



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA

Pursuant to proper notice a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held September 11, 2006 at 6:00 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 James Jarboe
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

STAFF:

Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne
Director of Finance Steve Ramsey
Director of Public Services Leon Smith
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait, CMC

Order Call

Mayor Brown called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced the purpose of the meeting was to consider the following ordinances.

Ord. No. 2006-18

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-18, FINAL MILLAGE RATES, FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING "ROLLED BACK RATES"; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADJUST THE ADOPTED RATES IN THE EVENT OF CHANGES IN THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND TAXABLE VALUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Brown read Ordinance No. 2006-18 by title only and opened the public hearing.

Ed Vasso, owner of a vacant lot in Neptune Beach, felt his taxes were too high for an empty lot.

Wendy Griffis, 1036 Buddy Crout Lane, stated her tax bill increased 35% from last year. Finance Director Steve Ramsey explained the lot was empty last year and now that there was a house on the lot the assessment was higher.

Jeffrey Will, 218 Florida Boulevard, stated his tax bill more than doubled going from \$1,300.00 to \$2,300.00. City Manager Jarboe explained this was most likely due to the owner not being able to homestead the other half of the duplex.

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

Moved by Pruette, seconded by Weldon.

Motion: **TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2006-18 ON FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 – Lee, Pardee, Pruette, Weldon, Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2006-19

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-19, ADOPTING FINAL BUDGET, FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Brown read Ordinance No. 2006-19 by title only and opened the public hearing.

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

Moved by Pardee, seconded by Lee.

Motion: **TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2006-19 ON FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 – Lee, Pardee, Pruette, Weldon, Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2006-20

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06, BUDGET AMENDMENT, FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2005, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

Mayor Brown read Ordinance No. 2006-20 by title only and opened the public hearing.

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

Moved by Lee, seconded by Pardee.

Motion: **TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2006-20 ON FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 – Lee, Pardee, Pruette, Weldon, Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2006-21

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-21, ABANDONING A PORTION OF PRADO FERRER, FIRST READ: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, ABANDONING, VACATING, AND CLOSING A PORTION OF PRADO FERRER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Moved by Weldon, seconded by Pruette.

Motion: **TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2006-21 ON FIRST READ.**

Councilor Pardee questioned if the property would revert back to the city if the development order was not completed.

Friendly Amendment **THE PROPERTY WILL REVERT BACK TO THE CITY IF THE DEVELOPMENT ORDER IS NOT COMPLETED.**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 – Lee, Pardee, Pruette, Weldon, Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Richard Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____