



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 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 on Monday, January 22, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Elaine Brown
Vice Mayor Scott Wiley
Councilor Richard Arthur
Councilor Rory Diamond
Councilor Fred Jones

STAFF:

City Manager Andrew Hyatt
City Attorney Patrick Krechowski
Chief of Police Richard Pike
Director of Finance Steve Ramsey
Director of Finance Leslie Rothenberg
Director of Public Works Leon Smith
Deputy City Manager Amanda Askew
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Order Call/Pledge

Mayor Brown called the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Wiley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

**Proclamation
Presentation**

Mayor Brown presented Neptune Beach resident Christopher Ulmer with a proclamation for his work with neurodiversity.

**Stormwater
Study**

Tom Gyrog, P.E. and Zach Vandiver, P.E. with Parsons Engineering, presented the results of the stormwater/drainage study. They explained the parameters used in the study. They pointed out the drainage improvement areas and gave the costs for those improvements.

Mayor Brown proposed that the Council direct City staff to start the process to pursue grants and take the first step toward these much needed improvements.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Andy Hyatt reported the following:

- New beach access signage should be in place by March;
- The City is waiting for the Native American Burial Ground approval to proceed with the Florida Boulevard dune crossover;
- Town Center paving continues and more parking spaces have been identified;
- Street sign replacement continues and the signs being installed must conform to the United States DOT Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- The Girl Scout Building has been demolished.

Police Chief Richard Pike reported that the Donna Marathon would be held on Saturday, February 11, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Verna Griffin, 229 Lora Street, Neptune Beach, thanked the Council for dedicating the pickleball courts in her name. She requested the Council leave the basketball court in a place that will benefit everyone.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Ordinance
No.2018-01, Day
Spa

Proposed Ordinance No. 2018-01, An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 27, Unified Land Development Regulations; Article 1, In General, Section 27-15, Definitions (Day Spa); Article IV, Land Use; Section 27-226, Allowable Uses within Zoning Districts(Remove Day Spa as Special Exception in C-1 Zoning District); and Providing an Effective Date.

Councilor Diamond stated he did want to make the proposed changes.

Vice Mayor Wiley explained this was brought forward by the Community Development Board and it was approved unanimously. He supports this as there needs to be more focus on what the zone was originally intended for and it has created more off-street parking.

Councilor Arthur stated that removing day spas do not fix the parking issues in that area.

Councilor Jones agreed with Councilor Arthur and that there is a variety of professional type uses that fit in and the day spa would not be the reason for the traffic.

Mayor Brown commented she also did not support removing the day spa from that zoning district.

Vice Mayor Wiley stated when the special exceptions are granted; the parking issue should be looked at as it is becoming a problem.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01 FAILED TO BE FORWARDED BY A VOTE OF 4-1.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENTS

Resolution No.
2018-01, Order
of Business

Resolution No. 2018-01, Establishing the Order of Business for the City Council Regular and Workshop Meetings

Mayor Brown explained that this would add committee reports to the workshop agenda.

Vice Mayor Wiley questioned if there should be departmental reports on the workshop agenda.

City Manager Hyatt stated that the departmental reports could be included in City Manager Action List and that could be changed to City Manager Report.

CONSENSUS:

**MOVE RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01 FOR APPROVAL AT
FEBRUARY 5, 2018, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Resolution No.
2018-02,
Stormwater Utility
Rate

Resolution No. 2018-02, Establishing Stormwater Utility Rate and Providing an Effective Date.

Deputy City Manager Amanda Askew stated that the current flat rate of \$5.00 for stormwater improvements only generates enough to cover salaries and to increase the rate would offset the costs of the upcoming necessary improvements.

Councilor Jones stated that having an equitable approach would make more sense. There is a calculation that can be done to determine the impervious surface of each parcel. He added that there should be more of a methodology to the increase than the proposed \$8.00 per month rate.

Councilor Diamond commented that this is a tax increase and any time there is an increase, other options should be looked at. He added he would like to see how the grant process is going before asking residents for more money.

Vice Mayor Wiley remarked that the increase something that will need to be done, however, it needs to be looked at with more methodology to be sure it is done correctly.

