



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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 Monday, September 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida

Attendance	<p>IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Elaine Brown Vice Mayor Scott Wiley Councilor Richard Arthur Councilor Rory Diamond Councilor Fred Jones</p> <p>STAFF: City Manager Andrew Hyatt Deputy City Manager Amanda Askew Chief of Police Richard Pike Interim Finance Director Steve Ramsey City Attorney Patrick Krechowski Public Works Director Leon Smith City Clerk Catherine Ponson</p>
Order Call/Pledge	Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Wiley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ordinance 2018-06 Final Millage Rate	<p><u>ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06, ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATE, SECOND READ AND PUBLIC HEARING:</u> AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING "ROLLED-BACK RATE"; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADJUST THE ADOPTED MILLAGE RATES IN THE EVENT OF CHANGES IN THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND TAXABLE VALUE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.</p>
TRIM	Mayor Brown read "for the record" the Truth in Millage (TRIM) as follows: "This is the millage public hearing for the City of Neptune Beach, Florida. The "Rolled-back" rate for the City of Neptune Beach is 3.1799 mills. The rate to be adopted reflects a 5.84% increase over the "Rolled-back" rate. The rate that is to be levied in this ordinance by the City Council is 3.3656. This is the same rate levied by the City last year, not the higher rate proposed on your Notice of Proposed Property Taxes from Duval County."
Public Hearing Millage Rate	<p>Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.</p> <p>Made by Diamond, seconded by Jones.</p>

MOTION: TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2018-06, ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5—Arthur, Diamond, Jones, Wiley, Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance
2018-07
Final Budget
FY2019

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET, SECOND READ AND PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public
Hearing
Budget

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

Made by Diamond, seconded by Wiley.

MOTION: TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2018-07, ADOPTING FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 – Diamond, Jones, Arthur, Wiley, Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mobility
Management
Program

Mobility Management Program. Councilor Arthur explained that the Council is looking for consensus to authorize the City to move forward with the Mobility Management Program.

Vice Mayor Wiley stated that he still had concerns, including spillover into the residential area, employee parking, and the citizen rate. In addition, he still had questions regarding the buy-in from the private lot and property owners. Vice Mayor Wiley stressed he did not see the urgency in passing this program at this special meeting and would like to move it to the October 1, 2018, Regular Council meeting in order to give time to answer more questions.

Councilor Arthur responded that the intent is not to turn the program on and see what happens. All of the questions would not be answered. The program addresses that and calls for bringing in an in-house professional that we will utilize to work through all of the problems. The Council would be authorizing the City to continue moving forward and use the resources necessary to complete it.

Councilor Diamond stated that this is an important issue worth taking the Council's time and discussing it. He also added that he would like to shift the cost of the Town Center on the visitors.

Councilor Diamond summarized that the Council is voting on authorizing the City Manager to start this process by hiring a parking manager who can make this program work. He is in support of moving forward.

He reported that the issues that are important to him are; the money issue and can the City afford itself; making as much free parking for residents as possible; the residential creep issue and that residential parking should go all the way down east of Third Street. This program should be resident-focused and make sure the residents have input.

Mayor Brown asserted that it is important to know how the City is moving forward with this program.

Councilor Jones stated there would be the need for flexibility and experimentation. The City has landed at the right spot, and there should be a sound communication plan, so when the program is in place, the public is aware of the location of the parking spots. He added this is a good approach.

Vice Mayor Wiley reiterated that he would like to review the program further. He suggested a representative from a City that has a parking program in place come to a meeting and answer some of the questions.

City Attorney Krechowksi advised that the document before the Council does not contain much detail. He added that what the Council would approve at this meeting is authorizing the City Manager to get started. The idea is to get the program off the ground and continue to bring the information forward.

Councilor Arthur asked if Jay Handline, President of the Beaches Town Center Agency, or Mark Rimmer, consultant for the Beaches Town Center Agency, had anything to add to the discussion. They did not comment.

Made by Diamond, seconded by Arthur.

MOTION: **TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MOBILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM BY HIRING A PARKING MOBILITY MANAGER**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4 – Jones, Arthur, Diamond, Brown

Noes: 1 – Wiley

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution
No. 2018-10,
FDOT
Maintenance
Agreement

Resolution No. 2018-10, A Resolution Allowing the City Manager to Execute and Deliver the Construction and Maintenance Agreement for A1A Beaches Drainage Improvements Project (Seagate Avenue)

Moved by Diamond, seconded by Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5—Arthur, Diamond, Jones, Wiley, Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution
No. 2018-11,
FDOT
Maintenance
Agreement
Amendment

Resolution No. 2018-11, A Resolution Allowing the City Manager to Execute and Deliver the Construction and Maintenance Agreement Amendment for A1A Beaches Drainage Improvements Project (Kings Road Bridge)

Made by Wiley, seconded by Diamond.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5—Diamond, Jones, Arthur, Wiley, Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Local 630
Agreement

North Florida Public Employee's Local 630 Agreement Amendment. Mr. Hyatt explained each year the union contract is opened for wage negotiations. The 3% wage increase was agreed upon as well as an additional 1% increase (maximum 10%) to the retirement account to eligible employees with a minimum of 10 years of service.

Councilor Diamond questioned what did that amount to in dollars.

Mr. Hyatt stated that it affected 14 employees and was about \$8,500.00 if they all contribute.

Councilor Diamond continued that he agrees with the amendment as it is important to keep high-quality employees.

Councilor Arthur stated he felt 10% was excessive.

Made by Wiley, seconded by Diamond.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4—Jones, Diamond, Wiley, Brown

Noes: 1—Arthur

MOTION CARRIED

FOP
Agreement

The Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police Agreement. Mr. Hyatt stated this is the Police Department agreement. The changes include bringing the contract into compliance with federal law. The 3% wage increase was agreed upon for the life of the contract which is October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2021, with the stipulation that the wage increase would be reviewed each year.

Councilor Arthur questioned if the wage increase was locked in for the three years. Mr. Hyatt remarked that the increase is shown in the contract. However, it would still need Council approval.

Made by Diamond, seconded by Wiley.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4—Diamond, Jones, Wiley, Brown

Noes: 1—Arthur

MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public
Comment

Lynda Padrta, 1113 First Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding paid parking. She stated she had concerns with the amount of money that is being put into the parking solution.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, City Clerk

Approved: 10/1/18

