



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPECIAL MEETING
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021, 6:24 P.M.

Pursuant to proper notice, a Workshop City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 6:24 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida, 32266

Attendance**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Elaine Brown
 Vice Mayor Fred Jones
 Councilor Kerry Chin
 Councilor Lauren Key
 Councilor Josh Messinger(*absent*)

STAFF:

City Manager Stefen Wynn
 City Attorney Zachary Roth
 Police Chief Richard Pike
 Public Works Director Jim French
 Grant and Resiliency Coordinator Colin Moore
 Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne
 Community Development Director Kristina Wright
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Brown called the workshop meeting to order at 6:24 p.m.

AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS / GUESTS / NONE

DEPARTMENTAL SCORE CARD

City Manager Stefen Wynn presented the Departmental Score Card. He reviewed each department's current and upcoming events and projects.

The Departmental Score Cards are posted on the City website at: <https://www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/city-manager/pages/city-manager-reportsdepartmental-score-cards>

**Police Chief
Report**

Police Chief Richard Pike presented the monthly crime analysis report. He reported that the plan for Pete's Thanksgiving Day event is in place. He thanked everyone who participated in the Chief's Walk on November 3, 2021. He mentioned that Movies with the Mayor on November 19, 2021, showing E.T. would be completely funded by Community First. He also reported that the No Empty Stockings program is well on its way and they would be helping 26 kids and delivering 12 Thanksgiving dinners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Councilor Key reported that the Finance Committee met on November 10, 2021, and discussed FY21 closeout process, FY21 Audit, FY22 budget amendments and process, ARPA funding discussion, new purchase authorization process and the CFO search.

Strategic Planning/
Transportation
& Public Safety Vice Mayor Jones reported that in lieu of the meeting, there was a ribbon cutting for the East Coast Greenway on November 4 in conjunction with the Safe Streets Summit in Jacksonville. He sees us as a model community building support around active transportation and bicycle pedestrian safety.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Proposed Ordinance, Emergency Management
Proposed Ordinance No. 2021- An Ordinance Creating a New Article VIII, Emergency Management, within Chapter 2, Administration; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date.

Councilor Key questioned how we came about the wording and verbiage used in the ordinance.

City Attorney Zachary Roth explained that when COVID-19, in reviewing the City's ordinance, we were underprepared for a situation like that. We were also underprepared for other situations that we are likely to encounter, such as a hurricane, in terms of the powers that the City has regarding residents and businesses.

He continued that this ordinance is a blend of Jacksonville Beach and Orange Park. He expressed that this is a draft. When he submits ordinances to Council, he hopes there is not a lot of discussion. That is not what this is. This is designed to elicit feedback in response from the Council wants in terms of the power of the City, in the event of an emergency. There are some things that are statutory based. But there are areas where there is room for adjustment. His main point is that he is interested in hearing what Council has to say.

Councilor Key stated that she had reviewed everything and had conversations with the City Manager. Since we have a Council-Manager form of government and our sister city have done this since 2008, she wants to give the authority to Council, unless there's not a quorum, then it goes to Mayor and City Manager versus the automatic power going to Mayor and City Manager. As a Council, if we all have equal voting rights and legislative powers, her preference would be to see this as a Council-Manager situation and if there's not a quorum then defaulting to the Mayor and City Manager.

She also stated that she would prefer the duration of the declaration to be 30 days as opposed to the 60 days currently proposed.

Mr. Roth confirmed Councilor Chin's statement there would be time to submit any notes about things Council would like expounded. Mr. Roth would present it in redline format in order for the changes to be seen.

Made by Jones, seconded by Chin.

MOTION:

**TO MOVE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO FIRST READ ON
DECEMBER 6, 2021**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Key, Chin, Jones and Brown.
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED**CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS**

Local Option Gas Tax Interlocal Agreement Local Option Gas Tax Interlocal Agreement. Mayor Brown stated that this needs to be sent to the City of Jacksonville by January 1, 2022. The formula is the same with the added gas tax.

City Attorney Zachary Roth advised that there was no prohibition on taking action during a workshop.

Made by Chin, seconded by Key.

MOTION:**TO APPROVE THE LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Chin, Key, Jones, and Brown.

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

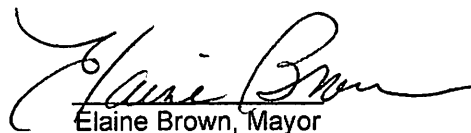
Public Comment Scott Wiley, 723 Davis Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the emergency powers ordinance. He added this needs to be looked at closely.

COUNCIL COMMENTS


Councilor Chin pointed out that there are telecom installations being installed in Summer Sands. There is preemption from the State that takes away the City's regulation and control over the placement of wireless communication.

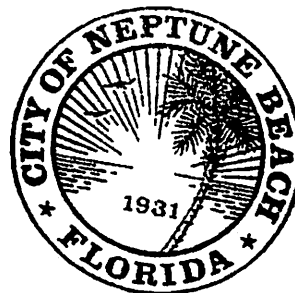
Vice Mayor Jones commented that there would be a lot of competitive grant opportunities with the passing of the infrastructure bill.

Adjournment There being no further business, the Workshop meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



Approved: 12-06-2021