



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL**  
**116 FIRST STREET**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266**

Pursuant to proper notice, a Special City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, December 6, 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(*absent*)  
 Councilor Kerry Chin  
 Councilor Lauren Key  
 Councilor Josh Messinger(*via CMT*)

**STAFF:**

City Manager Stefen Wynn  
 City Attorney Zachary Roth  
 Police Chief Richard Pike  
 Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne  
 Public Works Director Jim French  
 Grant and Resiliency Coordinator Colin Moore  
 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.

**Recognition of Boy Scout Troop 282**

Mayor Brown recognized Scoutmaster John Elzey, Assistant Scoutmaster Jacob Arlington, and Neptune Beach Scout Troop 282 who were in attendance to earn their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

**Eagle Scout Milo Moore**

Mayor Brown presented Milo Moore with a congratulatory letter for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Public Comment**

Phillip May, 1940 Tara Court, Neptune Beach, requested a public workshop to discuss the issues on Tara Court. He also requested a response to his email on when this could happen.

Andrew Greene, 540-580 Atlantic Boulevard, on behalf of Neptune Plaza, stated he was here today for the regularly scheduled coordination meeting for the Neptune Plaza development. He gave a brief update and thanked Council.

**Ordinance No. 2021-07, Millage Rate**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07, READOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATE, SECOND READ AND PUBLIC HEARING.** An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Adopting Final Millage Rate and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022; Setting Forth Certain Information Regarding "Rolled-Back Rate"; Directing the City Manager to Adjust the Adopted Millage Rate in the Event of Changes in the Assessment Roll and Taxable Value; Providing an Effective Date.

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

City Manager Stefen Wynn explained that the interim CFO, while making the budget, went below the minimum amount of ad valorem revenue and property taxes that could be collected. The minimum amount allowed is 95%. The previously advertised amount anticipated only 92.15% of ad valorem revenues. The City is required to increase the amount of expected general fund revenues by \$94,008. The change does not affect the 3.3656 millage rate, or the amount of property tax that residents may pay.

Florida Statutes Section 200.065 requires the taxing authority to hold a new millage and budget hearing two to five days following the publication of the corrected advertisements. The advertisements were required to be published within 15 days from the receipt of the notification from the Department of Revenue.

Made by Chin, seconded by Key..

**MOTION:** **TO READOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07, ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, ON SECOND READ**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08, READOPTING A FINAL BUDGET, SECOND READ AND**  
2021-08, Budget **PUBLIC HEARING.** An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Adopting a Final Budget and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022; Providing an Effective Date

Public Hearing Mayor Brown opened the public hearing.

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, stated she is uncomfortable with the budget. There has not been a financial person on board for several months.

There being no further comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Made by Chin, seconded by Key.

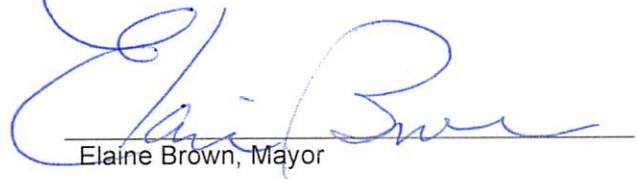
**MOTION:** **TO READOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08, ADOPTING FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, ON SECOND READ**

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

Noes: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

  
Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Catherine Ponson, CMC  
City Clerk



Approved: 01-03-2022