



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 2010, AT 6:00 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 March 15, 2010 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 Fred Lee
Councilor Eric Pardee
Councilor Kara Tucker
City Attorney Chris White
City Manager Jim Jarboe
City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC

Director of Finance Steve Ramsey
Deputy City Clerk, Karla Strait, CMC

ABSENT:

Councilor John Weldon

Call to Order/Roll
Call

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

PRESENTATIONS / NONE

CITY MANAGER'S ACTION LIST

City Manager Jarboe reported on the following:

- The nitrogen grant was signed by the City and sent to the St. Johns River Water Management District on March 5, 2010.
- The City applied for a \$60,000 solar grant and a tree grant for Florida Boulevard.
- The Public Safety Department has received many grants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynda Padrta, 1113 First Street, suggested the City continue to work with Jacksonville Transportation Authority to have the dirt mound removed from the marsh.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Water & Sewer
Charges

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-XX, AMENDING ARTICLE IV, WATER AND SEWER CHARGES: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE IV. WATER AND SEWER CHARGES, SECTION 23-81(D) NEW CONNECTIONS; WATER AND SEWER TAP-INS, SECTION 23-83(A) SECURITY DEPOSITS AND SECTION 23-89 NOTICE OF PROPOSED TERMINATION OF SERVICE; ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING; DISCONNECTING SERVICE OF FAILURE TO PAY CHARGES; RECONNECTING FEE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Jarboe explained raising the utility deposit from \$75.00 to \$150 and the reconnection charge from \$50.00 to \$75.00 would generate revenue to help cover the costs.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

Vice Mayor Lee agreed to sponsor this Ordinance.

Dishonored Check
Fee

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-XX, AMENDING SECTION 2-362 SERVICE FEE FOR DISHONORED CHECKS: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI. FINANCE, SECTION 2-362, SERVICE FEE FOR DISHONORED CHECK, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Jarboe explained raising the fee for returned checks from \$20.00 to \$30.00 would generate revenue to help cover the costs.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

Councilor Tucker agreed to sponsor this Ordinance.

Citations for Code
Violations

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-XX, ADDING TO SECTION 2-447, AUTHORIZING ISSUE OF CITATIONS FOR CODE VIOLATIONS: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE, FLORIDA ADDING TO SECTION 2-447 PROVISIONS OF DIVISION SUPPLEMENTAL IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND HIS DESIGNEE TO ISSUE CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY'S CODE AS HE DEEMS NEEDED AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Jarboe explained the normal code enforcement process can take up to 50 days to bring compliance. This Ordinance would allow the City Manager designee to issue a citation for a code violation.

Councilor Pardee felt the designee should be the Building Official or the Code Enforcement Officer. He would like that language to be inserted into the Ordinance.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

Mayor Pruette agreed to sponsor the Ordinance.

Traffic & Motor
Vehicles

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-XX, AMENDING SECTION 22-26 SCHEDULES OF STREETS, DISTRICTS AND ZONES: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 22, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, ARTICLE II. PARKING,

STOPPING AND STANDING, SECTION 22-26, SCHEDULES OF STREETS, DISTRICTS AND ZONES, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Jarboe stated this Ordinance would raise the fee for parking violations from \$25.00 to \$35.00.

Councilor Pardee agreed to sponsor the Ordinance.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING FOR FIRST READ.**

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Community
Garden

REVOCABLE CONDITIONAL USE AGREEMENT WITH BEACHES LOCAL FOOD NETWORK / COMMUNITY GARDEN: Terri Methen, representative for the Community Garden explained the Beaches Local Food Network was a non-profit organization. She would provide a copy of the financials to the Council if requested.

Councilor Pardee stated he would like to review the financials and make sure the organization was following the rules set forth in the lease agreement.

