



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020, 5:00 P.M.
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA

Pursuant to proper notice a Workshop City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 5:00 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 Josh Messinger(*absent*)
 Councilor Scott Wiley

STAFF:

City Manager Stefen Wynn
 City Attorney Zachary Roth
 Police Chief Richard Pike
 Finance Director Peter Kajokas
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Call to Order

Mayor called the workshop meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Report

City Manager Stefen Wynn reported the following:

- He reviewed the Land Use and Parks Committee meeting that met on Thursday, February 13, 2020. Funding and phasing would need to be finalized through the Finance Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

Councilor Chin suggested having a Frequently Asked Questions page on the City website to help answer any questions that citizens may have regarding current City issues and projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Strategic Planning/ Transportation

Vice Mayor Jones reported the Strategic Planning Committee would be used as a vehicle to update everyone on the Community Vision Plan. He also stated that this committee would also discuss the phasing and implementation of Jarboe Park. The Transportation Committee would begin prioritizing some short-term improvements. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

Mayor Brown cautioned to not delay the Jarboe Park project and to begin moving forward.

Finance/Boards/ Charter Review

Committee Chairman Wiley reported his committee met on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. The Finance Committee discussed the lease and location of the Senior Center, renewal of City contracts and there was a grant update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS**Public
Comment**

Debbie Tschannen, 1812 Third Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding hedges obstructing the line of sight for motorized vehicles leaving driveways. She questioned what had happened that she has been given a notice of violation.

JoAnn Wallace, Beaches Green Market, 301 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, questioned what would happen to the Beaches Green Market during the Jarboe Park improvement project.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT**Beaches Earth
Day 2020**

Beaches Earth Day 2020 Event. JoAnn Wallace, with Dig Local Network, thanked the Council for inviting her to speak and announced that the 2nd Annual Beaches Earth Day Event would be held in Jarboe Park on Saturday, April 18, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. She stated that a layout of the event had been provided to Council. She commented that they had permission to use parking at Beaches Chapel and due to an event in Atlantic Beach, there would be a shuttle to reduce traffic.

Mr. Wynn reported that the organizers had put together an event that makes sense and should be easy to police.

Councilor Chin commented he had communicated with Atlantic Beach and they are interested in the three beach cities partnering and having an informational booth at the event. The booth could be informational regarding the LEED certification for Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach's use of solar power at City Hall.

CONSENSUS:

**TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE BEACHES
EARTH DAY EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 18,
2020 IN JARBOE PARK**

**Mosquito
Control**

City of Jacksonville Mosquito Control Division Request. Mayor Brown stated that the City of Neptune Beach has received the annual request from the City of Jacksonville to aerial spray for mosquitos. She added that in the past citizens had been sprayed while outside. The City has previously denied the request for aerial spraying but to continue the ground spraying. Mr. Wynn recommended denying the aerial application.

Mr. Roth reported that the Environmental Protection Agency is still conducting a study regarding the danger of what is used in the spray.

CONSENSUS:

**TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO DRAFT A LETTER DENYING
THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE PERMISSION TO OPERATE
AERIAL APPLICATIONS FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL**

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS**Parking
Consultant
Agreement**

Professional Services Agreement between City of Neptune Beach and Mark Rimmer, Director of RTA Consulting, Inc. Mr. Wynn reported that the Professional Services Agreement with Mark Rimmer with RTA Consulting, Inc. comes to its natural completion on March 4, 2020. He recommended extending the agreement for one year with a five-month review with a 30-day notice to terminate. He added that the City plans to bring the parking program in-house.

Mr. Roth suggested drafting an amendment to the agreement which provides the changes.

CONSENSUS:

TO MOVE THE AGREEMENT WITH MARK RIMMER, RTA CONSULTING, INC. FORWARD WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE MARCH 2, 2020, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Chin commented he would be proposing changes to the Sign Ordinance based on conflicts with Supreme Court decisions.

Vice Mayor Jones remarked that the City of Jacksonville is looking for guidance from the City of Neptune Beach regarding the intersection of Florida Boulevard and Penman Road.

Councilor Wiley commented that there have been recent gas leaks in the City. He questioned how this is happening and what can be done. Multiple businesses were affected.

Commander Michael Key stated from a law enforcement standpoint there were no violations as all regulations had been adhered to.

Mayor Brown requested a better way to follow up with speakers during public comment. The speakers often have questions and would like answers at that time.

Council suggested having a City staff member available to easily answer any questions and also track the comments and ensure any issues are addressed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: 3-2-2020

