



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

Pursuant to proper notice, a Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., by Communications Media Technology, pursuant to Governor Executive Order Number 20-69, issued on March 20, 2020 as extended by Executive Order 20-112 and Executive Order 20-123.

Attendance:**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Elaine Brown
Vice Mayor Fred Jones
Councilor Kerry Chin
Councilor Scott Wiley
Councilor Josh Messinger

STAFF:

City Manager Stefen Wynn
City Attorney Zachary Roth
Police Chief Richard Pike
Public Works Director Leon Smith
Deputy Public Works Director Megan George
Community Development Director Kristina Wright
Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne
Grant and Resiliency Coordinator Colin Moore
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Made by Wiley, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION:**TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

May 4, 2020, Regular City Council Virtual Meeting

May 6, 2020, Shade City Council Meeting

May 18, 2020, Workshop City Council Virtual Meeting

May 27, 2020, Shade City Council Meeting

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5- Chin, Messinger, Wiley, Jones, and Brown.

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Report

City Manager Wynn reported the following:

- He gave an update of the budget timeline.
- Public Works has instituted a friendly, competitive program to motivate employees.
- The ADA access ramp near Southern Grounds has been upgraded.

- An arbor has been constructed in the Butterfly Garden by City employees and designed by Councilor Chin.
- He gave an update of the Community Vision Plan process.

Police Chief
Report

Police Chief Richard Pike reported that the Police Department is prepared to professionally and immediately challenge any possible violence. He is meeting with the other chiefs daily beginning the next day. He is in constant contact with JSO. All of the law enforcement agencies will be working together.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

Sharon Jachim, 1716 Strand Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the curfew that was issued that excluded the Beaches. She felt that was putting a target on the Beaches.

VARIANCES / SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS / DEVELOPMENT ORDERS / NONE

ORDINANCES

Ord. No. 2020-02,
Neptune in Need

Ordinance No. 2020-02: First Read and Public Hearing: An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, added a New Section 23-90; Voluntary Program for Collection of Funds to Help the Needy with Neptune Beach Utility Bills; Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Brown explained this is a voluntary program of people who would like to give. They can round up and no one will be charged any monies. There are no dollars that are going to be taken out of anyone's utility bills.

Councilor Chin requested if there was a way to move this forward sooner due to the amount of time it would take to implement it.

Mayor Brown explained that he could move it forward as an emergency ordinance.

Made by Chin, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION: **TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02, NEPTUNE IN NEED, AS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Messinger, Wiley, Chin, Jones, and Brown.
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2020-03,
Homestead
Exemption

Ordinance No. 2020-03, First Read And Public Hearing: An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 21, Taxation; Article VI, Additional Homestead Exemption; Amending Section 21-120, Additional Homestead Exemption; Increasing the Amount of the Additional Homestead Exemption; Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Made by Wiley, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION: **TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03, ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, ON FIRST READ**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Wiley, Chin, Messinger, Jones, and Brown.
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2020-04,
Buy American

Ordinance No. 2020-04, First Read and Public Hearing, An Ordinance Creating a New Section 2-388 (Buy American Preference in Contracts for Goods and General Services), Chapter 2 (Administration), Article VI (Finance), Division 2 (Purchasing and Contracts), City of Neptune Beach Code of Ordinances, To Create a Preference for American-Made Goods and General Services in Contracts; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Roth explained that this provides that an American product has the opportunity to match the low bidder.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Chin.

MOTION: TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04, BUY AMERICAN, ON FIRST READ

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Chin, Messinger, Wiley, Jones, and Brown.
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Wiley commented he had gotten several calls regarding businesses being open in Neptune Beach. He questioned when the bars could be reopened.

Mayor Brown stated that she had called Mayor Lenny Curry regarding bars opening. Bars will be open when it is safe. There is no indication when this would happen.

Mr. Roth stated that he has heard no information regarding the timing of when they would open.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

Attest:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: 7-6-2020

