



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025, 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 Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

Attendance:	IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Cori Bylund Vice Mayor Nia Livingston(<i>absent</i>) Councilor Tim Horvath Councilor Josh Messinger Councilor Brent Rogers	STAFF: City Manager Richard Pike City Attorney Paul Waters Chief of Police Michael Key. Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun Community Development Director Heather Whitmore Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore City Clerk Catherine Ponson
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Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge Mayor Bylund called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Neptune Beach Boy Scout Troop 282 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eagle Scout Project Recognition Scouts Gabe and Luke Williams were recognized for the improvements to the Jarboe Park Baseball Field for their Eagle Scout project. Their project included constructing a new dugout and foul ball fence.

Water Conservation Month Proclamation Mayor Bylund read and presented a proclamation recognizing April as Water Conservation Month. Doug Conkey, Intergovernmental Coordinator, St. Johns River Water Management District, was present to receive the proclamation.

Mr. Conkey thanked Council and pointed out this is the 27th year for Water Conservation Month. He gave an overview of the North Florida Regional Supply Plan. This plan includes 14 counties and 8,000 square miles and ensures sustainable water supplies and protects North Florida's waterways.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding PUDs and the language of the Code, 500 Atlantic, the roundabout, and the Senior Center.

ORDINANCES

Ord. No. 2025-04, Finance Committee Ordinance No. 2025-04, Second Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 2. Administration, Article VII. Boards and Commissions by Creating Division 4. Finance and Auditor Selection Committee; Providing Codification, Conflicts, Severability, and Providing an Effective Date.

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

Council Discussion Councilor Messinger recommended adding language to Section 2-487(b), "and confirmed by City Council," so it reads the same as Section 2-487(a).

Councilor Horvath proposed that discretionary provisions of the ordinance, unrelated to the auditor selection committee, should sunset 30 days after the one-year review.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Horvath.

MOTION: **TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04 AT SECOND READ WITH THE AMENDMENTS TO ADD THE LANGUAGE "AND CONFIRMED BY CITY COUNCIL" TO SECTION 2-487(b) AND SUNSET SECTIONS 2-489(2) AND 2-490, 30 DAYS AFTER ONE-YEAR REVIEW.**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4 - Horvath, Messinger, Rogers, and Bylund

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2025-06, E-bike Regulations Ordinance No. 2025-06, Second Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 7. Beaches and Waterways, Article II, Beach Regulations, By Amending Section 7-29, Beach Personal Vehicle Regulations by Repealing the Ban of Electric Bicycles on the Beach; Providing Codification, Conflicts, Severability, and Providing an Effective Date

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

Made by Messinger, seconded by Rogers.

MOTION: **TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06, REPEALING THE BAN OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES ON THE BEACH**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Rogers, Messinger, Horvath, and Bylund

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2025-07, Amending FY25 Budget Ordinance No. 2025-07, Second Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance Amending the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, Beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

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

Made by Messinger, seconded by Horvath.

MOTION: **TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07, AMENDING FY2024-2025 BUDGET AT SECOND READ**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4 - Horvath, Messinger, Rogers, and Bylund

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

Res. No. 2025-08, Finance Committee Appts

Resolution No. 2025-08, A Resolution of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Appointing Members to the Finance and Auditor Selection Committee

Mayor Bylund advised she was appointing, with Council's confirmation, Joe Cox and Lynda Padrta. Brent Rogers will be the Chair as the member from the governing body.

Council discussion included the number and qualifications of applicants, questions for the applicants and the process for appointing the members.

Made by Horvath, seconded by Rogers.

MOTION: **TO CONFIRM BRENT ROGERS, DEFER THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS, JOE COX AND LYNDIA PADRTA WILL NEED TO BE PRESENT AT THE MAY 5, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING AND ANY QUESTIONS THAT COUNCIL WANTS TO ASK NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO CITY CLERK PRIOR TO AGENDA DEADLINE**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 3- Horvath, Rogers, and Bylund

Noes: 1-Messinger

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

Rescind Public Works Roof Bid Award

Rescind Public Works Roof and Related Replacement Project Award. Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun confirmed, at the request of Council on April 7, 2025, that Duval County Schools did not renew the contract with the primary awardee, Eco Premiere Coating, LLC, for lack of performance. This was regarding the award of paving and milling of various roads in the City.

