



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024, 5:00 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 Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 5:00 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 (*absent*)
Councilor Nia Livingston
Councilor Josh Messinger(*absent*)

STAFF:

City Manager Richard Pike
City Attorney Zachary Roth (*via CMT*)
Chief of Police Michael Key
Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore
Senior Accountant Michael Owens
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to Order/Roll
Call**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Brown announced that the purpose of this meeting was to set the tentative proposed millage rate for FY2024-2025. She stated that the millage rate is remaining at 3.3656, which has been the same for years.

Michael Owens, Senior Accountant, reported that the millage rate would remain the same at 3.3656. This would bring additional revenue of \$396,478.00. The total revenue for FY24-25 would be \$4,628,177.00.

Councilor Livingston said that she is disappointed this meeting is being held and the millage rate had not been discussed at a regular meeting.

City Manager Richard Pike answered that the tentative millage rate has to be set and approved by Council.

Councilor Livingston stated, and it was confirmed by City Attorney Zach Roth, that this also happened last year and it is an issue. This was an oversight and should have been at a normal meeting. She does know that everyone has been working hard and added that Council is not being granted the opportunity to discuss as a whole due to the special meeting being called.

Vice Mayor Chin agreed with Councilor Livingston. He did explain that this was part of the normal budget process, which is setting the tentative millage by a certain date, which is required the property appraiser. We will be entering into the budget workshop cycle followed by the budget adoption in September. Due to scheduling mistakes, this meeting had to be scheduled.

Mayor Brown reported that she had spoken to the City Manager who has confirmed that this will not happen again.

Made by Chin, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: **TO KEEP THE MILLAGE RATE AT 3.3656**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 3 – Livingston, Chin, and Brown.

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



Approved: 09/23/2024