



**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026, 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, March 16, 2026, 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
Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore
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.

National Donate Life Month

National Donate Life Month Proclamation. Mayor Bylund read and presented a proclamation recognizing April 2026, as National Donate Life Month in Neptune Beach. Jessica Grossberg, MPH, Public Education Coordinator with LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services, was on hand to receive the proclamation.

Lights Out Neptune Beach

Lights Out Neptune Beach Nights Proclamation. Mayor Bylund read and presented a proclamation supporting reduced nighttime lighting during bird migration. Neptune Beach residents, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to turn off nonessential lights from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. during these periods to help ensure the safe passage of migratory birds.

Elizabeth Filippelli, Vice President, Duval Audubon Society, Co-Lead Lights Out Northeast Florida, thanked Council and staff and expressed that she is grateful for the conservation advocacy.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. No. 2026-09, MOU for Debris Management

Resolution No. 2026-09, A Resolution of the City of Neptune Beach, Duval County, Florida, Approving the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Jacksonville and the City of Neptune Beach for Use of Disaster Debris Management Site; Providing for Incorporation of Recitals, Direction for Execution, Severability, and an Effective Date.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Horvath.

MOTION: **TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE FOR USE OF DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SITE**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment Ginny Thurson, 1200 7th Street, Neptune Beach, commented that she supports adding an additional court for Fletcher High School, but not to facilitate other people coming from around Jacksonville. She also had concerns for parking issues cause by more cars.

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, stated that the focus for the park seems to be on adult courts. The City could do a better job expanding the children's equipment.

Amber Lenfert, 815 Valley Forge Rd. E., Neptune Beach, expressed her support for two more volleyball courts. She added that on many evenings and weekends, members of the community are waiting to play.

Lang Chaires, 533 Magnolia Street, Neptune Beach, has lived at his address for 50 years. He is also concerned about the parking and increased traffic.

William Fogel, 525 Oceanwood Drive, Neptune Beach, stated he was there as he thought the City was going to throw money at skateboarding. He added it was hard to find information.

Barnes Sale, 501 Magnolia Street, Neptune Beach, spoke about security in the area around Jarboe Park. He stated that if there is a parking lot, he would encourage regular patrol. He also had concerns regarding the lighting.

Dustin Edwards, 517 Magnolia Street, Neptune Beach, stated that his house backs up directly to the proposed parking. He spoke regarding the lighting, Beaches Chapel parking, and the construction involved for the parking. He added that speed humps would be nice on his street.

ACTION ITEMS

Jarboe Park
Update

Jarboe Park Concept Design. Project Manager Blake West gave a walkthrough of the latest design. This phase includes the field, a 10-foot multi-use path around the perimeter of the field, one additional volleyball court, and a mini-roundabout. Fifth Street would be split into two one-way streets. Construction on the field could begin the following week.

Council discussion included tabletop traffic devices, lighting, security, erosion constraints, preserving neighbor access, and adding one additional volleyball court.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: **TO DIRECT STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH JARBOE PARK IMPROVEMENTS AS SHOWN EAST OF FIFTH STREET**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Bylund stated we would move forward with the field and everything east of 5th Street and an updated concept based on the comments from this meeting would be presented at the next meeting.

Piggyback Agreement for Multi-Use Path/Field Work

Piggyback Agreement Between the City of Neptune Beach and ACON Construction Company (Jarboe Park Multi-Use Field).

Councilor Messinger pointed out the importance of having proper drainage based on the amount of grading being done.

Mayor Bylund pointed out that this project was budgeted and approved for FY25-26. The City just received funding from COJ for the next phase, including the skate park. She added that the funds received are allocated for specific projects and can only be spent on those projects.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE THE PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH AND ACON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (JARBOE PARK MULTI-USE FIELD)**

Roll Call Vote:

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

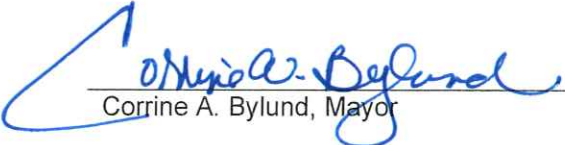
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments John Holmes, 914 4th Street, Neptune Beach, commented he was almost run over by e-bikes. The kids on e-bikes have no regard for seniors.

Adjournment There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



Approved: 04-06-2026



**MINUTES
 WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026, 7:12 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, March 16, 2026, at 7:12 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 7:12 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

Lang Chaires, 533 Magnolia Street, Neptune Beach, stated that school buses from out of town are parking along 5th Street when going to Beaches Chapel.

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, presented the second draft of the Dover Kohl Vision Plan from 2021. She stated that included in that draft was paid parking on First Street, which was removed from the final draft.

