



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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, September 16, 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 (<i>absent</i>) Councilor Nia Livingston Councilor Josh Messinger	STAFF: City Manager Richard Pike City Attorney Paul Waters City Attorney Zachary Roth Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore Police Commander Liam Toal Community Development Director Heather Whitmore City Clerk Catherine Ponson
Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge	Mayor Brown called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Councilor Messinger led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Brown reported that Councilor Key is at home now and recovering from her illness.	
Ord. No. 2024-05, Millage Rate	<u>Ordinance No. 2024-05, Adopting Final Millage Rate, Second Read And Public Hearing.</u> An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Adopting a Final Millage Rate and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025; Setting Forth Certain Information Regarding "Rolled-Back Rate"; Directing the City Manager to Adjust the Adopted Millage Rate in the Event of Changes in the Assessment Roll and Taxable Value; and Providing an Effective Date.	
TRIM Notice	Mayor Brown read into the record the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice. "This is the millage public hearing for the City of Neptune Beach, Florida. The "Rolled-back" rate for the City of Neptune Beach is 3.1072 mills. The rate to be adopted reflects an 8.32% increase over the "Rolled-back" rate. The rate that is to be levied in this ordinance by the City Council is 3.3656."	
Public Hearing	Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.	
Discussion	Vice Mayor Chin clarified that Council is not increasing the millage rate. He had heard that residents were concerned by the advertisement in the Beaches Leader which stated "Notice of Proposed Tax Increase." This is the state-required language when the millage rate is above the rolled-back rate. He reported that this is not new and presented years of advertisements with the	

same language. The increase in taxes are due to conditions out of Council's control. Duval County Schools taxes could increase due to voters approving it or property values may increase.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05, ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 3.3656**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Livingston, Messinger, Chin, and Brown

Noes: 0

Absent: Key

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2024-06, FY24-25 Budget Ordinance No. 2024-06, Adopting A Final Budget, Second Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Adopting a Final Budget and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025; and Providing an Effective Date

Public Hearing Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Made by Chin, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06, ADOPTING THE FY2024-2025 BUDGET**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Messinger, Livingston, Chin, and Brown

Noes: 0

Absent: Key

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2024-07, Parking Fines Ordinance No. 2024-07, Second Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, by Amending Section 22-26, Schedules of Streets, District and Zones; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Public Hearing Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Amended Motion Mayor Brown offered an amendment as stated in the amended motion below. She commented that the Chief of Police is fine with this addition. She is adding this so future Councils are informed before the any raising of any rates or fines for violations.

City Attorney Zachary Roth pointed out that this is the exact same language included in the paid parking rates and charges section of the Code.

Made by Chin, seconded by Livingston.

AMENDED MOTION: **TO ADD "SUCH MODIFICATIONS AND DESIGNATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY CITY COUNCIL, BUT DO NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL COUNCIL ACTION"**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Messinger, Livingston, Chin, and Brown

Noes: 0

Absent: Key

Made by Messinger, seconded by Chin.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READ

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Livingston, Messinger, Chin, and Brown

Noes: 0

Absent: Key

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

Water and
Sewer As-
Built Change
Order

Water and Sewer As-Built Change Order.

Supp.
Agreement/
Dewberry

Supplemental Agreement No. 5 with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., for MS4 Compliance Annual Reporting Services.

CUP Support

Attorney Engagement for Consumptive Use Permit (CUP) Support.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Chin.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Messinger, Livingston, Chin, and Brown

Noes: 0

Absent: Key

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____

10-07-2024



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, 6:09 P.M.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL MEETING
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
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Pursuant to proper notice, a Workshop City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6:09 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 (*absent*)
 Councilor Nia Livingston
 Councilor Josh Messinger

STAFF:

City Manager Richard Pike
 City Attorney Paul Waters
 City Attorney Zachary Roth
 Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez
 Police Commander Liam Toal
 Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
 Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore
 Community Development Director Heather Whitmore
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Brown called the workshop meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

**Code
Enforcement
Officer
Introduction**

Community Development Director Heather Whitmore introduced new Code Enforcement Officer Rico Armstrong. She stated he has Code Enforcement Certification Levels 1-4 through the Florida Association of Code Enforcement.

**Suicide
Prevention
Month
Proclamation**

Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation. Mayor Brown read and presented a proclamation recognizing September as Suicide Prevention Month.

**City Catalyst
Grant
Presentation**

City Catalyst Grant Presentation. Nancy Miller, Mayor of Daytona Beach Shores and Florida League of Mayors (FLM) President and Jeff Branch, Florida League of Mayors Executive Director Designate, presented the City Catalyst Grant to the City of Neptune Beach.

The FLM partners with Business Watch to award a grant to FLM members. The City of Neptune Beach along with HereTomorrow, located in Neptune Beach, were awarded \$2,500. The funds will go towards suicide prevention education of city staff, elected officials and residents. The grant is in honor of former Neptune Beach employee Miklos Stoffel.

PUBLIC COMMENTSPublic
Comments

Chuck McCue, 1908 3rd Street, Neptune Beach, stated he had concerns about lack the communications. He stated that if the same millage rate is kept from last year, it is essentially a raise. He asked if there was another option than the rolled-back rate, if the Police Officers have body cams and about the financials of the beautification committee. He requested answers to these questions.

Tom Gibbon, 1707 Forest Avenue, Neptune Beach, thanked Public Works for their response to the recent sewage situation. He added that the City and Public Works responded very well.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATEPublic Works
Update

Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun reported that the plant that normally does about 750,000 gallons per day was over 2,000,000 gallons per day for a number of days due to the amount of rain in the area. He gave an update and added that he expected to find a lot of rehab needs in Indian Woods and Oceanwood. Council had recently approved the cleaning and televising of the lines in Indian Woods and he is now getting a quote for Oceanwood.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Brown announced this would be City Attorney Zachary Roth's last meeting. She stated she was pleased to have worked with him and having him advise Council.

Vice Mayor Chin thanked Mr. Roth for always trying to put the Council and City first and looking for ways to protect them.

Councilor Livingston also thanked Mr. Roth and stated that he has always been approachable. She added that Mr. Roth has a great quality of being able to communicate and in how he responds to people.

Councilor Messinger agreed with his fellow Councilors. He expressed that Mr. Roth provided continuity for Council and members of staff and is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Roth thanked everyone and added it has been a pleasure working for the City. He commented it has been an honor to serve as City Attorney.

Vice Mayor Chin thanked Mr. Calhoun and staff for handling the enormous recent storm situation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____

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