



**MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026, 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, March 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m, at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266

**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
- Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
- Community Development Director Heather Whitmore
- Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore
- Project Manager Blake West
- City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Irish American Heritage Month

Mayor Bylund read and presented a proclamation recognizing March 2026, as Irish American Heritage Month in Neptune Beach.

Matthew Krall, President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, St. Johns Division, stated that it was an honor for the organization to be recognized, noting the AOH's long and storied history as one of the most distinguished Irish Catholic organizations in the world.

Res. No. 2026-07, Larry Hobbs Lifeguard Station

Resolution No. 2026-07, A Resolution of the City of Neptune Beach Honoring Larry Hobbs and Declaring a Namesake Lifeguard Station. Mayor Bylund read the resolution honoring and naming the "Larry Hobbs Lifeguard Station." Mr. Hobbs served as a lifeguard in Neptune Beach from 1986-1995 and is credited with saving dozens of lives throughout his career.

Mayor Bylund reported that an official dedication ceremony would be held at a later date.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Rogers.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07, HONORING LARRY HOBBS AND DECLARING A NAMESAKE LIFEGUARD STATION**

Roll Call Vote:  
 Ayes: 4 – Horvath, Messinger, Rogers and Bylund  
 Noes: 0

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes

Made by Messinger, seconded by Horvath.

#### **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:**

**February 2, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting**  
**February 17, 2026, Special City Council Meeting**  
**February 17, 2026, Workshop City Council Meeting**  
**February 17, 2026, Town Hall Meeting**

Roll Call Vote:  
 Ayes: 4 – Messinger, Rogers, Horvath, and Bylund  
 Noes: 0

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comments

Chris Ulmer, 1714 Strand Street, Neptune Beach, stated he is a local volleyball enthusiast and is part of a group of about 30 or 40 people who play at Jarboe Park. He heard there was a possibility for another court and that would be amazing as the beach volleyball community has grown.

Henny Schoonover, 214 Oceanfront, Neptune Beach, reported that the noise from the Lemon Bar and Pete's has not ceased. She added that during the day, it sounds like it is playing in her yard.

Natasha Facklam, 118 Hall Place, Neptune Beach, reminded Council she was at a meeting in November 2025. She reported the noise coming from Pete's is still going on. She read into the record an email dated March 1, 2026, from Christopher West, 106 Hall Place, which also included a noise-related complaint.

Glen Sherouse, 100 Hall Place, Neptune Beach, commented that since the meeting in November 2025, the sound has been good. But the previous evening was egregious. He also stated that the same garbage truck picked up yard waste, recycling and garbage and placed it in the same truck.

Shellie Thole, 310 Oleander Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding the parking program, the use of Jarboe Park volleyball by nonresidents, and the inconsistency of the online viewing of City meetings.

Ashton Kirton, 990 Chapeltown Circle N., Jacksonville, is a senior at Fletcher High School and a four-year starter on the state runner-up Fletcher Beach Volleyball Team. She commented that the team trains on the courts and she uses them personally. Adding more courts would be helpful for them and the community.

Christopher Fonseca, 12253 Antoni Circle, Jacksonville, stated his support for extra volleyball courts.

Madison Daniel, 12864 Southern Hills Circle East, Jacksonville, commented that there are often wait times to play on the volleyball courts. She added that with more courts there are more people enjoying being outside.

Carter Wilson, Jr., 4030 Julington Creek Road, Jacksonville, pleaded for additional volleyball courts as there are many people who want to get outside and be active.

### CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Report City Manager Richard Pike's report included the following:

- There are three beach volleyball courts set up at Seagate Avenue. These are fully operational and open to the public.
- City Hall fire alarm panel is being replaced to include a monitoring format system.
- Cleary Park project is complete.
- Senior Center landscaping is nearing completion.
- Florida Boulevard landscaping has been cleaned up.

City Manager reports can be located on the City of Neptune Beach website at: <https://www.nbfl.gov/city-manager/pages/city-manager-reports>

Paid Parking Paid Parking. Mr. Pike reported that the paid parking system generated \$88,000 in February 2026. The paid parking system would be transitioned back to City Hall from the Police Department.

Mr. Pike stated he is looking for Council direction for raising rates as the issue was to be readdressed for the spring and summer months.

Council discussion included a tiered rate structure, paid parking on First Street, a gradual rate increase, and the importance of Neptune Beach residents registering to park.

Mayor Bylund proposed discussing parking rates at the March workshop. Before the workshop there should be conversations with the Beaches Town Center Agency, the Merchants Association and Atlantic Beach so Neptune Beach can be on track to have rates in place by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Noise Ordinance Mayor Bylund requested Chief of Police Michael Key address the citizens who had noise complaints and if they should continue to call the police department.