Consensus: **FORWARD TO THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING**

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Statewide Water
Authority

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-XX: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA OPPOSING CREATION OF STATEWIDE WATER AUTHORITY, WEAKENING CHAPTER 373 AS RELATED TO "LOCAL SOURCES FIRST" POLICY, OR TO MAKE ANY OTHER CHANGE TO CHAPTER 373 THAT COULD PUT NORTH FLORIDA'S SURFACE WATER OR THE FLORIDA AQUIFER AT RISK BY THE TRANSFER OF NORTH FLORIDA WATER TO CENTRAL OR SOUTH FLORIDA.

Mayor Pruette introduced the Resolution and stated Neptune Beach had a proven history of support to protect the River and could be proud of that.

Vice Mayor Lee was concerned the adoption of the Resolution may jeopardize the City's chances of receiving the nitrogen grant from the St. Johns Water Management District.

Councilor Pardee stated he would not support the Resolution. He said the council was becoming an activist Council.

Councilor Tucker questioned if our sister cities had adopted a similar Resolution. Mayor Pruette responded that about 11 cities in the Northeast Florida Regional Planning District have adopted similar Resolutions.

City Manager Jarboe stated he would do some research to clarify if the St. Johns River Water Management District was for or against this Resolution and report back to the Council

Consensus: **TO FORWARD TO THE APRIL WORKSHOP AND HAVE THE CITY MANAGER PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE NITROGEN GRANT IS PROVIDED BY THE CITY MANAGER.**

Jarboe Park
Easter Service

APPROVAL FOR RESURRECTION ANGLICAN CHURCH TO HOLD AN EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE IN JARBOE PARK: City Manager Jarboe explained Reverend David Ball, Resurrection Anglican Church, has asked for permission to hold an Easter Sunday Service in Jarboe Park. They normally meet in the Old Chapel at 5:00 p.m. However, they were not able to use the Old Chapel on Sunday mornings.

Vice Mayor Lee questioned if allowing this would give the Church a privilege over other organizations or events requesting use of the park.

City Manager Jarboe replied the Church would have to provide an insurance rider naming the City just like any other organization or event coordinator.

City Clerk Volpe advised the Council this request would need to be approved before the April 5, 2010 regular meeting because Easter Sunday was April 4th.

City Attorney White advised the Council could grant the City Manager permission to grant the request and ratify the action at the April 5, 2010 regular meeting.

Consensus: **TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE CHURCH TO USE THE PARK FOR EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE AND HAVE THE COUNCIL RATIFY THE APPROVAL AT THE APRIL REGULAR MEETING.**

FY 2010-2011
Budget

FY 2010-2011 BUDGET: City Manager Jarboe stated the Council had asked him to provide information on possible ways for the city to save money. He explained the following was a list of suggestions from department heads. He added for the record that these were only suggestions, not recommendations. He will make recommendations when the proposed revenues are received from the County and the State and when he presents the budget to Council.

- Combing PDRB & BOA Meetings / Move to Day
- Day meeting for CEB / Magistrate
- Tree Permit Charge
- Right-of-way Permit Charge @ \$25.00
- Parking Fine Increase
- Utility Tax on Electric
- Renegotiate and Reduction in Public Works Uniforms
- City Buildings Mat Service Reductions
- Drop Motorcycle Contract
- No Lawn Maintenance (Police & Public Works Bldgs)
- Reduce Service by Cutting Staff
- Solar from behind K-mart
- Increase Millage Rate
- Eliminate Safety Bonuses
- Combine Council Regular and Workshop Meetings
- Reduce level of Services
- Meter Re-reads @ \$20.00
- Increase after hour charge from \$50.00 to \$75.00
- Deposit Increase from \$75.00 to \$150.00
- Increase fee for dishonored Checks from \$20.00 to \$30.00

Vice Mayor Lee stated he was interesting in hearing ideas from citizens on city cost saving ideas. He wanted to have one or two meetings that would include public suggestions.

City Manager Jarboe stated a public suggestion meeting could be held as part of a budget workshop meeting.

Mayor Pruette asked that the meeting for public suggestions be advertised on the website and in the monthly newsletter.

Councilor Pardee stated he would like to hear cost saving ideas from Board members as well as citizens.

Councilor Tucker was concerned if Board meetings were held during the day many citizens would not participate.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Harriet Pruette, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____