

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023, 6:00 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 March 20, 2023, at 6:00 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 (*absent*)

STAFF:

City Attorney Zachary Roth
Interim City Manager Richard Pike
Community Development Director Heather Whitmore
Deputy Public Works Director Colin Moore
Interim Police Chief Michael Key
Code Compliance Supervisor Piper Turner

**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Brown called the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

**Police Dept.
Employee of
the Year**

Interim Police Chief Michael Key introduced Denine (Dee) Zagari and presented her with the award for Police Department's employee of the year. Ms. Zagari was nominated by two different supervisors as she works as a full-time animal control officer and part time dispatcher. This award exemplifies Ms. Zagari's professionalism and connection with the citizens. Her hard work paid off while pursuing an enforcement case involving an ADA defense concerning allowing a service animal to run free on the beach. She started the case to the end, went to countless meetings, arranged for expert witness to appear in court and testifying. Ms. Zagari thanked everyone and stated she has worked for the City of Neptune Beach for 11 years and plans to stay for many more.

**Proclamation
For Water
Conservation**

Mayor Brown presented the Water Conservation Proclamation to Douglas Conkey of the St. John's Water Management District proclaiming April as Water Conservation Month. April is typically a dry month in Florida and as a City we need to take this time to educate the public to conserve water and focus on looking for leaks and cutting back our usage. Mr. Conkey thanked the Mayor and Council.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Hiring of Public
Works Director

Consideration of Approval for the Hiring of Deryle Calhoun as Public Works Director. Interim City Manager Richard Pike introduced Deryle Calhoun, P.E. Staff is asking for approval to move forward with the hiring process. Mr. Calhoun has meet with the staff and Public Works and looks forward to working with everyone.

Made by Key, seconded by Livingston.

**MOTION: TO THE ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH HIRING
MR. CALHOUN AS THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4- Key, Livingston, Chin, and Brown

Noes: 0

Absent: 1-Messinger

MOTION CARRIED

City Manager
and Chief
Financial
Officer Search

Interim City Manager Richard Pike asked the Council to close the job posting for the City Manager on March 31, 2023 as we have received numerous qualified applicants so that the first round of interviews with City Council can be scheduled. He also asked Council to allow him to pursue finding qualified applicants for the Chief Financial Officer's position and start with interviews.

Public
Comments

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Blvd, spoke about the water and sewer needs for the 500 Block Atlantic Blvd and getting those services from the City of Atlantic Beach. She questioned if Tribridge and TLM Realty the same people. She also asked if there were any records for the money spent for two consultants last year.

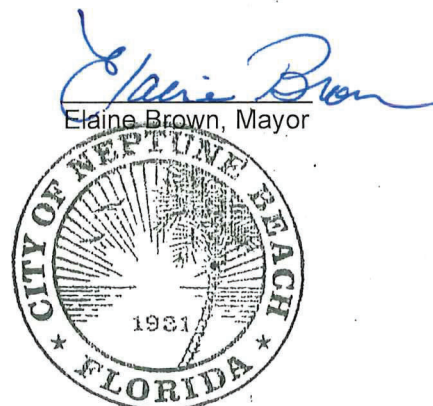
City Attorney Zach Roth stated there will be a meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023 with TLM Realty to discuss the water connection and the finding from the JEA water study results. Mayor Brown stated that the hooks up to Atlantic Beach would only be in case of a fire for the shopping center. A valve could be opened on the Atlantic Beach side if a fire occurred. The City of Neptune Beach will be supplying the daily water needs for the 572 Atlantic project. Mr. Roth stated this is only for the 572 Atlantic and 500 Atlantic is a separate property and will have to be addressed later.

Adjournment

The workshop meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



Approved: 04/03/2023