Chief Key agreed that they should contact the Police Department. The officers will apply the law as it is best applied. The five times they were called, half of the officers determined it was not a violation. The other half had a verbal discussion with Pete's and did not feel it warranted a citation.

City Attorney Paul Waters stated that the City can look at ways to strengthen the ordinance.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bylund announced that the MOU between the City of Jacksonville and Neptune Beach for Use of Disaster Debris Management had been pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Repairs to Manhole- Repairs to Manhole at Forest Avenue and Strickland Road.  
Forest Avenue and  
Strickland Road

911 Agreement Agreement between Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and City of Neptune Beach for 911 User Fee Distribution.

Use of Tree Fund Utilization of Tree Conservation Trust Fund for Seawood Drive and First Street Tree Replacement Projects.

Pension Board –  
Fifth Member Fifth Member – Police Officers' Retirement Fund Board. Frank Cashman

Made by Messinger, seconded by Horvath.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jarboe Park Construction Update Jarboe Park 2026 Construction Update. Project Manager Blake West presented three concepts for Jarboe Park based on previous discussions. He is seeking direction in order to proceed with finalizing the concept.

Brooke Wooten, head coach of Fletcher High School Volleyball Team, stated that for district and regional playoffs, three courts are required. They are in a constant battle of trying to find courts. She pointed out that this is not just about Fletcher, it is about the community.

Council discussion included adding one or two volleyball courts, parking, and 5<sup>th</sup> Street traffic calming

Mayor Bylund stated that this would be workshopped at the March 16 Council meeting. Mr. West could present additional concepts from this meeting's discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Res. No. 2026-08,  
1621 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Easement  
Agreement Resolution No. 2026-08, A Resolution of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Duval County, Florida, Approving the Easement Agreement with Linward Development Corporation Located at 1621 5th Street, Neptune Beach, Florida; Providing for Incorporation of Recitals, Required Findings, and an Effective Date.

Community Development Director Heather Whitmore explained this is a request for an easement agreement with Lindbergh Development Corporation at 1621 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The existing 13,334 square-foot "double lot" is 113 feet wide by 117 feet deep. The owner, Mr. Ed Salem, recently demolished the lot's original 1954 home to subdivide the property into two single-family 55' x 116' lots. Although the double lot has adequate area and dimensions to accommodate two single-family homes, the westernmost frontage along 5<sup>th</sup> Street contains a 25-foot City water main utility easement, thereby making 50% of the western lot unbuildable.

The purpose of the easement agreement is to: grant all approvals necessary for Linward to relocate/abandon the water main from the property and install a new water main in the City's

right-of-way adjacent to the property at the sole expense of Linward and agree to release 15 feet of the utility easement.

The applicant has provided preliminary water main construction plans to relocate the eight-inch water line via directional drilling in the 5<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way. Final construction drawings will be reviewed and approved by the Public Works department of Neptune Beach. Final construction will be performed by a contractor from the City's approved list of contractors.

The applicant requests the termination of the 15-foot westernmost portion of the easement order to make available a 1,750 square foot (15'\*116') area for development.

Staff has identified two items for Council to address which are modifying the agreement for the applicant to pay the recording fees and consideration of school times for construction.

Public Comment

Mayor Bylund opened the floor for public comment. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Bylund closed public comments.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Rogers.

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08, WITH THE AMENDMENT THAT ALL RECORDING FEES FOR THE ASSOCIATED PROJECT BE PAID BY THE APPLICANT AND ANY CONSTRUCTION BE DONE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS IF IT WOULD NECESSITATE ROAD CLOSURE**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Rogers commented that when the noise issue was first brought up, he was satisfied that the noise ordinance is sufficient. The consensus was there does not need to be any changes. If there is a problem, he would like to hear more.

Mayor Bylund stated that everyone needs to understand the chain of command. The Council can take a look at what can be done legally with the noise ordinance. Council can do what is in their legal purview. They cannot make laws in violation of the Constitution of the State of Florida. She has also been receiving complaints from those who do not understand the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Mr. Waters advised that any regulation on speech has to be content neutral. Curse words are not obscenity. Obscenity is not protected under the First Amendment. And by the Supreme Court of the United States, curse words are not obscenity.

Mr. Pike commented he would contact Waste Pro regarding the complaint earlier that all items were placed in the same truck. Waste Pro is great to work with.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Bylund adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

  
Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Catherine Ponson, CMC  
City Clerk



Approved: 04-06-2026

***\*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.***