to insure the boundary identification was attractive.

Vice Mayor Pruette recommended raising the rent 5%.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING FOR APPROVAL WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGES.**

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

PDRB06-08
241 Atlantic Blvd.

DEVELOPMENT ORDER PDRB06-08, 241 ATLANTIC BOULEVARD, SOUTHCOAST BEACHES, LLC: Consider approval of development order for Southcoast Beaches LLC, to construct a two story building for retail sales on the first floor and office spaces on the second floor and consider the balconies extending over city of way.

Mayor Brown stated due to concurrency concerns Mr. Rad Lovett would like to defer this development order until further notice.

Consensus: **TO DEFER PDRB06-08, 241 ATLANTIC BOULEVARD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Speed Humps

SPEED HUMP PLACEMENT FOR INDIAN WOODS / FOREST MARSH / KINGS ROAD: City Manager Jarboe stated the residents of the area had met all requirements of the Speed Hump Policy. Chief Sembach felt the installation of speed humps may be justified at the following locations: 1) 1513 Indian Woods Drive, 2) 1710 Indian Woods Drive, 3) 1714 Indian Woods Drive, 4) 1407 Forest Marsh Drive, 5) 1422 Forest Marsh Drive.

City Manager Jarboe stated the speed humps would be installed according to budget and workload.

Chief Sembach recommended installing one speed hump at a time and measuring the traffic speed after each installation to see if more were necessary.

Mayor Brown suggested approving up to the number of humps recommended by Chief Sembach.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING FOR APPROVAL.**

FY2007 Contributions **DONATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007:** Requests for contributions:

• Fireworks	\$ 5,000.00
• Playground (sidewalk)	5,000.00
• F.A.C.E.	1,775.00
• Beautification	1,000.00
• Beaches Resource Center	3,000.00
• Dial-A-Ride	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$ 17,275.00

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

Councilor Weldon asked that Council reserve the right to use discretionary funds for other contributions if they were deemed worthy. City Clerk Volpe stated this list was in the budget and did not need to be voted on separately.

Setback
Requirements

LOT FRONTAGE REQUIREMENTS: Mayor Brown asked Steve Jarrett, developer, to address the assembly.

Mr. Steve Jarrett stated the Code currently required lots to have 100 feet of street frontage in order to build up to the 35 feet height limit. He explained that some of the largest lots were on cul-de-sacs and did not have much street frontage. Therefore he asked Council to consider changing the Code from 100 feet of street frontage to 100 feet of frontage at the front building line.

Councilor Pardee stated the new Community Development Director was to begin employment in September and suggested Council wait to hear her recommendations on the matter.

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

Tree Ordinance

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT TREE ORDINANCE: Councilor Fred Lee questioned why the tree ordinance required property owners to obtain a tree permit to trim trees located on their property. He also questioned the requirements for the city to obtain the Tree City USA designation.

Discussion ensued regarding the reasoning for requiring property owners to obtain tree permits to trim and/or remove trees.

Vice Mayor Pruette felt property owners should be allowed to trim trees located on their own private property.

Councilor Weldon explained the city did not charge a fee for tree permits. Permits to trim trees were only necessary if the limbs were over 8 inches in diameter. The ordinance was in place to protect the city's tree canopy.

Visioning Workshop

VISIONING WORKSHOP: Councilor Lee stated he would like the city to hold a visioning workshop meeting with an outside mediator, first with the citizens and a separate one for the Council.

City Manager Jarboe stated the 2010 Comprehensive Plan needed to be reevaluated and a new Comprehensive Plan would need to be created in the near future.

Vice Mayor Pruette asked City Manager Jarboe to provide a list of what the city wished to accomplish from the previous visioning workshop and a list of what has actually been accomplished.

Animal Control

ANIMAL CONTROL FINES: City Manager Jarboe suggested Council consider adding language to the Code to provide that the owner or guardian of any unleashed animal that attacks, injures or endangers the lives of others be fined up to a maximum of \$500.00.

Councilor Pardee questioned if the fine would be implemented on private property. City Manager Jarboe replied this would only be implemented on city property.

Councilor Pardee felt the term "injury" needed to be defined.

Consensus: **TO HAVE THE CITY MANAGER DRAFT AN AMENDMENT AND CLARIFY "INJURY".**

City Clerk Lisa Volpe stated the meeting to approve the FY2007 Budget was scheduled for September 11, 2007 at 6:00, before the regular meeting. She suggested relocating to a larger facility for the regular meeting due to the expected crowd for the Wal-Mart hearing.

Consensus: **TO HAVE THE BUDGET MEETING AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL AND RELOCATE THE REGULAR MEETING TO NEPTUNE BEACH**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OR FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____