



**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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, October 20, 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
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
Project Manager Blake West
HR Coordinator Jillian McCann
Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

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

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

**Res. No. 2025-
19, Florida City
Week**

Resolution No. 2025-19, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach Recognizing Florida City Week, October 20-26, 2025, and Encouraging All Citizens to Support the Celebration and Corresponding Activities.

Made by Livingston, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION:

**TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19, RECOGNIZING FLORIDA
CITY WEEK**

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED**ORDINANCES****Ord. No. 2025-
17, Remote
Attendance**

Ordinance No. 2025-17, First Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article II – City Council, to Create a New Section 2-51, Titled "In-Person Requirements"; Requiring That All Members of the City Council and City Boards be Physically Present for

All Official Actions, Decisions, Deliberations, or Votes; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances and Resolutions Including But Not Limited to Resolution No. 2021-06; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Public Hearing

Mayor Bylund opened the public hearing.

Shellie Thole, 310 Oleander Street, Neptune Beach, stated she as happy this is coming before Council. She commented that the COVID-era voting exception would not fit into the point of view of most citizens.

Mayor Bylund closed the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2025-17.
Made by Rogers.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

CONSENT AGENDA**Forest Avenue
Trunk Sewer &
Manholes.**

Cleaning and Inspection of Forest Avenue Trunk Sewer and Manholes.

**Special
Magistrate MOU
& Contract**

Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Neptune Beach and the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings ("DOAH").

**Res. No. 2025-
20, Local 630
Recognition**

Resolution No. 2025-20, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Recognizing Northeast Florida Public Employees, Local 630, Laborers International Union of North America, AFL-CIO, as the Exclusive Collective Bargaining Representative for the Blue-Collar Bargaining Unit.

Public Comments

Mayor Bylund asked for public comment regarding the Consent Agenda. There were no public comments.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 - Horvath, Livingston, Messinger, Rogers and Eylund

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED**Recognition of
Michael Johnson**

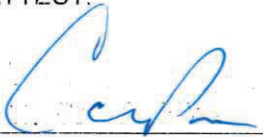
Mayor Bylund recognized public works employee, Michael Johnson, for his 45 years of service to the City of Neptune Beach. He would be retiring on October 31, 2025.

Adjournment

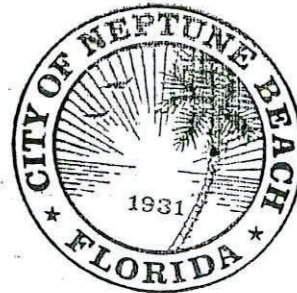
There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: 11-03-2025





MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025, 6:09 P.M.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPECIAL MEETING
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266

Pursuant to proper notice, a Workshop City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 6:09 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida, 32266

Attendance

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Cori Bylund
 Vice Mayor Nia Livingston
 Councilor Tim Horvath
 Councilor Josh Messinger
 Councilor Brent Rogers

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**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Public
Comments**

Shellie Thole, 310 Oleander Street, Neptune Beach, commended the City for having a social media specialist. She also commended staff for responding to requests. She pointed out the lack of communication between the other beach police departments noticed at the last meeting. She pointed out code enforcement issues and she would like the code to be enforced.

Ginny Thurson, 1200 7th Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the police pension increase. She hopes Council considers all employees and residents when making decisions. She questioned if the police department was still writing tickets where the City would receive more revenue. She asked who pays for the officer at Beaches Chapel.

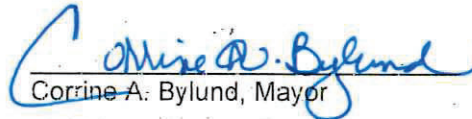
COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Council
Comments**

Councilor Rogers commented he had received the requested information for the speed cameras. He stated that the citations received by zip code were 41% from Jacksonville,

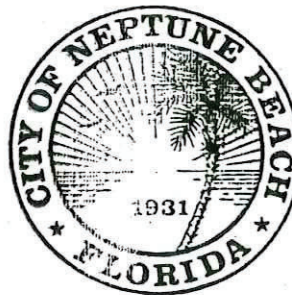
24% from the other beaches, 10% within Neptune Beach and 25% were other zip codes. 68% were issued during normal speed limit times and 32% were issued during arrival and departure times. He added that neither Jacksonville Beach nor Atlantic Beach utilize speed zone cameras.

Adjournment There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



Approved: _____

11-03-2025



**MINUTES
TOWN HALL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025, 6:20 P.M.
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
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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, October 20, 2025, at 6:20 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

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

Mayor Bylund called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**Public
Comments**

Mayor Bylund opened public comments.

**Remote
Attendance**

Shellie Thole, 310 Oleander Street, Neptune Beach, questioned Council's decision to not move the remote attendance ordinance forward. She also questioned the Code Enforcement issue.

Vice Mayor Livingston stated that the Code already requires a quorum, or three Council members to be present. She added that prohibiting remote attendance is redundant due to that requirement. She expressed that remote attendance for any organization is not going away. Any opportunity to join remotely in any way is helpful.

Mayor Bylund commented that her issue with the ordinance was that there were no exceptions. She added that there are certain situations where exceptions needs to be made. People have emergencies and have legitimate reasons for not being able to attend. She stated that the City Attorney had informed her that no city has a prohibition on remote attendance. She remarked that the governor's office had issued an order that stated municipalities are encouraged to leverage technology for the efficiency of their government operations. She also compared that to the fact that a quorum is necessary.

Councilor Horvath stated that he would not want to handicap an educated or knowledgeable vote because life circumstances prevented someone from being present on that Monday.

Councilor Rogers referenced Resolution No. 2021-06. That resolution, which currently allows remote attendance, refers to state level agencies. The resolution also lists mandatory business obligations as an extraordinary circumstance. He is not convinced being out of town for work is an extraordinary circumstance. It is actually ordinary. It is about fairness. If the City expects people to show up to comment then Council should be held to that standard. He added that this is actually an inefficient use of technology. If a Council member wants to vote, they should attend in person.

Code
Enforcement

Mayor Bylund stated that there were numerous workshops by the Community Development Board and City Council. After everyone was so upset with the active code enforcement, it was decided to do passive code enforcement.

Community Development Director Heather Whitmore explained that for issues that are not related to public health, safety and welfare, there is passive code enforcement. If something is life safety related and an extreme nuisance, the City will take action. Currently, code enforcement is complaint driven. She has not received a directive.

Discussion reported on neighbors not wanting to report on neighbors, repeat offenders still not being in compliance, the previous approach, becoming proactive with warnings and the process for fines.

Police Chief
Comments

Chief of Police Michael Key commented he speaks weekly with Atlantic Beach and Jacksonville Beach. Conversations are constant and always ever-evolving regarding best practices. His concern is Neptune Beach. He reported that in September, officers wrote 183 uniform traffic citations and 157 traffic warnings. The Police Department balances education and enforcement. Revenues are about \$10 per citation, regardless of the amount of the citation. He informed everyone that Beaches Chapel pays for that officer to be present as secondary employment. That officer drives the city vehicle, in full uniform, to that secondary employment to carry out the duties of police officer, if necessary.

Adjournment

The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____

11-03-2025

