



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 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 Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

This meeting was the Regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2021, and was rescheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2021, due to COVID-19.

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

**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

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

**Approval of
Virtual Voting**

Vice Mayor Fred Jones and Councilor Lauren Key attended the meeting via Communications Media Technology. Mayor Brown read the following into the record:

"Vice Mayor Jones and Councilwoman Key are not present due to COVID-19 and related health concerns. I believe that, in the exercise of good judgment, the threat posed by COVID-19 generally and the recent uptick in the state, city, and at City Hall, such concerns constitute "extraordinary circumstances" for participation through interactive electronic technology for Vice Mayor Jones and Councilwoman Key. As we have a quorum present in person, I believe such extraordinary circumstance complies with Attorney General Opinion 2003-41 to permit them to vote tonight through the GoToWebinar system.

Accordingly, I would ask for a motion that it be recognized that the COVID-19 and related health concerns preventing Vice Mayor Jones and Councilwoman Key constitute "extraordinary circumstances" to permit them to appear and vote tonight through GoToWebinar."

Made by Messinger, seconded by Chin.

MOTION: TO PERMIT VICE MAYOR JONES AND COUNCILWOMAN KEY TO APPEAR AND VOTE TONIGHT THROUGH GO TO WEBINAR

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 3- Chin, Messinger, and Brown.

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Made by Messinger, seconded by Chin.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

December 7, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

Police Chief
Report

Police Chief Richard Pike reported that four members of the agency coping with COVID-19 have fully recovered and returned to work. The City requested a POD (Point of Distribution) some time ago. He has not received any information regarding vaccines.

Mayor Brown commented that she has been attempting to get a vaccination site at the Beach. She assured everyone that it is coming but it looks like supplies are running out in Jacksonville.

Chief Pike continued that the annual breakfast hosted by NBPD would be this Friday, January 22, 2021. In attendance would be the Beach Communities Police Departments as well as Fourth Judicial Circuit State Attorney Melissa Nelson.

City Manager
Report

City Manager Stefen Wynn reported the following:

- He gave an update of the demolition and construction of Jarboe Park.
- The Senior Activity Center is closer to being constructed. The geotechnical report has been received indicating no additional compaction required.
- He gave an update of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Grant for a portion of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code updates.
- An updated schedule would be coming out for the rescheduled workshops for the Comp Plan and LDC updates.

Mr. Wynn introduced new Public Works Director Jim French. He was previously employed with the City as an engineer. Mr. French gave an update on the Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facility Plan. He advised that there would be more funding available from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund for the August 2021 deadline and the City's submission would be more complete.

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>

PUBLIC COMMENTS**Public
Comments**

Jane Diamond, 576 Valley Forge Road, Neptune Beach, thanked the Council for their hard work on the playground and she is excited for the improvements. She did have concerns about the Bay Street parking. There is a lot of traffic already and there is no light. She requested possibly rearranging the parking as there are kids on bicycles in the same area.

Mike and Melinda Richey, 717 Bay Street, Neptune Beach, stated they had concerns about the parking on Bay Street. He added that he also had concerns with kids in the neighborhood riding their bikes or skateboards in the area.

Beverly Hollod, 522 Bay Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the parking on Bay Street. She stated the City is compromising and working on that issues. She questioned when the decision would be made and would public be able to participate in making that decision in a workshop.

Code Compliance Supervisor Piper Turner reported that Nicole de Venoge, 617 Oak Street, Neptune Beach, emailed in support of Ordinance No. 2020-25, prohibiting the release of balloons and sky lanterns.

Ginny Thurson, 1200 7th Street, Neptune Beach, requested Council consider the blind spots at the stop signs and questioned the area of the field.

ORDINANCES**Ord. No. 2020-
14, Fire
Protection**

Ordinance No. 2020-14, Second Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance Amending and Restating Chapter 10 (Fire Prevention and Protection); Amending Section 10-1 and Creating New Sections 10-2 through 10-38; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date.

Public Hearing

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

Made by Messinger, seconded by Chin.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14 ON SECOND READ

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED**Ord. No. 2020-
15, Balloons**

Ordinance No. 2020-15, Second Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance Of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances, Garbage, Trash, and Industrial Waste, By Amending Section 11-2, Compliance Construed; Pollution of Air, Adopting New Subsection to Prohibit the Outdoor Release of Balloons and Sky Lanterns; and Providing an Effective Date.

Public Hearing

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing.

Nicole de Venoge, 617 Oak Street, Neptune Beach, thanked the Mayor and Council for going ahead with this ordinance. She also thanked the City for being committed to help reduce the use of single-use plastics and hopefully making some incentives for both businesses and city property. She thanked them for the beautiful trees and hopes to see more of that happen.

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

Made by Messinger, seconded by Jones.

MOTION: **TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15 ON SECOND READ**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2020-16, Parking Spaces

Ordinance No. 2020-16, Second Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, by Amending Section 22-48, Marking of Parking Spaces; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Public Hearing

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

Made by Chin, seconded by Key.

MOTION: **TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-16 ON SECOND READ**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2020-17, Golf Carts

Ordinance No. 2020-17, Second Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance Creating a New Article V (Golf Carts), Chapter 22 (Neptune Beach Traffic and Motor Vehicles Code), Ordinance Code, Setting Forth Standards and Procedures for Approval and Designation of Public Rights-of-Way For Use By Golf Carts; Designating Parking Areas; Providing For Severability; Providing An Effective Date.

Public Hearing

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

Made by Messinger, seconded by Jones.

MOTION: **TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-17 ON SECOND READ**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2020-18, eScooter Moratorium

Ordinance No. 2020-18, Second Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach Creating a Section 22-7, Article I, In General, Chapter 22, Traffic and Motor Vehicles; Instituting a Temporary Moratorium on the Commercial Rental and Lease, and Use of Rented and Leased, Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices, Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters; Providing for Legislative Findings, Designation of the Temporary Moratorium, Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, Enforcement, and an Effective Date.

Public Hearing

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

Made by Messinger, seconded by Chin.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18 ON SECOND READ

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS / NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Res. No. 2021-01, PORF Board Appointment

Resolution No. 2021-01, A Resolution Appointing Member to the Community Development Board.

Mayor Brown explained this resolution appoints a fifth member, Leona Sheddin, to the Police Officers' Retirement Board.

Councilor Messinger stated he could think of no one better from a financial mindset and true passion for those that wear the badge. What she has done for the community when it comes to animals and other charitable organizations is inspiring.

Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Sheddin for volunteering and added her support.

Councilor Chin commented he has known Ms. Sheddin for many years and is happy to have her serve on this Board. She will do a fine job and support our fine officers for the years to come.

Councilor Key expressed Ms. Sheddin would be a great addition to the Board. She has a great background in finance. She applauds anyone who steps up to serve the community in this capacity.

Vice Mayor Jones agreed with Council and also added his support for Ms. Sheddin

Made by Messinger, seconded by Chin.

MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01, APPOINTING LEONA SHEDDIN TO THE POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT BOARD.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Attest:

Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: 2-1-2021

Etaine Brown, Mayor