Councilor Arthur stated that there needs to be a systematic policy in place to achieve a minimum level of service in our stormwater. He added he supports the \$8.00 flat rate fee now and moving forward establishing a new equivalent residential unit.

Mayor Brown proposed City staff present a scale and true cost to hire someone to calculate the impervious surface area and not move this resolution forward at this time.

Councilor Arthur commented that there should be a recommendation for residential and commercial on the ERUs and how that should be calculated.

Rezoning for
Parks and
Greenspaces

Rezoning for Parks and Greenspaces.

Councilor Jones stated that the rezoning for parks issue originated during the Jarboe Park discussion. He added that this would provide the City with the flexibility to make changes in our public and civic institutional spaces that do not conform to residential.

CONSENSUS: **MOVE FORWARD WITH REZONING OF PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES.**

Bowles Street
Speed Hump
Request

Bowles Street Speed Hump Request.

Mayor Brown stated that all of the requirements have been met for the requested speed hump.

Police Chief Pike reported that he and City Manager Hyatt recommend the City move forward with the request.

Councilor Jones questioned the guidelines for basing the request for a speed hump as there are more effective traffic solutions.

CONSENSUS: **MOVE BOWLES STREET SPEED HUMP REQUEST TO THE FEBRUARY 5, 2018, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Senior Center
Rehab Project

City Manager Hyatt stated due to leakage, multiple repairs are needed at the Senior Center. City staff is asking for approval not to exceed \$10,000 as the work can be done in-house.

Councilor Arthur stated Council previously approved a paving project. He proposed using a portion of that money for the Senior Center. He stated there is a better use of those funds than the original intent.

Vice Mayor Wiley stated there is a need for the Senior Center improvements and this would make it where it could continue to be used. He added the funds had already been allocated for the paving project.

Councilor Diamond agreed with Vice Mayor Wiley and added he would like to see a fundraising angle to it.

Councilor Jones stated this project would keep the Senior Center operating. However there does need to be a way to generate revenue.

Mayor Brown proposed moving forward with the \$10,000 improvements, come up with a fundraising campaign, and she has asked City staff to look other options for the already approved paving project.

THE SENIOR CENTER PROJECT WAS FORWARDED FOR APPROVAL BY A VOTE OF 4-1.

Designation of
Phase 1 of
Jarboe Park
Master Plan

Designation of Phase 1 of Jarboe Park Master Plan.

Deputy City Manager Askew stated that the City is looking to start Phase 1 of the Jarboe Park Master Plan. She reported that the consensus is that Phase 1 should consist of the green field area and the sports courts. She asked the Council for what they envision for Phase 1.

Councilor Diamond questioned if approving Phase 1 tonight would create a problem later in the project.

Deputy City Manager Askew answered that the City anticipates working with a contractor on the courts. They would perform the engineering portion. She added that the green field portion would not require engineering plans. She added it was the goal to work one on one with the contractors and bypass the engineering fees until they are needed and not to undo anything that has been completed.

Councilor Diamond also suggested having an idea of the next phases in order to know what is coming next for purposes of City planning.

Vice Mayor Wiley stated that Phase 1 should include the playground and the basketball court should remain.

Councilor Arthur commented that he would like to include landscaping and tree selection in Phase 1. He also added he supports one overall set of engineering plans for Phase 1.

Councilor Diamond suggested proposing to City staff the cost of Phase 1 with and without the playground.

Vice Mayor Wiley added that if they know the cost, then other components could be eliminated instead of the playground.

Mayor Brown stated that the children's playground equipment is a priority for her.

CONSENSUS: DIRECT CITY STAFF TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING PLANS AND COSTS FOR THE COMPONENTS OF PHASE 1 OF THE JARBOE PARK MASTER PLAN WITH AND WITHOUT THE PLAYGROUND.

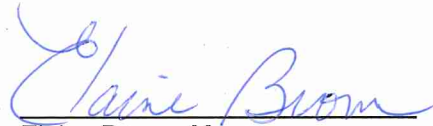
Pay for Parking

Discussion of Pay for Parking Proposal.

After discussion by the Council, a Special Meeting will be scheduled which will include the City of Atlantic Beach, the Town Center Agency, and the property owners in the Beaches Town Center to discuss this issue.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, City Clerk

Approved: 2-578

