



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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, November 17, 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
 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.

**Swearing-In
Ceremony**

Mayor Bylund administered the Oath of Office to Officer Nicholas Vecchiarelli.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

Kendra Robertson, representing Beaches Town Center Agency, asked for better communication in regards to the parking program. She had asked for the new program to be implemented after the new year. She also requested the employee spots by City Hall be covered on holidays for the general public.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Sewer Jetter

Purchase of Trailer-Mounted High-Pressure Sewer Jetter. Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun explained the existing sewer jet unit is 21 years old and parts are increasingly more difficult to acquire. The unit is used to jet smaller sewer lines, such as sewer laterals. Staff has identified a replacement unit of like capacity and a contract, approved by the City Attorney, to piggyback. A budget transfer to Sewer Machinery and Equipment from Sewer Improvements Not Buildings will be necessary.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION:

**TO AWARD TO HARBEN, INC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,582.63 AND
APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFER AS NOTED**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIEDBay and Davis
Street Culvert
Improvements5th Street Stormwater Outfall Ditch – Bay and Davis Culvert Improvements Design. -
DeferredLifeguard Station
Change OrderLifeguard Station Change Order. Project Manager Blake West explained that the original proposal for the lifeguard station roof was to coat the existing roof with Gaco Sealant. The proposed change order is for a new standing seam aluminum roof. This would be a better solution due to the condition of the roof. The change order total of \$11,797.69 includes a credit of \$3,287.43 for the cost of the Gaco and labor.

Council discussion included other roof options, future funding by the adjacent development and the City of Jacksonville and making the lifeguard station usable for the near future.

Made by Livingston, seconded by Rogers.

MOTION:**TO APPROVE THE LIFEGUARD STATION CHANGE ORDER**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City ClerkApproved: 12-01-2025



**MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025, 6:28 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, November 17, 2025, at 6:28 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
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**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Bylund called the workshop meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT**Lifeguard
Station Mural**

Lifeguard Station Mural. Project Manager Blake West stated that this was for the request for a mural for the lifeguard station. He had contacted local artist Caitlin Flynn Baita. She provided a quote of \$2,400.00. The mural would be a geometric Lazure pattern.

Council discussion included location of the mural, other options for art in Neptune Beach and getting feedback from residents.

Public Hearing

Mayor Bylund opened the public hearing.

Shellie Thole, 310 Oleander Street, Neptune Beach, stated she had a friend who runs a charity who does art installations for mental health awareness throughout the City of Jacksonville.

Mayor Bylund closed the public hearing

Made by Messinger, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: **TO DIRECT THE CITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE LIFEGUARD STATION MURAL BY CAITLIN FLYNN BAITA**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Investment
Plan

Investment Plan. Councilor Rogers stated that the City cannot participate in equity portfolios. The plan is more conservative and nothing is risky. He suggests agreeing on how to position the funds. At the next Finance Committee meeting, it could be worked on and then brought back to Council for approval at the December 1 Council meeting.

Discussion included managing the plan in-house, simplifying the plan, potential stress testing, risk tolerance and utilizing the Florida League of Cities resources.

Public Comment
via Remote
Access

Public Comment via Remote Access. Mayor Bylund reminded everyone that this is for discussion and not an action item.

Vice Mayor Livingston stated this issue was discussed at a previous meeting. Remote public comment was utilized during COVID. It is worth exploring and should be implemented.

Councilor Messinger expressed he had spoken with the City Attorney. There are municipalities in Florida that conduct hybrid meetings. The public would be on screen while commenting and follow normal rules of decorum. This would be a way to utilize technology and receive feedback from individuals who may not be able to attend the meeting. He is in favor of the public attending remotely.

Councilor Horvath commented that it would be good for the citizens. Mr. Waters answered Councilor's Horvath's inquiry that of their 14 clients, none of them allow it or disallow it. He stressed that once remote attendance for the public is started, you cannot stop it. The danger is violating someone's First Amendment right if it is turned off. He added that anyone from around the world can join in and be heard. You cannot limit free speech.

Councilor Rogers stated that it may be something the City might regret. He suggested starting it at the Town Hall meeting. He added that Neptune Beach is small and getting to City Hall is accessible.

Mayor Bylund expressed that public comment via remote attendance is a terrible idea. She reminded everyone that the genesis of this discussion was the proposed ordinance to change the attendance policy due to one councilmember who was appearing virtually. The virtual attendance was not that frequent. There is a difference between an elected official and the public at large. Opening the remote attendance to the public could be problematic. It could be a way for people far away to be abusive. There are emergency situations such as COVID where public comment was allowed. She stated that she does not think there should be a policy that prohibits it but we should not open the doors to making it a habit. Once we start it, it will be difficult to undo it. Our sister cities do not have public comment via remote attendance. It would also take away the flexibility for in-person public comment. She likes the current format where people can walk in late and still be heard. If we move forward with something, we need to be very careful.

Vice Mayor Livingston stated she wanted to see what ideas there were. No one is attending the town hall meetings anymore. She suggested submitting questions that could be read into the record and be addressed at the meeting. She also stated she had been receiving emails regarding remote attendance for the public.

City Attorney Paul Waters advised that all questions submitted would need to be addressed. He also stated that Council does not need to do anything right now as this is not a requirement.

Public
Comment

Shellie Thole, 310 Oleander Street, Neptune Beach, that it might be worth a risk to give people the opportunity.

Council discussion included that the public can always contact Councilmembers regarding any issues.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council
Comments

Mayor Bylund reported that Movies with the Mayor was held on Friday, November 14, 2025, and was a big success. The next Movies with the Mayor will be at Easter and the movie will be Peter Rabbit.

She attended the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the City of Jacksonville. She reminded everyone to be careful on the road as the number of victims and fatalities is surprisingly high.

The next City Council meeting is on Monday, December 1, 2025.

Pete's 40th Thanksgiving Day Event will be held on Thursday, November 27, 2025. At 9:00 a.m., Mayor Bylund will be officially naming a portion of First Street, "Pete Jensen Way."

On Friday, December 5, 2025, the First Street Golf Cart Parade is scheduled followed by Christmas in the Park. On December 6, 2025, Beaches Town Center will have the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Vice Mayor Livingston requested the City's social media links be listed as some people are not aware that they exist.

Councilor Rogers commented that the current noise ordinance appears sufficient to preclude the activities that are being complained about. He added it is easy enough to enforce. There does not need to be any more legislation. He also asked about the use of City Hall parking spaces that was addressed by the speaker earlier.

Councilor Messinger stated that the issue has been discussed for years, which is the City opening up more spaces to the parking system versus reserving them during the day for City staff. There would be spaces made available at a lot further away for City staff.

Discussion continued regarding the noise complaints. Chief of Police Michael Key reminded everyone to call the Police Department if there is a problem.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



Approved: 12-01-2025



**MINUTES
TOWN HALL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025, 7:38 P.M.
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Mayor Bylund called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

**Public
Comments**

Mayor Bylund opened public comments.

Shellie Thole, 310 Oleander Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the noise ordinance. She asked about Code Enforcement. She is noticing more trailers and RVs in the yards and driveways of her neighbors. She also asked about the decorations at a house and the signs that have a QR code asking for donations.

City Attorney Paul Waters stated that there is a sign ordinance. He added that commercial speech is less restrictive.

Mayor Bylund stated that for the noise complaints, citizens should report it as well as the code violations.

Community Development Director Heather Whitmore commented that she had not received directive to begin proactive code enforcement regarding the boats and RVs. The department is currently complaint driven. If she receives the directive then we need to be ready to receive emails and phone calls.

Adjournment The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: 12-01-2025

