



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024, 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 Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

Attendance:**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Elaine Brown
Vice Mayor Kerry Chin (*absent*)
Councilor Lauren Key
Councilor Nia Livingston
Councilor Josh Messinger

STAFF:

City Manager Richard Pike
City Attorney Zachary Roth
Community Development Director Heather Whitmore
Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
Sergeant Liam Toal
Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to Order/Roll
Call/Pledge**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Made by Livingston, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING, AS AMENDED:

November 6, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting
November 20, 2023, Special City Council Meeting
November 20, 2023, Workshop City Council Meeting

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Key, Livingston, Messinger, and Brown
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding communication, transparency, and projects throughout the City.

ORDINANCES

Ord. No. 2023-11, Ordinance No. 2023-11, Second Read and Public Hearing, An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach Amending Part II, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Unified Land Development Regulations, Article I, General, Definitions; Article III, Administrative and Enforcement Procedures, Division 8. Variances, and Chapter 30, Floodplains; Providing Severability; Providing for Repeal of Laws in Conflict; and Providing for an Effective Date.

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

Community Development Director Heather Whitmore explained this ordinance updates the City's floodplain regulations. Floodplain regulations in Chapter 27, Land Development Regulations, have been moved to Chapter 30. This includes definitions, administration, and enforcement. This is being brought forward to remain compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program. The ordinance passed on First Read on November 6, 2023.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Key.

MOTION: **TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11, AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH AMENDING PART II, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 27, UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I, GENERAL, DEFINITIONS; ARTICLE III, ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, DIVISION 8. VARIANCES, AND CHAPTER 30, FLOODPLAINS ON SECOND READ**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Livingston, Messinger, Key, and Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Tank Replacement Water Reclamation Facility - Sodium Hypochlorite Tanks Replacement. Public Works Director explained that treated wastewater is disinfected using sodium hypochlorite. This project would replace existing tanks last replaced in 2016. The tanks have a life of 7-9 years. The sodium hypochlorite usage at the WWTP has steadily increased and the delivery frequency has gone from every three weeks to every week. Given the increased usage, concern for lack of enough storage for hurricane planning and the fact that the existing tanks are in the window to be replaced anyway, Odyssey recommends replacing the tanks with larger tank.

Staff received a quote from Odyssey Manufacturing Company for \$25,500 which includes new tanks, demolition, and disposal of existing and temporary chlorination for plant flows during construction. A City of Pompano Beach contract has been identified for adoption.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE TANKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,500.00**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Messinger, Key, Livingston, and Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIEDRental Aeration
Equipment

Water Reclamation Facility – Rental Aeration Equipment. Mr. Calhoun reported that the air header in a treatment tank for Plant 1 failed in June, causing loss of air to the diffusers. A commercial dive team from South Carolina was contracted and made repairs. As a result of the pipe failure, treatment media was lost and eventually landfilled. Additionally, the ability to provide sufficient dissolved oxygen to the process is limiting treatment efficiency. Plant 1 has experienced numerous permit violations as a result.

Mr. Calhoun continued that Hazen and Sawyer was previously tasked with building a biological model of Plant 1 and has determined replacement of the media can be avoided with additional aeration provided to the biological process. To improve treatment performance, staff identified a supplier of rental aeration equipment until permanent equipment can be designed and constructed. The monthly rental expense is \$8,900.00. This does not require action by Council and is being presented for information only.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.



Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City ClerkApproved: 02-05-2024