



**MINUTES  
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020, 6:00 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 Monday, June 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., by Communications Media Technology and In-Person, pursuant to Governor Executive Order Number 20-69, as extended by Executive Order 20-112, Executive Order 20-123, and Executive Order 20-139.

Attendance

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  
Mayor Elaine Brown  
Vice Mayor Fred Jones  
Councilor Kerry Chin  
Councilor Josh Messinger  
Councilor Scott Wiley

**STAFF:**  
City Manager Stefen Wynn  
City Attorney Zachary Roth  
Police Chief Richard Pike  
Community Development Director Kristina Wright  
Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne  
Deputy Public Works Director Megan George  
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Councilor-Elect Lauren McPhaul

Call to Order

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

**AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Audit Presentation

Kevin Smith and Ron Whitesides, with Purvis Gray, presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year September 30, 2019.

Councilor Messinger congratulated Lauren McPhaul for running unopposed for City Council Seat 2 and Mayor Brown for running unopposed for Mayor.

Mayor Brown Statement

Mayor Brown reported that the Neptune Beach Police Department was the first nationally accredited agency on the First Coast in 1992. They have maintained that accreditation by complying with over 230 standards from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. Neptune Beach Police Officers are trained, and use defined and improved procedures requiring best practices and higher standards. The training requires a good relationship with the Community.

The Police Department participates in programs throughout the Community. Neptune Beach has the finest examples of community policing. They have established a culture of conflict resolution in everything they do. There has been a policy in place for over 20 years which dictates actions allowable when presented with resistance. Chief Pike and the entire Police Department have shown their dedication to the Community during hurricanes, a worldwide pandemic and never have been away for providing safety for each and every resident regardless of ethnicity. Under the direction of Chief Pike, they will continue to train, evaluate, and demand that Neptune Beach gets served by officers that

treat all people with dignity and respect.

Police Chief  
Report

Police Chief Richard Pike presented the Neptune Beach Police Department report for the period of January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019. He reviewed the statistics and numbers from the previous year.

### CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager  
Report

City Manager Wynn reported the following:

- Letters will be going out to delinquent utility customers.
- There will be a meeting with the union representative for the Local 630 Union.
- There is a crowdfunding program called Patronicity. It is used to create impactful projects in municipalities. This will be used for the Senior Center. Information will be on the City website.

City Manager  
Residency

Mr. Wynn reported that his lease for his current residence expires in July and he is looking for a home. His contract states that the City Manager shall be a resident of the City and may request authorization to reside with areas adjacent to the city.

Mayor Brown stated that when the City Manager has exhausted all efforts trying to find something at the Beaches and he needs to look out, she is willing to work with him. As a starting point, she suggested staying within 15 minutes or maybe 30.

Council discussion included the real estate market and a specific radius for his residence.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Chin.

**MOTION:**        **TO WAIVE THE RESTRICTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE A RESIDENT OF THE CITY**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use and  
Parks

Committee Chairman Messinger reported his committee met on June 3, 2020 and discussed Jarboe Park engineering. The contractor has been identified. He added that the project would go to the Finance Committee on July 15 and be on the July 20 Council workshop.

Strategic  
Planning/  
Transportation

Vice Mayor Jones reported his committees met on May 27, 2020 and discussed Penman Road, traffic calming, and the Community Vision Plan.

Finance/Boards/  
Charter Review

Committee Chairman Wiley reported his committee would meet on June 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the permitting process and Waste Pro services.

Mr. Wynn reported that Lauren McPhaul (who had joined the meeting virtually) stated that she looks forward to serving the residents of Neptune Beach.

CDB  
Appointments

Candidates for Community Development Board.

Mayor Brown stated that there are vacancies on the Community Development Board. The Council has received the applications that have been submitted. She is looking for Council recommendations.

Mr. Wynn stated that Ms. McPhaul, who had resigned, stated she would be happy to continue to serve if needed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Chin questioned if Public Works had a pressure washer due to the condition of the sidewalk from the island to the courts in Jarboe Park.

Councilor Chin asked about a house in Neptune Beach that had sewer gas backing into their home. Mr. Wynn reported that City staff is working on a solution to reroute the gravity line.

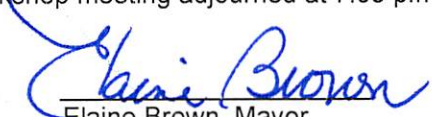
Councilor Messinger commented on the landscaping and other companies bringing their debris, etc. back to their driveways. Mr. Wynn reported that his office receives multiple calls each day. He stated that he is aware of these issues and works with Waste Pro to handle this.

Vice Mayor Jones commended City staff on accelerating the demolition of the house on Forest Oaks. He also commended City staff on the completion of the East Coast Greenway. He congratulated Mayor Brown and Lauren McPhaul and their victories.

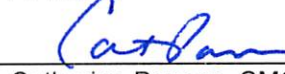
Kristina Wright, Community Development Director, advised that next meetings for the Community Vision Plan would be on June 29 and June 30, 2020. They would be at the Beaches Chapel and would be virtual as well. The first night would be an impact of redevelopment, and the second night would be the presentation of the first draft of the vision plan.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

  
Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Catherine Ponson, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved: 7-6-2020

