



MINUTES
FINANCE & AUDITOR SELECTION
COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025, 8:00 A.M.
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266

Pursuant to proper notice, a meeting of the Finance & Auditor Selection Committee was held Friday, August 29, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

Attendance:	IN ATTENDANCE: Councilor Brent Rogers, Chair Lynda Padrta, Member (<i>absent</i>) Jerry Wetzel, Member	STAFF: City Manager Richard Pike Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez City Clerk Catherine Ponson
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Call to Order Councilor Rogers called the Finance & Auditor Selection Committee Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

FY26 Budget FY26 Budget. Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez presented the budget summary for FY2025-2026. He explained this includes the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Enterprise Funds. He added that Capital Outlay projects are also accounted for. He reviewed the Better Jax ½ Cent Sales Tax and Local Option Gas Tax funds. These funds have restrictions for certain expenditures.

Discussion included grant funding, capital outlay and paid parking. Mr. Rogers requested the paid parking line item be broken out to understand the true financial contributions and expenses of that program. He would like to make it as efficient as possible and focus on the program begin a possible source to help the City.

City Manager Richard Pike commented that the paid parking program was previously not run well and had been taken over by the Police Department. He would be recommending that fees be raised as they are below average. The City will see an increase in revenue once the program is up and running properly.

Senior Center 501(c)(3) Senior Center 501(c)(3). Mr. Hernandez explained there is a director. A Board of Directors, including a president, treasurer and a secretary, is required to be in place. He added that the City Attorney suggested to disband the current one in place and apply for a new 501(c)(3). Mr. Hernandez stated he would like to amend the existing 501(c)(3).

Councilor Rogers stated that the key questions is should the Senior Center continue to exist as a City Department, or should it be formed into a private 501(c)(3) that would lease the building from the City. There would be no co-mingling of funds. If it remains a department of the City, there would better control of the 501(c)(3) with the CFO or City

Manager being president. The citizens of Neptune Beach should feel confident that the City employees are operating that division.

Mr. Hernandez reminded everyone that the original purpose of the 501(c)(3) was to raise funds. It was not to operate the Senior Center as a department of the City.

Councilor Rogers concluded that the accounting needs to be cleaned up and everyone needs to see what is going on. He suggested preparing this for the next Council Workshop. Council could explore setting up the Senior Center as an enterprise fund and having the 501(c)(3) controlled by City employees.

Adjournment There being no further business, the Finance & Auditor Selection Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Brent Rogers, Chairman

ATTEST:

Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



Approved: 09-30-2025

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