



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266

Pursuant to proper notice, a Special City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

Attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Elaine Brown
Vice Mayor Kerry Chin
Councilor Lauren Key
Councilor Nia Livingston
Councilor Josh Messinger

STAFF:

City Manager Richard Pike
City Attorney Zachary Roth
Chief of Police Michael Key
Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to Order/Roll
Call/Pledge**

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

**Safe Boating
Proclamation**

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation recognizing May 18-May 24, 2024, as National Safe Boating Week. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 14, District Vice Commander Andy Koenig and Member Dan Tardona were present to receive the proclamation.

**Water Trailer
Purchase**

Mayor Brown stated that this agenda item was deferred.

**Legal Services
RFP**

Request for Proposals for Legal Services. Mayor Brown stated this was the Request for Proposals for legal services due to the resignation of the City Attorney.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION:

**TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL
SERVICES**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Key, Livingston, Messinger, Chin, and Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

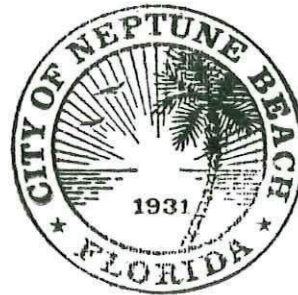
Public Comment Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, questioned where the funds were coming from for the water trailer. She added that there was supposed to be a fund for maintaining the trees that were planted.

Adjournment There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



Approved: 06/03/2024



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024, 6:07 P.M.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL MEETING
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266

Pursuant to proper notice, a Workshop City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:07 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida, 32266

Attendance**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Elaine Brown
Vice Mayor Kerry Chin
Councilor Lauren Key
Councilor Nia Livingston
Councilor Josh Messinger

STAFF:

City Manager Richard Pike
City Attorney Zachary Roth
Chief of Police Michael Key
Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Brown called the workshop meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS**Police Chief
Report**

Chief of Police Michael Key reported that the Dancin' in the Street Event held on May 18th, 2024, was successful. He commented that when an event of that magnitude is held with no issues other than heat-related, it should be celebrated. There was a significant amount of man hours put towards the event.

Chief Key announced the promotion of Detective Gary Stucki to Commander. Chief Key expressed that he is lucky to have a great team to move the agency forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT**Public
Comment**

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the Penman Road project and the disappearance of City of Jacksonville Engineer Robin Smith. She is concerned that this will be moved forward this summer with very few people involved.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT**FY24-25 Budget
Update**

FY24-25 Budget Update. Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez gave a budget overview for FY24-25. He reviewed the goals and priorities of the budget. He presented the timeline, new items, challenges, and a property tax breakdown.

Mr. Hernandez confirmed Vice Mayor Chin's statement that some of the funds are things we are already using but are now being placed in the proper category.

Vice Mayor Chin reminded everyone and pointed out that Neptune Beach still only received 18% of every dollar from the ad valorem taxes. He encouraged everyone to contact county representatives regarding this issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the budget. She stated there had been deferred maintenance for several administrations. She added that citizens need to know where their money is going before it is given to JEA for the developers.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Comments Councilor Messinger commented that it had been brought up in public comment that we don't know where the money would be coming from for the deferred agenda item in the special meeting just held regarding the water trailer. During the meeting, he pulled up the packet from the City website, and it states exactly what fund it would come from, the balance of that fund, why it is coming to Council and the value. This information is readily available. Councilor Key passed legislation that states anything coming to Council for expenditures must be budgeted and show what fund it is coming from. This information is to be included in the packet before the meeting. This information can always be found on the website.

Adjournment There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: 06/03/2024

