



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020, 6:00 P.M.
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA

Pursuant to proper notice a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida

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
Community Development Director Kristina Wright
Commander Michael Key
Commander Gary Snyder
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.

AWARDS / PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

**Presentation to
Interim City
Manager**

Mayor Brown presented Interim City Manager Leon Smith with a plaque and card for serving as Interim City Manager during the City Manager hiring process. She thanked him and recognized him for his hard work and effort during the transition.

**New City
Manager Oath**

Mayor Brown administered the Oath of Office to City Manager Stefen Wynn whereas he respectfully assumed the duties of City Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Made by Jones, seconded by Wiley.

MOTION:

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

December 2, 2019, Shade City Council Meeting
December 2, 2019, Regular 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:

- Neptune Beach has been named a Tree City USA from the Arbor Day Foundation for the 19th year.
- A segment of the trail in Jarboe Park has been officially designated as part of the East Coast Greenway.
- The kickoff presentation for the Neptune Beach Community Vision Plan would be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Neptune Baptist Church. There are informational flyers available regarding the event.

**Public Works
Report**

Public Works Director Leon Smith reported that construction of the new extension of the East Coast Greenway is underway.

**Police Chief
Report**

Police Chief Richard Pike reported that the final meetings are being held for the DONNA Run scheduled for February 7-9, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS**Public Comment**

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the Council's vision plan for the City, impact fees, the amount of time employees spend on projects, the senior center, and the Florida Boulevard/Penman Road roundabout.

Jerry Wetzel, 1821 Indian Woods Drive, Neptune Beach, requested the community come together for a solution to the Lakeside Drive gate closure.

Ty Gordon, 2040 Waterway Island Lane, Jacksonville Beach, spoke regarding the Lakeside Drive gate closure. He also requested free parking for those attending the City Council meetings.

Bee Jay Lester, 907 Second Avenue, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the increased stormwater fees and the minimum charge for water usage.

NEW BUSINESS**9-1-1 Interlocal
Agreement**

Interlocal Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and the City of Neptune Beach for Distribution of 9-1-1 User Fees. City Attorney Zachary Roth commented he had reviewed the agreement and it is the same as the versions signed in the past. He added that the Finance Director would need to, pursuant to Section 5 of the agreement, acknowledge full payment and performance under all prior agreements. He recommended any approval be conditioned on confirmation of those payments.

Made by Wiley, seconded by Chin.

MOTION:

TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH FOR 9-1-1 USER FEES, CONTINGENT UPON THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Messinger thanked Dr. Aaron Evens and the Neptune Beach Beautification Committee for raising over \$7,000 from residents and planting an additional 30 palm trees along First Street. He commended Dr. Evens and the entire Committee.

Vice Mayor Jones reminded everyone of the Vision Plan Kickoff Presentation scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Neptune Baptist Church. He also encouraged everyone to go to the Vision Plan website, <http://neptunebeachvisionplan.com>, where there is the opportunity to input ideas regarding the future of Neptune Beach.

Councilor Chin proposed looking at a way to provide relief for people who need assistance with their utility bill. He suggested contacting Beaches Energy to see what method or process they use.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

Attest:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved:

2/3/2020