



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266

Pursuant to proper notice, a Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

Attendance:**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Elaine Brown
 Vice Mayor Fred Jones
 Councilor Kerry Chin
 Councilor Lauren Key
 Councilor Josh Messinger

STAFF:

City Manager Stefen Wynn
 City Attorney Zachary Roth
 Chief of Police Richard Pike
 Chief Financial Officer Carl LaFleur
 Public Works Director Jim French
 Mobility Management Director Megan Steward
 Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne
 Grant and Resiliency Coordinator Colin Moore
 Community Development Director Kristina Wright
 Code Compliance Supervisor Piper Turner
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

*Councilor Chin attended virtually
 due to illness*

**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

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

AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS/ RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

**National Gun
 Violence
 Survivors Week**

Mayor Brown read and presented a proclamation designating February 1-7, 2021, National Gun Violence Survivors Week in Neptune Beach.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Made by Jones, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

January 19, 2020, Special City Council Meeting

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5- Chin, Key, Messinger, Jones, and Brown.
 Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS**City Manager
Report**

City Manager Stefen Wynn reported the following:

- Jarboe Park improvements are well underway. He presented a revised construction timeline.
- Site work has been completed and foundation poured for the Senior Center.
- The Vision Plan, Comprehensive Plan and LDC schedule has been updated and is available at <https://www.neptunebeachvisionplan.com>.
- The traffic study along Bay Street is still ongoing and data is being collected.
- The quarterly report for North Beaches Parking was presented.

All monthly City Manager reports can be found, in their entirety, at: <https://www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/city-manager/pages/city-manager-reports>

**Police Chief
Report**

Police Chief Richard Pike clarified that in any unposted residential area, the speed limit is 30 m.p.h., pursuant to Florida Statute. He stated he will present an accurate traffic reading next month. He presented the January monthly report.

Councilor Messinger requested including a page in the report for traffic accidents. This would delve into the complete streets and sidewalk programs that would make our streets safer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / NONE**ORDINANCES / NONE****OLD BUSINESS / NONE****NEW BUSINESS****Res. No. 2021-02, Request to COJ for Third Street Improvements**

Resolution No. 2021-02, A Resolution of the City of Neptune Beach Requesting Improvements to Third Street (State Road A1A) to Address Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety, Vehicle Turning Movements at Vehicle/Pedestrian Conflict Points, Drainage and Aesthetics Be Placed on the 2021 Duval County List of Priority Projects.

Mayor Brown explained this is a request for Third Street improvements to be placed on the 2021 Duval County List of Priority Projects "complete streets" and "context sensitive" concepts for improvements to Third Street.

Councilor Chin stated he supports this resolution.

Councilor Messinger commented this is an excellent step in the right direction and he supports this.

Vice Mayor Jones added this is exactly the process you go through to get the project. This is how Mayport Road has made the list of priority projects.

Councilor Key stated this has been needed for some time and is glad it is being addressed.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Key.

MOTION:

TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02, REQUESTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THIRD STREET (A1A) BE INCLUDED ON 2021 DUVAL COUNTY LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Key, Messinger, Chin, Jones, and Brown.

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Res. No. 2021-03,
Supporting State
Legislation
Regarding
Regulation of
Trees

Resolution No. 2021-03, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Supporting Florida Senate Bill 596 and Companion House Bill 6023, Which Would Repeal Florida Statute 163.045 to Enable Local Governments to Regulate Matters Relating to Trees Located on Residential Properties; Providing for Conflicts; and Providing for an Effective Date.

City Attorney Zachary Roth explained there was legislation passed two years ago that essentially allowed carte blanche destruction of trees on residential property. This bill repeals that legislation. It does not amend it. The City can go back to enforcing our own Code. This bill would be a huge step in terms of Home Rule.

Vice Mayor Jones stated this is good policy in getting us back to protecting local quality of life.

Councilor Key expressed that all cities are different and we should be given the right to decide what is right for our City.

Councilor Chin added that this really about Home Rule. He has had many calls from upset neighbors, and he supports this resolution.

Councilor Messinger commented it is about Home Rule and it is a huge quality of life issue.

Made by Messinger , seconded by Key.

MOTION:

**TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03, SUPPORTING
LEGISLATION ENABLING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO
REGULATE MATTERS RELATING TO TREES**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Messinger, Chin, Key, Jones, and Brown.

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Jarboe Park Bids Authorization for City Manager to Solicit Bids for All Courts in Jarboe Park.

Mr. Wynn reported that the City received an estimate on what it would cost to improve the courts in Jarboe Park. Due to the poor base of the courts, the City estimates the cost to be enough to put the project out to bid.

Made by Jones, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION:

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR ALL
COURTS IN JARBOE PARK**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Chin, Messinger, Key, Jones, and Brown.

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Jones reported that a consultant has been selected for the Penman Road Study. The contract needs to be reviewed and the project should be underway next month.

Councilor Messinger commented that Neptune Beach has collected a lot of data and opinions from our City. He requested that this is transferred to those consultants early on so we are not transmitting at the end when they have done their planning.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



Elaine Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved:

