



**MINUTES**  
**WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

Pursuant to proper notice a Workshop City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida

**Attendance**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Elaine Brown  
 Vice Mayor Fred Jones  
 Councilor Kerry Chin  
 Councilor Josh Messinger  
 Councilor Scott Wiley

**STAFF:**

City Manager Andrew Hyatt  
 Deputy City Manager Amanda Askew  
 City Attorney Patrick Krechowski  
 Finance Director Peter Kajokas  
 Chief of Police Richard Pike  
 Deputy Director of Public Works Megan George  
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to  
Order/Pledge  
of Allegiance**

Mayor Brown called the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Councilor Chin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

**Census 2020**

2020 Census Presentation – Victor M. Cora, Mr. Cora, Florida Partner Specialist, Atlanta Regional Census Center, addressed the Council and gave a brief history of the Census Bureau and the process for the upcoming census.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**City Manager  
Report**

City Manager Andy Hyatt reported the following:

- He thanked Mr. Cora for his presentation.
- The Capital Improvements Plan for paving and sidewalks would be part of the budget process and would go to committees.
- Easter in the Park is scheduled for Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
- Symphony in the Park will be on June 1, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.
- The new City website is scheduled to up and running in about three or four weeks.

Chief Richard Pike announced there would be a new event called "Movies with the Mayor" in Jarboe Park on Saturday, April 27, 2019. More details will follow. The Chief's Walk is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. starting at the Public Safety Building at Second Street and continue south to North Street.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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| Land Use and Parks               | Committee Chairman Josh Messinger reported that the committee met on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at noon. He stated they discussed Jarboe Park Phase 1 and the RFQ for the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.   |
| Strategic Planning and Visioning | Committee Chairman Fred Jones reported that committee met on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, and discussed the pay for parking program.  |
| Transportation and Public Safety | Committee Chairman Fred Jones reported that this committee also met on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, and discussed continuing funding sources for projects, the intersection modification at Florida Boulevard and Penman Road, a five-year Capital Improvements Plan and Coastal Resiliency |
| Finance/Charter/Board Review     | Committee Chairman Scott Wiley reported that his committee would meet on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.   |

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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| Public Comments | Chris Oakey, 620 Camellia Terrace Drive, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the coyote problem on Hopkins Creek in Neptune Beach.<br><br>Ginny Thurson, 1200 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding Jarboe Park Phase 1, including the youth basketball court, the playgrounds and the geese issue. |
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**PROPOSED ORDINANCES / NONE****CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS**

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| Beaches Green Market License Agreement | <u>Beaches Green Market License Agreement.</u> Mr. Hyatt explained that this agreement includes a fee of \$2.00 per vendor and allows them to use the ball field for parking. |
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**CONSENSUS:**      **MOVE FORWARD TO THE APRIL 1, 2019 CONSENT AGENDA**

**ISSUE DEVELOPMENT**

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| Jarboe Park | <u>Jarboe Park Master Plan Update and Phase 1 Engineering.</u> Councilor Messinger stated that there were minor modifications from the plan that was developed through the community and previously approved by Council. The drainage canals are scheduled to be widened, some sidewalks needed to be moved, and the bridge also needs to be moved. The thought process was flexibility and how to incorporate as much as we can in a confined space.<br><br>The large circles are large caliber trees that will potentially be funded by the Duval County Mitigation Fund. He continued by discussing the playgrounds and how the line of sight was considered when incorporating the two play areas.<br><br>Councilor Wiley questioned the parking east of the Beaches Chapel gym. |
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Buck Pittman, Pittman Landscape Architecture, stated that the plan originally was to try and maximize the park space and utilize the perimeter parking. If the parking is placed where the parking is now temporarily located, another 25 feet of park space would be lost. Also, the plan is to relocate the old City Hall as an entry feature for that side of the park.

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**Pay for  
Parking**

Pay for Parking. Vice Mayor Jones stated that this is a pilot parking program. He reviewed the proposed program and added that modifications could be made. He reiterated it is about quality of life and safety. It is designed to be flexible.

Mark Rimmer, explained that included in the implementation is the final development for certain aspects of the program, including residential, finalizing the employee parking and the final decision for the rate structure. He continued that by the middle of May, we are ready to go. The equipment would be in place and tested through a rollout period, which also gives a period of time to educate the public. Between the first and middle of June, the program would be in full force and effect.

Vice Mayor Jones pointed out that there were three things that need to be finalized which are the rate structure, employee parking location and what is being done for residents.

Councilor Messinger commented that according to the timeline, those items could be presented at the April 15, 2019, Council workshop and approved at the May 1, 2019, Regular City Council meeting.

Mr. Rimmer added that it is important to keep moving forward. He continued that the parking meter ordinance is needed. He stated that letters of intent for the purchase of the equipment have been completed and various aspects of the program will be brought forward for final resolution.

Mr. Rimmer confirmed Councilor Messinger's inquiry that there is no plan to bring paid parking spaces beyond the south side of Cherry Street. Those would only be open to residents.

Mr. Hyatt explained there are currently 21 head-on spaces on Cherry Street that would be changed to nine parallel parking spaces with landscaping and an area for pedestrian access.

Councilor Wiley stated that he still questions he would like answered before the Council moves forward.

Mayor Brown added that there would be more clarity before it is presented to Council.

**Resolution No.  
2019-04,  
Pennan Road**

Resolution No. 2019-04, A Resolution of the Cities of Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach, and Neptune Beach Requesting Improvements to Penman Road to Address Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety, Vehicle Turning Movements at Vehicle/Pedestrian Conflict Points, Drainage and Aesthetics.

Vice Mayor Jones explained the three beach communities have come together to pass a resolution to improve the safety, design, aesthetics and beautification of Penman Road. This resolution will be submitted to the City of Jacksonville with the addition that Penman Road would not be widened and that the beaches would be included in any decisions made.

Councilor Wiley remarked that the language regarding the widening of Penman Road be included as well as the beaches communities be part of the decision making process.

Councilor Messinger commented that this would not affect what may be done at the intersection at Penman Road and Florida Boulevard but recognizes that there are much needed improvements.

Councilor Chin stated that there should be language regarding the City of Jacksonville's Comprehensive Plan and making sure they are committed to their Capital Improvements Projects.

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Public  
Comment

Mary Frosio, 1830 Nightfall Drive, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the parking program and transparency. She added she is encouraged that the City is going to be seeking input from the residents, merchants and property owners.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

  
Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, City Clerk



Approved: 4-1-19