

**MINUTES  
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022, 6:41 P.M.  
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL  
116 FIRST STREET  
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266**

Pursuant to proper notice, a Workshop City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, October 19, 2022, at 6:40 p.m., in Council Chambers, 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 Manager Stefen Wynn  
City Attorney Zachary Roth  
Police Chief Richard Pike  
Senior Activity Center Director Leslie Lyne  
Community Development Director Samantha Brisolara  
Grant and Resiliency Coordinator Colin Moore  
Public Works Director Jim French  
Mobility Management Director Megan Steward  
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to  
Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Brown called the workshop meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

**AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS / GUESTS****StormSensor**

Erin Rothman, CEO, StormSensor, gave an update on the StormSensor project. There are sensors throughout the City to map how water moves through the storm, sewer and coastal systems. They then tie that movement to climate, weather and socioeconomic conditions. This helps prioritize flood risk across the City.

**DEPARTMENTAL SCORE CARD / CITY MANAGER REPORT****Roadbotics  
Presentation**

Mobility Management Director Megan Steward presented the Roadbotics System the City has begun utilizing. This maps out the streets of the City and classifies or scores them. It helps prioritize streets that need improvement.

**Dept. Score  
Card/City  
Manager Report**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee      Finance Committee Chair Councilor Lauren Key

Transportation & Infrastructure Planning      Mayor Brown

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comment      Doug Conkey, St. Johns River Water Management District, stated it is exciting to watch the presentations. The technology allows cities to be more efficient and effective in utilizing limited resources.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCES / NONE**

**CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS / NONE**

**ISSUE DEVELOPMENT**

Res. No. 2022-07, Fee Schedule      Res. No. 2022-07, Fee Schedule.

Mayor Brown advised that Council has had a chance to review.

Council discussion included peddling/soliciting, comprehensive plan amendment fees, permit renewal fees, advertising costs, water/sewer connection fees and when the other Beach cities changed fees.

Councilor Messinger pointed that he did not want to raise the fee for special exception and variances for residences.

Mr. Roth advised that this was not going to a vote tonight so there needs to be a consensus for staff to make the special exception and variance change.

The resolution will be moved forward with changes that include nonprofit organizations being exempt from peddling/soliciting fee, reference advertising costs in planning fees and no increase for residential special exceptions and variances.

Hosting Town Hall Meeting Discussion      Hosting Town Hall Meeting Discussion. Councilor Messinger stated that there had been requests for less formal dialogue. He is bringing for consideration roundtable discussions where most interested topics come up. Questions could be submitted. He proposed an open house type event possibly held at the Beaches Library. We could gauge the success of it and potentially be reiterated.

Councilor Livingston commented that the goal of this is to bridge the gap between Council sitting up on the dais and the community. She asked how to go about it without breaking Sunshine Law and not cause more concern.

Councilor Key stated that residents feel a sense of frustration in that they want to ask questions. In Council meetings, we are not able to engage with them. Citizens want to have a dialogue and have better understanding. She supports of this and however we can accomplish this.

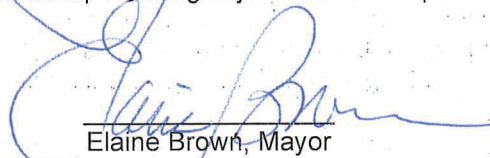
Vice Mayor Chin is interested in seeing how this is going to be structured. Will there be questions presented so Council will be able to have an organized answer?

Councilor Livingston suggested having a cutoff of submitting questions and having a moderator.


Mayor Brown advised Council to give other suggestions to staff to start compiling a summary as to what we are moving forward to.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Workshop meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

  
Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Catherine Ponson, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved: 11-7-2022

