



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023, 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, April 17, 2023, 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 Kerry Chin
Councilor Lauren Key
Councilor Nia Livingston
Councilor Josh Messinger

STAFF:

City Attorney Zachary Roth
Interim City Manager Richard Pike
Interim Police Chief Michael Key
Community Development Director Heather Whitmore
Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne
Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
Deputy Public Works Director Colin Moore
Project Manager Jason Lupson
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Call to Order/Roll
Call/Pledge

Mayor Brown called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Councilor Key led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Confirmation of
CFO

Confirmation of CFO. Interim City Manager Richard Pike requested Council confirm Jaime Hernandez as Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Hernandez has been summoned for jury duty and is unable to be at the meeting.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Key.

MOTION:

TO APPROVE JAIME HERNANDEZ AS THE NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Key, Livingston, Messinger, Chin and Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Res. No. 2023-04,
Request to Atlantic
Beach

Resolution No. 2023-04, A Resolution of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Requesting the City of Atlantic Beach to Permit Connection for Fire Suppression Purposes.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04, REQUESTING THE CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH TO PERMIT CONNECTION FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION PURPOSES**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 – Livingston, Messinger, Key, Chin and Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Res. No. 2023-05,
Opposing HB 1331
and SB 1380

Resolution No. 2023-05, A Resolution of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Opposing House Bill 1331 by Representative Busatta Cabrera and Senate Bill 1380 by Senator Martin Relating to Municipal Utilities

Made by Livingston, seconded by Chin.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05, OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 1331 BY REPRESENTATIVE BUSATTA CABRERA AND SENATE BILL 1380 BY SENATOR MARTIN RELATING TO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Messinger, Key, Livingston, Chin and Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Res. No. 2023-06,
FDOT Agreement

Resolution No. 2023-06, A Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute and Deliver the Atlantic Boulevard Maintenance Agreement to the Florida Department of Transportation

Councilor Messinger commented that the "Welcome to Neptune Beach" sign that falls within this jurisdiction is getting overgrown and the light is broken. He requested it be looked at. He commended everyone for job well done.

Made by Key, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06 , AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE ATLANTIC BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Key, Livingston, Messinger, Chin and Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

Chuck McCue, 1908 3rd Street, Neptune Beach, spoke in favor of Resolution No. 2023-04. He expressed opposition to Resolution No. 2023-05.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

The fee can be determined by cost of construction or flat fee.

Council discussion included how to come up with a fee, using the money for capital improvements, having a maintenance perpetuity and having a mechanism to protect against inflation.

Mr. Roth summarized he and Ms. Whitmore would prepare a resolution based on a flat fee and propose those adjustments necessary to the Code to allow that through an ordinance amending those provisions.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Access between
572 and 630
Atlantic

Access between 572 and 630 Atlantic. Mayor Brown reported that the initial request to Patrick McKinley, representative for Regency Centers, owner of Seminole Shoppes, had, at this time, denied our request to remove the bollards that are blocking access between 572 Atlantic and 630 Atlantic.

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Alison Ronzon, 221 South Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the historic preservation. She added it is more to preserve what is already there. She added she started a Facebook page called Neptune Beach's Historic and Buildings. She said that a building is considered historical if it is at least 50 years old.

Candy Sullivan, 220 South Street, Neptune Beach, stated her support of historic homes. She also requested having dogs on the beach at all times on a leash.

Chuck McCue, 1908 3rd Street, Neptune Beach, stated the selling point of 572 Atlantic was that it was going to go through. He spoke regarding historic homes and they should be able to rebuild on that footprint. He added that charm is diversity.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Chin reminded everyone that the new crosswalk signal at 3rd Street and Bay Street would be starting tomorrow April 18, with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. Also, Movies with the Mayor would be on Friday, April 28, starting at 7:30 p.m. in Jarboe Park.

Adjournment

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: 5-1-2023

