



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA

Pursuant to proper notice, a Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Elaine Brown
 Vice Mayor Scott Wiley
 Councilor Richard Arthur
 Councilor Rory Diamond
 Councilor Fred Jones

STAFF:

City Manager Andrew Hyatt
 Deputy City Manager Amanda Askew
 City Attorney Patrick Krechowski
 Chief of Police Richard Pike
 Director of Finance Leslie Rothenberg
 Director of Public Works Leon Smith
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Order Call/Pledge

Mayor Brown called the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

**Audit
Presentation**

Ronald Whitesides and Kevin Smith, with Purvis Gray & Company, presented the Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2017.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

**City Manager
Report**

City Manager Andy Hyatt reported the following:

- The Community Building in Jarboe Park is progressing.
- He will be attending the Florida City and County Managers Association Annual Conference from May 30—June 2, 2018, in Orlando.
- The permit for the Oakhurst Paving project has been approved by the St. Johns River Water Management District.
- The Poinciana Road paving has been rejected by the City, and it will be repaved.
- A bike rack has been donated and will be installed at South Street at the beachfront.
- City offices will be closed Monday, May 28, 2018, in observance of Memorial Day.

**Police Chief
Report**

Police Chief Richard Pike reported that the Dancin' in the Streets event held on May 19, 2018, went smoothly and the after action report would be completed by the end of the week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Land Use and Parks and Transportation and Public Safety Committees did not meet this month.

**Finance/Charter
/Board Review**

Chairman Wiley reported that on May 9, 2018, the Finance Committee discussed the stormwater fee study, the Senior Center, the Oakhurst Paving project, the Technical Assistance Grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity, City Hall upgrades, the Community Development and Police Officers Retirement Fund Board, the Dial-A-Ride service, and water and sewer tap fees. He added that the Finance Committee would now meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

**Strategic
Planning and
Visioning**

Chairman Jones reported that on May 9, 2018, the Strategic Planning and Visioning Committee discussed the update of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan, a complete streets resolution and policy, parks design standards/policies, and the roundabout traffic study.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kerry Chin, 227 Margaret Street, Neptune Beach, spoke in favor of the proposed right-of-way ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE**Proposed
Ordinance, Chapter
18, Sections 18-4
and 18-5, Public
Rights-of-Way**

Proposed Ordinance: An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida Amending Chapter 18, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Places, Section 18-4, Use of Public Right-of-Way and Section 18-5, Abandoning or Private Use of Public Rights-of-Way, and Providing an Effective Date.

Deputy City Manager Amanda Askew explained this ordinance tightens the right-of-way regulations and updated the Code to limit the access to the rights-of-way. It also alleviates the perception of being subjective.

City Attorney Patrick Krechowski stated the City had experienced issues with rights-of-way including compliance and permission. City Attorney Krechowski stated that this narrows the ordinance. He added the ordinance focuses on access need.

Councilor Arthur commented he does not support the ordinance as it is written and it penalizes those who do not have utilities under their right-of-way.

Vice Mayor Wiley stated he recognizes there are issues with the rights-of-way and added the ordinance needs further review in the land use committee in order to make it right for both sides of the street.

Councilor Jones remarked that his concern is maintenance of the right-of-way and what the standards would be.

Mayor Brown stated that in order to proceed with this issue, she is sending the proposed ordinance to the Land Use and Parks Committee.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS / NONE**ISSUE DEVELOPMENT**

Proposed Resolution
Adopting Fifth
Member to Police
Officers Retirement
Board

Proposed Resolution. A Resolution Appointing a Fifth Member to the Police Officers' Retirement Fund Board.

City Manager Hyatt explained there is a vacancy on the Police Officers Retirement Fund Board and one application has been submitted. He recommended advertising the vacancy longer in order to possibly receive more.

There was no action taken on this item in order to advertise the position for 30 more days.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Jones reported he attended the Congress for New Urbanism Conference in Savannah on May 18—May 20, 2018.

Councilor Diamond commented he would like to see the Dancin' in the Streets event be more family-friendly.

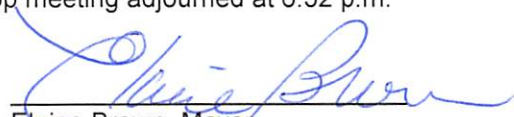
Vice Mayor Wiley commended City staff on the audit report that was presented.

Councilor Arthur stated he had attended the Dancin' in the Streets event and added it was a success for the fundraising portion, which will be reinvested toward the Town Center for landscaping and lighting.

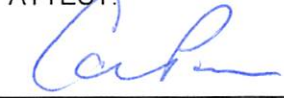
Mayor Brown requested a list of who is on the ULI (Urban Land Institute) Panel. City Attorney Krechowski reminded everyone that the ULI Panel would be meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, and the public meeting for their initial/preliminary recommendations would be held on Thursday, June 28, 2018, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, City Clerk

Approved: 6/4/18

