



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2019, AT 7:37 P.M.  
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET  
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

Pursuant to proper notice a Special City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, June 17, 2019, at 7:37 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

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**Attendance****IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**STAFF:**

Interim City Manager/Public Works Director  
Leon Smith  
Police Chief Richard Pike  
Finance Director Peter Kajokas  
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Also present was Zachary Roth, Ansbacher Law Firm.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Brown called the special meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

**Ord. No. 2019-07, Controlled and Metered Parking**

Ordinance No. 2019-07, Chapter 22, Article IV, Section 22-44—22-56, First Read and Public Hearing, An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 22, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, by Adding a New Article IV, Sections 22-44—22-56, Controlled and Metered Parking, and Providing an Effective Date.

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

Councilor Chin questioned if there is a set plan to control parking encroaching into the residential areas and the hours of the parking.

Mark Rimmer, Parking Manager, stated that he and Police Chief Pike had reviewed several buffer zones and they would be controlled by signage. Also, residents would have the ability to register their license plates. He also added that the hours would be 11:00 a.m. to midnight. Those hours could fluctuate based on the time and season.

Vice Mayor Jones state that flexibility and experimentation is part of the pilot program and some of the questions would be answered.

Councilor Messinger thanked Mr. Rimmer for his time in this effort. He confirmed that signage would indicate the residential areas and if the signs are not a deterrent, then a license plate recognition system would be implemented.

Councilor Wiley stated that the City Manager is mentioned eight times and that the ordinance states that the City Manager is authorized to modify the rates and time zones. He added that he felt this is being rushed due to there is no sitting permanent City Manager.

Councilor Wiley added that the new City Manager should be in on some of these decisions pertaining to the responsibilities. He would also like clarification from the City Attorney. He expressed questions regarding employee parking and residential creep are still unanswered.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Jones.

**MOTION:** **TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07 ON FIRST READ AND MOVE TO A SECOND READ**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4—Chin, Messinger, Jones, and Brown  
Noes: 1—Wiley

**MOTION PASSED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment Steve Kowkabany, 102 Magnolia Street, Neptune Beach, commended the Council and Mr. Rimmer on moving forward with the parking program. He commended Chief Pike on the preparations for July 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he had concerns regarding choosing an outside firm for City Attorney. He encouraged the Council to negotiate to be fair to the citizens for their fee.

Mary Frosio, 1830 Nightfall Drive, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the selection of the City Attorney. She suggested comparing the numbers of having an in-house attorney as opposed to an outside firm.

Adjournment There being no further business, the special meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Catherine Ponson, City Clerk

Approved: 7/1/19

  
Elaine Brown, Mayor

