



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023, 6:24 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 16, 2023, 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 Kerry Chin
 Councilor Lauren Key
 Councilor Nia Livingston
 Councilor Josh Messinger

STAFF:

City Attorney Zachary Roth
 City Manager Richard Pike
 Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez
 Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
 Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore
 Police Chief Michael Key
 Community Development Director Heather Whitmore
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

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

Mayor Brown reported that in the recent budget passed by the City of Jacksonville, \$8 million was approved for Hopkins Creek Drainage Constructions. City staff and lobbyist Jim Gilmore had attended budget committee meetings and answered questions regarding the project.

**TIP
Committee**

Mayor Brown advised there would be an upcoming Transportation and Infrastructure Planning Committee meeting in the form of a Special Workshop on SB 64 and also include Complete Streets.

**Proposed
Ordinance**

Proposed Ordinance, Floodplain Regulations. Community Development Director Heather Whitmore reported that the city had been working on the Community Rating System (CRS) update. This must be completed to bring insurance rates down. It is a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which the City is a participant. The city has a rating of 8 currently.

Ms. Whitmore advised that part of what is needed is bringing the City's floodplain ordinance up to date to meet minimum NFIP standards, CRS standards, and Florida Department of Environmental Management (FDEM) model code minimum standards.

Ms. Whitmore stated that what is being presented is not regulatory for the community but more technical and is required.

Ms. Whitmore reviewed the required updates, which include moving flood hazard regulatory definitions must be moved from Chapter 27, Land Development Regulations, to Chapter 30, Floodplains. She added that the entire ordinance would be presented on November 6, 2023.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council
Comments

Councilor Messinger commented that the city brought on lobbyist Jim Gilmore who has already been successful. It has worked out well not just for the COJ approval announced earlier but looking at creating long-term revenue streams on recapturing existing tax dollars and keeping more in Neptune Beach. He wanted to point out the value of having Mr. Gilmore along with working with staff.

Vice Mayor Chin requested City staff look into the city becoming more proactive about enforcing City Codes like the noise ordinance or anything that would disturb residents. He would like staff to work up ways to start addressing this issue.

Councilor Key commented that the grease image in the pipe presented at the Special Meeting would make a great social media post for educating residents.

Councilor Messinger stated that the city has been proactive in some matters, particularly with the businesses that have not been good partners in the community. He agrees we need to continue to pursue those issues. He thanked staff and the Police Department for steps taken so far. We need to protect what we have.

Adjournment

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


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



Approved: 11-6-2023