



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018, IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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, April 16, 2018, at 6:02 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 Leslie Rothenberg
Director of Public Works Leon Smith
Deputy City Manager Amanda Askew
City Clerk Catherine Ponson
Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne

Order Call

Mayor Brown called the workshop meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

**Check
Presentation**

Senator Aaron Bean and Representative Cord Byrd presented a check for \$375,000 to the City of Neptune Beach in state funding for the Florida Boulevard drainage project.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Andy Hyatt reported the following:

- The Everbridge Communications System is operating and participants should be receiving texts and alerts.
- Additional parking spaces are being identified and added.
- Negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police will begin soon to update that contract.
- The Central Business Landscaping Project is underway.

City Attorney Patrick Krechowski explained that the recent legislation regarding privatization of the public beaches has virtually no effect on our area. The Florida Constitution guarantees that all people have access to the wet sandy beach. The property lines do not go to the knee-high waterline in Duval County therefore the legislation does not impact this area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use and Parks	Chairman Rory Diamond reported that this committee discussed the Senior Center lease, minimum front yard requirements, the nuisance lighting was discussed and is on the agenda for tonight, and the parks rezoning issue has been delegated to the Strategic Planning and Visioning Committee.
Transportation and Public Safety	<p>Chairman Richard Arthur reported the Dancin' in the Streets event is set, additional parking spaces are being prepared, and the third-party enforcement issue for the pay for parking has been discussed while trying to keep a seamless parking experience for the people that visit the Town Center. In order to effectively evaluate the whole package, he would like to get consensus to issue an RFP or what is needed to get that presented to make a decision.</p> <p>Mayor Brown asked Councilor Arthur if Council is being asked to discuss and move forward with requesting an RFP for the third-party enforcement. He answered yes and have it submitted back to Council.</p> <p>Councilor Diamond suggested asking vendors to discuss with City staff to get an idea of what can be provided.</p> <p>Councilor Jones suggesting issuing an RFI (Request for Information) and based on that feedback the appropriate scope of services could be determined. A general framework of what is trying to be accomplished and concepts or approaches can be submitted and then a formal RFP can be constructed from that.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Wiley stated he would not want to take the City out of the option of handling the enforcement and he would support issuing the RFI as he still had questions, including maintenance, costs, management and projected income.</p> <p>Mayor Brown commented that she thought the City was further along than what is now being discussed.</p> <p>Councilor Arthur stated that he does not want to go back to the beginning of the process. A vendor has been chosen and the revenues would be managed by Neptune Beach. The enforcement is still under discussion. The correct process would need to be followed to explore other systems.</p> <p>Councilor Arthur continued that he and the City Attorney would present a formal proposal for Council consideration.</p>
Finance/Charter /Board Review	Chairman Wiley reported the committee meeting had been rescheduled for April 18, 2018.
Strategic Planning and Visioning	Chairman Fred Jones reported that his committee discussed updating the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The discussion also included adopting a formal Complete Streets Resolution for the City and the roundabout concept for the five-way intersection at Penman Road and Florida Boulevard. A new zoning category for the parks is being considered which would allow the City the flexibility in terms of developing the parks and adding new facilities.
Police Chief report	Police Chief Richard Pike reported that the Chief's Walk would be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018, with Duval County Sheriff Mike Williams participating.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bobby Raymond, 380 9th Street, Atlantic Beach, spoke regarding the pay for parking initiative.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Proposed
Ordinance, Chapter
28, Nuisances,
Nuisance Lighting

Proposed Ordinance: An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 28, Nuisances, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Neptune Beach, by adding a new Article III, Nuisance Lighting, Sections 28-11—28-15; and Providing an Effective Date.

City Attorney Krechowski explained this addresses lighting issues that have been brought to the City's attention.

Councilor Jones stated there should be enough regulation to have some control and not too much where the City has to extend a tremendous amount of resources.

Councilor Diamond commented that this appears to have been drafted because of one particular business. He does not support creating a law due to one building and there is a diplomatic solution. He has not received any lighting complaints other than this most recent issue.

Vice Mayor Wiley questioned if this was also for residential neighborhood areas. Deputy City Manager Askew answered that it did. He added that if there is a need for these regulations, he would like to review it further. He also has not received any complaints regarding lights. He also had concerns about the enforcement.

Councilor Arthur stated that every City has some sort of language addressing this issue. As the density increases, there should be something in the Code that addresses lighting.

Mayor Brown commented that she would like to speak to the owners of the business and does not think it is something that should be hurried through.

BY A HAND VOTE OF 2-3, THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE FAILED TO BE FORWARDED FOR FIRST READ.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

BrewHound Coffee-
Bar Co.-Collateral
Assignment of
Lease

BrewHound Coffee-Bar Co.-Collateral Assignment of Lease. City Attorney Krechowski explained this is a document needing Council approval received from the lender's attorney.

CONSENSUS:

FORWARD TO THE MAY 7, 2018 CONSENT AGENDA

ISSUE DEVELOPMENTS

Employee
Handbook

Resolution No 2018-03, Adopting Employee Handbook. City Manager Hyatt explained that this Employee Handbook does not take the place of the Personnel Policy. It helps the employees better understand issues such as the Family and Medical Leave Act and vacation accrual.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Aston, 1523 Summer Sands Drive, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding lighting issues in the City.

Chris Chen, 227 Margaret Street, Neptune Beach, stated she thought there were lighting regulations already in place in the City.

Jay Handline, President of the Beaches Town Center Agency, 200 First Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the public/private initiative for parking.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Wiley confirmed that there was not going to be a Community Development Board meeting regarding the 500 Atlantic proposal on April 25, 2018.

Councilor Arthur thanked the Beaches Town Center Agency and the Merchants Association for their time and effort.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, City Clerk

Approved: _____

5/7/2018