Mr. Calhoun explained that it was discovered that the Council award to TC Metal Roofing, LLC, for the Public Works Roof project on April 7, 2025, did not provide a 20-year warranty for the galvanized roofing. There are also implications for the FEMA floodplain.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Horvath.

MOTION: **TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS AWARD TO TC METAL ROOFING, LLC**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4 - Rogers, Horvath, Messinger, and Bylund

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Florida Blvd
Pump Station
Switch

Florida Boulevard Pump Station Automatic Transfer Switch. Mr. Calhoun explained this request is for the automatic transfer switch (ATS) for the generator at Florida Boulevard. The switch transfers from utility line power to generator power in the event of utility power line fail. The existing switch is 24 years old, and this has been budgeted for FY25. Ring Power provides the maintenance for the Caterpillar generator served by the ATS. He pointed out that this generator is from 2001 and is about \$250,000 replacement. He confirmed that this ATS would work with a new generator.

Councilor Rogers asked when the generator does need replacing, will the City need to buy the same make generator for the switch?

Mr. Calhoun stated he had not asked that and Councilor Rogers added he would be cautious about buying the switch and then being locked in.

Made by Horvath, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE AWARD TO RING POWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,651.50**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 0

Noes: 4 - Horvath, Messinger, Rogers, and Bylund

MOTION FAILED

Made by Messinger, seconded by Rogers

MOTION: **TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 6B, PROVIDED THE SWITCH IS A UNIVERSAL PIECE THAT CAN WORK WITH OTHER FUTURE EQUIPMENT**

Roll Call Vote:

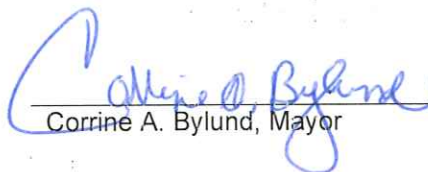
Ayes: 4-Messinger, Rogers, Horvath, and Bylund

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



Approved: 5-05-2025

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MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025, 6:53 P.M.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 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, April 21, 2025, at 6:53 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida, 32266

Attendance

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Cori Bylund
 Vice Mayor Nia Livingston(*absent*)
 Councilor Tim Horvath
 Councilor Josh Messinger
 Councilor Brent Rogers

STAFF:

City Manager Richard Pike
 City Attorney Paul Waters
 Chief of Police Michael Key
 Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez
 Community Development Director Heather Whitmore
 Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
 Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Bylund called the workshop meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Public
Comments**

The following speakers spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 2025-05:

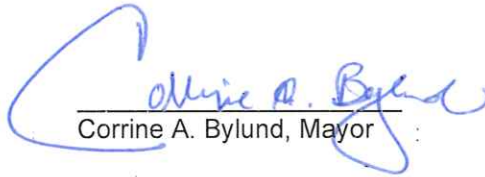
Monty Kiernan, 234 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach
 Michelle Baur, 920 1st Street, Neptune Beach
 Alison Ronzon, 221 South Street, Neptune Beach
 Barbara Williamson, 1412 Strand Street, Neptune Beach
 Henny Schoonover, 214 Oceanfront, Neptune Beach
 Rosemary Naughton, 516 1st Street, Neptune Beach
 Shandy Thompson, 1215 Big Tree Road, Neptune Beach
 Shellie Thole, 310 Oleander Street, Neptune Beach

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

**Proposed
Ordinance No.
2025-05,
Historical
Board Review**

Discussion of Proposed Ordinance 2025-05, An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article VII, Boards and Commissions, By Creating Division 5, Historical Review Board, Providing Codification, Conflicts, Severability, and Providing an Effective Date (For Discussion)

