



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007 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 January 8, 2007 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 E. Lee
Councilor Eric Pardee
Councilor John Weldon
City Attorney Chris White
City Manager James Jarboe
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

STAFF:

Sergeant Ryan Hall
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.

Special Magistrate
Preliminary
Recommendation

SPECIAL MAGISTRATE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION / LAKESHORE VILLAGE:

City Attorney White stated the preliminary recommendation from Special Magistrate Carlos Alvarez regarding the Lakeshore Village / Wal-Mart proceedings had been received and distributed to Council. Mr. Alvarez's findings relating to concurrency were in favor of Lakeshore Village. However, he recommended mediation between the City and Lakeshore Village based on the issue of "Scale, Mass, and Bulk." The mediation was scheduled to take place on January 16, 2007 and would be attended by himself, City Manager Jarboe and Mayor Brown.

City Attorney White further stated the mediation would be closed to the public. He added mediation was usually a confidential process, however, because any decision reached between the parties would still need Council approval, it would have to be discussed during a public meeting.

Councilor Pardee asked City Manager Jarboe to provide a detailed cost analysis of the legal fees and relative costs the city has incurred due to the denial of the Lakeshore Village / Wal-Mart development order.

Moved by Weldon, seconded by Pruette.

Motion: **TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY, MAYOR BROWN AND CITY
MANAGER JARBOE TO ENTER INTO MEDIATION WITH LAKESHORE
VILLAGE.**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 – Lee, Pardee, Pruette, Weldon, Brown
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Richard Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____