



**MINUTES**  
**WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 20, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

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Pursuant to proper notice a Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held August 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE:

STAFF:

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

Community Development Director Amanda Askew  
Senior Activity Center 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

ABSENT:

Councilor Eric Pardee

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Vice Mayor Pruette presented Chief Sembach with a photograph she had taken of the over 7,000 fireworks that he confiscated during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

**CITY MANAGER'S ACTION LIST**

Action List

City Manager Jarboe stated the engineer for the Kings Road Bridge project was caught in traffic due to the closure of the Matthews Bridge and would be arriving soon.

The labor union contracts had been voted on and approved by the members.

Budget

Director of Finance Steve Ramsey explained the Budget FY 2008 was prepared using the roll back rate of 2.6460. This was an 8.76% decrease from last year's millage rate of 2.9. There was also a decrease of 1.24% in revenues. The largest budget cut was in the animal control department because the department went from having two animal control officers to only one animal control officer.

Councilor Weldon felt it was important for the citizens to know that the city could not continue to cut the budget without cutting public services.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS / NONE**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-XX, AMENDING CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE XVIII: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 27 ARTICLE XVIII. NONCONFORMING LOTS, STRUCTURES, USES AND SIGNS, SECTION 27-707 NONCONFORMING SIGNS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Community Development Director Askew explained Section 27-707 and Section 27-592 should have the same language. This ordinance would add paragraph (h) of Section 27-592 to Section 27-707 making the text in both sections identical.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

**CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS**

Sea & Sky Show

SEA AND SKY SPECTACULAR: The City of Jacksonville requested contributions from the beaches' cities for the Sea & Sky Spectacular every other year when the event was held at the beaches. When the show was last held at the beach in 2005 Neptune Beach contributed \$2,000. This year the City of Jacksonville was asking for a contribution of \$3,500.

Councilor Weldon stated other agencies requested donations from our city annually that he felt were more important than the Sea & Sky Spectacular, such as the Beaches Resource Center and Dial a Ride. He would be willing to support a contribution to the Sea & Sky Spectacular if Council members would agree to contribute to those agencies as well.

Council discussed the amount they wanted to give and what other organizations they had given to in the past

Consensus: **TO CONTRIBUTE \$2,000 TO THE SEA & SKY SPECTACULAR FOR 2007 AND TO DISCUSS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AT THE SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP.**

**ISSUE DEVELOPMENT**

Fla. Blvd.

FLORIDA BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING: Mayor Brown acknowledged City of Jacksonville Councilman Art Graham in the assembly and asked him to speak regarding the Florida Boulevard landscaping project.

City of Jacksonville Councilman Art Graham stated the City of Jacksonville had \$40,000 for the project. City Manager Jarboe stated he would meet with the chairman of the Ish Brant Beautification Committee and ask the committee to work on a maintenance free beautification plan and receive quotes.

Recess/Reconvene

Mayor Brown asked to recess at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:40.

Kings Rd. Bridge

KINGS ROAD BRIDGE – LANDMARK ENGINEERING - NINA SICKLER: Nina Sickler, Landmark Engineering, gave a presentation on the current condition of the Kings Road Bridge and suggested the following three options for rehabilitation of the bridges' girders and piles.

Rehabilitation Options

Option A - \$50,000

Option B - \$200,000

Option C - \$300,000

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair Girders with Fiber Wrap</li> <li>• Jacket Piles with 30% or Greater Loss</li> <li>• Expected Life 5 to 10 years</li> <li>• Maintenance and remediation required over remaining life</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair Girders with Fiber Wrap</li> <li>• Inject girder cracks with epoxy</li> <li>• Jacket Piles with 30% or Greater Loss</li> <li>• Tape Seal all other Piles</li> <li>• Repair abutment backwalls and wingwalls</li> <li>• Expected life 20 to 30 years</li> <li>• Maintenance and remediation required over remaining life</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair Girders with Fiber Wrap</li> <li>• Inject girder cracks with epoxy</li> <li>• Jacket ALL piles in waterway</li> <li>• Replace abutment backwalls and wingwalls</li> <li>• Overlay deck to minimize water intrusion to girders</li> <li>• Expected life 30 to 40 years</li> <li>• Maintenance and remediation required over remaining life</li> </ul> |
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Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP MEETING TO DETERMINE WHICH REHABILITATION OPTION TO PROCEED WITH.**

Councilor Weldon asked Ms. Sickler what the engineering cost would be. Ms. Sickler responded for a design build project the engineering firm normally charged 10% to 20%.

City Manager Jarboe stated some of the work could be done by our public services department.

Monahan  
2050 Kings Circle

**REQUEST TO ABANDON RIGHT OF WAY – MONAHAN:** Thomas Monahan, 2050 Kings Circle requested the city abandon a portion of the right-of-way to allow him to construct four parking spaces.

Councilor Weldon stated he could not support the abandonment without considering the development plans.

Vice Mayor Pruette stated she did not favor abandoning any city property.

Councilor Lee suggested the Planning & Development Review Board review the development application and make a recommendation to the council.

Councilor Weldon asked Community Development Director Askew to review the plan and consider alternatives for improving traffic in the area. He would be willing to compromise if there would be an improvement in the traffic.

City Manager Jarboe stated the development order was on the agenda for the Planning & Development Review Board in September. He recommended the Planning & Development Review Board make their recommendation conditioned on the “abandonment of the right-of-way” and forward the full development to the Council.

Consensus: **TO CONSIDER ABANDONING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ONCE THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD HAS MADE THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE OR DENY THE DEVELOPMENT ORDER.**

Speed Humps

**SPEED HUMP POLICY:** Due to budget restraints, Councilor Lee suggested amending the Speed Hump Policy to allow residents to pay the full cost of speed humps if they so

desired.

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

City Hall

DISCUSSION TO RELOCATE CITY HALL: As a courtesy to Councilor Pardee, due to his absence, Mayor Brown asked that this item be deferred.

Consensus: **TO DEFER DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF COUNCILOR PARDEE.**

Kings Rd. & FL. Blvd.

Vice Mayor Pruette felt a traffic light needed to be installed at the intersection of Florida Boulevard and Kings Road and that the traffic light at the intersection of Florida Boulevard and Windward Lane should be longer.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_