



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 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 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance

IN ATTENDANCE:

STAFF:

Mayor Harriet Pruette
Vice Mayor John Weldon
Councilor Fred Lee
Councilor Eric Pardee
Councilor Kara Tucker
City Attorney Chris White
City Manager James Jarboe
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

Community Development Director Amanda Askew
Senior 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

Order Call

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

Ord. No. 2009-08

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-08, ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES, SECOND 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, 2009, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING "ROLLED-BACK RATES"; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADJUST THE ADOPTED MILLAGE RATES IN THE EVENT OF CHANGES IN THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND TAXABLE VALUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Pruette read the following for the record: "The taxing authority is the City of Neptune Beach USD4, the roll back rate is 2.8612, the percentage increase over the roll back rate is 6.63% and the millage rate to be levied is 3.0510."

Mayor Pruette read Ordinance No. 2009-08 by title only and opened the public hearing.

Vita Hope, 324 Driftwood Road, supported the millage rate increase. She thanked the Council for doing the right thing for the City.

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

Mayor Pruette stated for the record, she appreciates and commends the hard work that staff has put into the budget and their efforts to reduce expenses and minimize the effect of revenue shortfalls. It is not easy for any of us to sit up here tonight and raise taxes and fees. But in order to provide the services our residents expect and protect the financial wellbeing of our City we have no other effective or responsible choice. Our City Manager and Finance

Director have strongly recommended this action be taken. I agree with their assessment and hope that you are all in agreement to adopt the proposed budget and the proposed millage.

Moved by Weldon, seconded by Lee

Motion: **TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-08 ON SECOND AND FINAL READ.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2009-09 **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-09, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010. SECOND 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, 2009, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Pruette read Ordinance No. 2009-09 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 ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-09 ON SECOND AND FINAL READ.**

Councilor Lee reiterated that in order for him to vote favorably for this budget he wants to hold a workshop meeting to review the city vehicle policy. He would also like to review the sanitation contract, work with the Senior Activity Center to help it become self sufficient, and start the 2010/2011 budget process earlier in the year.

Mayor Pruette stated it was her understanding that if taxes were raised the City would not cut any services. She liked the idea of placing the Cast-a-Line on the internet. However, she asked the City Manager to mail the newsletter to citizens at their request.

Consensus: **TO HAVE THE CITY MAIL THE CAST-A-LINE AT THE REQUEST OF CITIZENS.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Res. No. 2009-11 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING CERTAIN CHARGES OR FEES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES.**

Moved by Weldon, seconded by Lee

Motion: **TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Res. No. 2009-12 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STORMWATER UTILITY RATE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Moved by Pardee, seconded by Lee

Motion; **TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Harriet Pruette, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____