- Discussion Councilor Horvath stated he owns a historic home. He moved to Neptune Beach three years ago and was told to tear down his home. He completely renovated it. He expressed that he is a proponent of keeping historic homes.
- Council discussion included the requirements for the historical board, the impact on the neighbors and when Council could review the application.
- Break Mayor Bylund called for a break at 8:17 p.m. Mayor Bylund reconvened the meeting at 8:21 p.m.
- Pension Board Appointments Neptune Beach Police Officers' Retirement Fund Board City Council-Appointed Positions Discussion. Mayor Bylund explained that there are two Council-appointed positions on the pension board. Ray Len has resigned, and Michael Phillips has submitted his application for reappointment. The applicants are Julio Esteban, Lorelei Lampe, Timothy Strong, Michael Phillips and Heather Bayfield Weidle.
- Mayor Bylund explained that all of the applicants would come to the May 5 Council meeting and give a two-minute introduction. Council will select Mr. Len's position and then Mr. Phillips' position.
- Adjournment There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



Approved: 05-05-2025



**MINUTES
TOWN HALL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025, 8:28 P.M.
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Pursuant to proper notice, a Town Hall Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 8:28 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

Attendance:**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Cori Bylund
Vice Mayor Nia Livingston(*absent*)
Councilor Tim Horvath
Councilor Josh Messinger
Councilor Brent Rogers

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

Mayor Bylund called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 8:28 p.m.

**Public
Comments**

Mayor Bylund announced the first public comments would be regarding the Senior Center.

Shellie Thole, 318 Oleander Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding renting the Senior Center for events creating a financial stream. She stated that she does not support boats/RVs in front yards. She also asked about the live local legislation.

Mayor Bylund stated that the live local was passed to control home rule. This is not new and as passed two years ago. She encouraged everyone to stop saying PUDs will be built.

Mayor Bylund reported the boat/RV issue had been workshopped and was also the focus of a Town Hall. The Code has not been changed. When there is a new Code Enforcement Officer, the Codes will be enforced. There should be no surprises.

Ms. Whitmore announced a new Code Enforcement Officer will be starting May 12.

Mayor Bylund stated the goal of the Senior Center is to be a separate entity but be under the umbrella of the City.

Gina Klein, 220 Myra Street, Neptune Beach, stated there are amazing things that can be done at the Senior Center.

Carolyn Carter, 1809 Pelican Court, Neptune Beach, commented she can walk to the Senior Center and has not seen anyone working on it. She asked when it would be complete.

Mayor Bylund explained no one can be working at the Senior Center unless there are financially sound contracts. There can be no financially sound contracts until everything has been investigated. Every meeting there are new issues that need further investigation. The goal is to reopen as soon as possible. It is an inconvenience for everyone.

Mr. Pike reported he and Mr. Calhoun are meeting with BOXX Modular this week. This is in response to a letter that was sent.

Public
Comments-
Open Topic

George Ronzon, 221 South Street, Neptune Beach, asked about boats/RVs, the condition of the asphalt on 1st Street, the green monster, what is coming to the 500 Atlantic area and the Seahorse Inn.

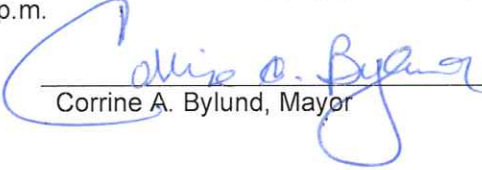
Mr. Calhoun stated that all of the fire hydrants would be tested in May and would show gaps in our water distribution system. He added that the JEA model said that the City needs a larger loop around the City which would allow to spoke out and get better coverage.

Mayor Bylund reported there were no immediate plans for the green monster to go away. She reported City leaders met with JFRD and no one is in danger of their house burning down. She also explained the options for the 500 Atlantic development to have sufficient fire suppression and utilities

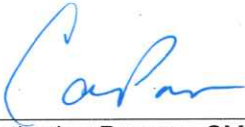
She reported that nothing has been proposed for the Seahorse Inn to change anything outside of our Code.

Adjournment

The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:


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