



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023, 6:38 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 Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:38 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 Attorney Zachary Roth
 City Manager Richard Pike
 CFO Jaime Hernandez
 Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
 Deputy Public Works Director Colin Moore
 Interim Police Chief Michael Key
 Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne
 Community Development Director Heather Whitmore
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Brown called the workshop meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS / NONE

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

**Dogs on the
Beach**

Proposed Ordinance, An Ordinance Amending Section 6-31, Regarding Dogs on the Beach to Establishing Consistency with Atlantic Beach; Clarifying Leash Requirements; Requiring Certain Protections for Dogs; Providing for Severability; Providing for an Effective Date.

Councilor Livingston stated this had been brought up before. The main goal is to have consistency with Atlantic Beach and it tightens up the restrictions, including having potable water and shade.

Councilor Messinger commented that he is overall supportive of this legislation.

Vice Mayor Chin stated he had a few concerns and would caution against moving too quickly on this considering there had been a couple of recent dog attacks. He pointed out that people are not respecting the leash requirement so he is concerned will not be able to adequately patrol or enforce the beaches. Until he hears a critical threshold of residents who want no restrictions, he would hold off on this.

Councilor Key commented after speaking with Police Services Officer Dee Zagari and understanding why this legislation would help enforce the rules better, it makes sense. If

there were signs at every beach access and communication about the rules, this would help Ms. Zagari in issuing tickets and enforcement

Vice Mayor Chin agreed with increasing signage, and we could also make Atlantic Beach aware of what our rules are

Ms. Zagari stated this would help enforce the leash requirement if dogs were allowed at all times. It would also help with the enforcement of service animal restrictions. She also added having water, shade and prohibiting electric and remote collars as part of the legislation.

Councilor Key pointed out on Page 3 of the ordinance, "be" needs to be added to "dogs in tide pools must on-leash."

CONSENSUS: **MOVE FORWARD FOR FIRST READ**

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

FDOT A1A
Complete Streets

FDOT A1A Complete Streets. Deputy Public Works Director Colin Moore presented the preliminary Complete Streets concept from FDOT for Third Street from Atlantic Blvd to Seagate Ave. This project would coincide with a yet to be determined SR A1A resurfacing project (most likely FY 27 at the earliest). We are also coordinating stormwater improvements as part of this project

FDOT has requested feedback on this plan and noted that median closures can be added to the extent that they are justified for safety or operational needs or if they are requested by the users. FDOT also said we could request addition Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (Lemon Street was mentioned as one potential location)

Councilor Messinger pointed out that in the Community Visioning Plan process, concepts were introduced that include multi-purpose paths on both sides, more landscaping in the medians and sides of the street so it is more of a slower entrance into a community and residential area. He would like these sent to FDOT to show how we have those ideas in place.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Blvd, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding dangerous intersections. She requested having input on the above-mentioned FDOT A1A project.

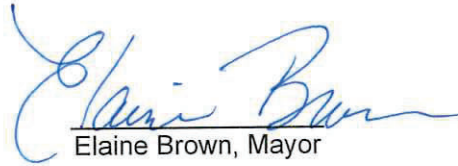
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Key announced that on June 21, 2023, the installation of beach volleyball court Seagate and Hopkins. The Fletcher High Girls Beach Volleyball team is paying for and s/ The practice times will be noticed on the net. Outside of those times, the City will be putt individuals to play. This will provide public amenity on the beach. She has been working Turtle Patrol in this partnership.

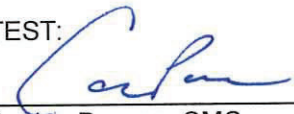
Vice Mayor Chin announced that the Sea Turtle Patrol will be holding their annual party and raffle at Slider's on June 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend and support the organization.

Adjournment

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: 06/07/2023

