MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025, 6:00 P.M.
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266

Pursuant to proper notice, a Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m, at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266

IN ATTENDANCE:	STAFF:
Mayor Cori Bylund	City Manager Richard Pike
Vice Mayor Nia Livingston	City Attorney Paul Waters
Councilor Tim Horvath	Police Commander Gary Stucki
Councilor Josh Messinger	Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez
Councilor Brent Rogers	Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne
	Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
	Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore
	City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Made by Horvath, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING, AS AMENDED:

May 5, 2025, Regular Council Meeting
May 19, 2025, Special City Council Meeting
May 19, 2025, Workshop City Council Meeting
May 19, 2025, Town Hall Council Meeting

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 5 – Horvath, Messinger, Rogers, Livingston and Bylund
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

Ginny Thurson, 1200 7th Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the questioning of a committee applicant at a previous meeting.

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, commented on the importance of a forensic audit and the Penman Road Project.

Jack Sminkey, 59 Oak Knoll Court, St. Augustine, Florida, 32092, stated he had filed two claims against the City of Neptune Beach involving the Neptune Beach Police Department. He also asked for the resignation of Chief of Police Michael Key and added there are problems with the Police Department training.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Letter to Atlantic Beach

City Manager Richard Pike requested Council approve a letter to the City of Atlantic Beach requesting fire suppression services for the 500 Atlantic proposed development.

Made by Horvath, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE THE LETTER TO THE CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH REQUESTING FIRE SUPPRESSION SERVICES FOR 500 ATLANTIC PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

Made by Messinger, seconded by Livingston.

AMENDED MOTION: **TO APPROVE THE LETTER TO ATLANTIC BEACH BY ADDING 572 ATLANTIC TO THE REQUEST**

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 5-Messinger, Rogers, Horvath, Livingston, and Bylund.
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The monthly City Manager Reports can be found on the City website at: https://www.nbfl.gov/city-manager/pages/city-manager-reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Stormwater Model and Strategic Planning Briefing

Stormwater Model and Strategic Planning Briefing. Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun explained that on May 19 Council had requested more information on the development of the stormwater hydraulic model, and the stormwater system strategic plan to improve drainage conditions. He reported that the strategic plan was presented in May, 2023, based on community input in a series of workshops.

Brian Icerman, Executive Director-Project Delivery, JonesEdmunds, presented the Stormwater Planning Update. He explained that the stormwater program includes items such as asset identification, condition assessments, and stormwater reviews. He reported there were close 80 different drainage concerns identified throughout the City, based on citizen input. He explained the benefits that have been a result of the modeling, including the acceleration of the permitting for Myra, Margaret and South Streets and grant funding.

The Myra, Margaret and South Streets drainage improvement project will be on the June 16 agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Res. No. 2025-12, Appt to Pension Board

Resolution No. 2025-12, Appointment of Member to Police Officers' Retirement Board.

Made by Livingston, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12, APPOINTING SAM WILLIAMS AS THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT FUND BOARD**

Councilor Messinger questioned if there was any conflict as the applicant, Sam Williams, is a former St. Johns County police officer and a current employee of the City of Neptune Beach Police Department.

City Attorney Paul Waters explained Mr. Williams is a civilian employee and not a member of the Neptune Beach Police Officers' Retirement System. This is not a conflict and does not violate Code Section 2-347(a), Board of Trustees.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 1 - Messinger
Nays: 4 - Rogers, Horvath, Livingston and Bylund

MOTION FAILED

Jarboe Park Improvements

Jarboe Park Improvements. Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore reported these improvements are for the design of what will be Phase II for Jarboe Park. They include the parking lot, an athletic/multi-use field, and pump track. Beginning the design would put the City in a posture for a request made to COJ for the construction funding of around $580,000. That funding will be available October 1, 2025. The funding for the design is currently in the Parks and Sustainability budget.

Made by Livingston, seconded by Rogers.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE THE PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT WITH ACON CONSTRUCTION, AS WRITTEN, WITH A GMP (GUARATEED MAXIMUM PRICE) OF $72,567.00**

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 5- Horvath, Messinger, Rogers, Livingston and Bylund
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Auditor Selection Committee Report

Finance & Auditor Selection Committee Report. Councilor Rogers reported that the primary purpose of the committee is to select the auditor and the City is on track for the RFP. He also reported that the Senior Center was discussed. His best understanding is the City spent $1,064,000 on the Senior Center. $550,550 came from the Better Jax ½ Cent Sales Tax and $508,457 came directly from the City.

There was no money moved between accounts. Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne has stated she would refund the City $249,630. The Senior Center has a cash balance of $330,890. 95. Reimbursement agreements were also reviewed. He summarized that the City has still spent $258,827.42.

Mr. Rogers also reported the Committee discussed the City's cash management. The cash balance is not generating much of a return. The taxpayers are losing out on opportunities.

It is his recommendation to determine what appropriate level of reserves are needed and everything else could be legally used for investment options.

Made by Horvath, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: **TO DIRECT CFO JAIME HERNANDEZ TO COME UP WITH AN INVESTMENT PLAN TO PRESENT AT WORKSHOP MEETING ON JUNE 16, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING**

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 5- Messinger, Rogers, Horvath, Livingston and Bylund
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Made by Rogers, seconded by Horvath.

MOTION: **TO DIRECT CFO JAIME HERNANDEZ TO MOVE $249,630 FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND**

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 5-Rogers, Horvath, Messinger, Livingston and Bylund
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Council discussion included how to move forward on the repairs, the reimbursement of the $258,827.42, moving this to a workshop, and timeline of reimbursements.

Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne explained that the $249,630 reimbursement was agreed upon before the previous City Manager hired an elite architectural and landscaping firm, which then increased the cost from $249,630 to $500,000. The wrap-around porch, initially planned as just a front porch, contributed to the price hike. Additional issues, such as the air conditioners, further escalated the costs. She did not agree to payback that extra cost. She also expressed she has managed to keep her department operational through donations and grants.

Mr. Calhoun stated he would invite Frank Anderson from ACON Construction to the June 16 Council workshop to brief Council on the Senior Center repairs.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Bylund announced that the palm trees on 3rd Street would be wrapped with orange lights and there would be signage raising awareness of Gun Violence Weekend from June 6-8, 2025.

Adjournment — There being no further business, Mayor Bylund adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Corrine A. Bylund

Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

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Approved: 07-07-2025

These minutes reflect the actions taken and portions of the discussion during the meeting. To review the entire discussion concerning any agenda item, please go to: https://www.nbfl.gov/minutes-and-agendas, and click on the video for the meeting in question.