Tom Goelz, 217 First Street, Neptune Beach, stated he and his wife own three buildings, 214 Orange Street, and 217 and 220 1st Street with small businesses operating there. He asked how to get more information on the paid parking process.

Deanne Dunlop, 2033 Mary Brant Loop N, Neptune Beach, read an email into the record from Emilie Christenson, business owner in the Beaches Town Center requesting the current parking system operate for a full year before making additional pricing changes.

Rachel Crismond, 310 Pablo Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, owner of Kyds Children’s Boutique, requested Council to pause any additional parking rate increases.

John Holmes, 914 4th Street, Neptune Beach, stated he is on a fixed budget and would like to know if the water and sewer rates will be increased.

ISSUE DEVELOPMENT

Paid Parking Paid Parking. Council discussion included data collection, paid parking on First Street, maintenance costs in the Beaches Town Center, the merchants study proposing the \$5 per hour rate, the recent parking rate increase, and communication.

Made by Livingston, seconded by Horvath.

MOTION: TO LEAVE THE RATES THE SAME THROUGH DECEMBER 2026

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Water and Sewer Rates Water and Sewer Rates. Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez reported that the last water and sewer rate study was conducted by Burton and Associates in 2016, with incremental rate increases through FY2019. After FY2019, there were no more increases. He added that the fund is experiencing a structural deficiency, and the consequences of not having any increases will reduce the reserves and limit the City’s ability to fund capital projects, and we are out of statutory compliance.

Council discussion included a phased implementation of increased fees and waiting on the results of the previously approved study as a validating tool.

Mayor Bylund reminded everyone that Council has not voted to spend the funds on this study. The City has not even seen the vendors and quotes. Mr. Hernandez would present proposals at the next meeting.

Kiwanis Grant Kiwanis Club Grant Award -Music in Jarboe Park. Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore announced the City of Neptune Beach had been awarded a grant from the Beaches Kiwanis Club. The grant would fund outdoor musical instruments which are weather-resistant and installed in a manner that will allow both adults and children who are wheelchair bound.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Livingston

MOTION: TO DIRECT MR. MOORE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE KIWANIS GRANT EQUIPMENT

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, requested what has happened to the millions of dollars collected over the years. The funds have not gone into the infrastructure until now. She stated there were scheduled meetings that never happened.

Deanne Dunlop, 2033 Mary Brant Loop N, Neptune Beach, requested better communications. She stated that there was no City newsletter. She encouraged the City to do things that are more appealing to the community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Messinger commented that there were meetings held for the projects as he received emails questioning the meetings and questioning the costs. There are also photos of attendees at those meetings. He also received emails complaining about the amount of time infrastructure projects were taking.

Councilor Horvath reported that the City recently started a newsletter and it is very well communicated. He also sits on the Half-Cent Surtax Committee for Duval County. This allows representation from the beaches. He reported that construction is beginning at Fletcher High School this summer. The volleyball courts were not funded.

Mr. Rogers pointed out Capital Improvement Projects completed from 2019 until now. He also reported on the notable projects including the redundant sewer project on Third Street. This is a matter of fixing what needs to be fixed today.

Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun reported the City replaced a new potable well was drilled to replace two that had failed from 1938 and 1941. The City has spent significant dollars at the wastewater plant.

Mayor Bylund commented that every month since she was elected, Council has approved substantial infrastructure projects. She also stated that the agreement with Atlantic Beach is just for fire suppression. This has already been discussed.

Mayor Bylund announced on Friday, March 27, 2026, there will be an eco-egg hunt, starting at 6:30 p.m., at Jarboe Park, followed by Movies with the Mayor, featuring the movie, *Peter Rabbit*. On March 21, 2026, there is a beach cleanup from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., starting at the lifeguard station as part of the St. Johns River Celebration

Adjournment There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: 04-06-2026



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**MINUTES
TOWN HALL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026, 8:21 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, March 16, 2026, at 8:21 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

Attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE:

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Vice Mayor Nia Livingston
Councilor Tim Horvath
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Call to
Order/Roll
Call/Pledge

Mayor Bylund called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 8:21 p.m.

Public
Comments

Mayor Bylund asked for public comments.

Glen Sherouse, 100 Hall Place, Neptune Beach, commented that this is about the fourth time he has been at a meeting to discuss the noise issue. He added he has repeatedly called the police and they have been at his door. He asked why is there not evidence of Pete's being ticketed or cited for repeated offenses.

Chief of Police Michael Key reported there have been no complaints in the last two weeks. The Police Department is postured to respond as always and adequately enforce noise ordinances, when necessary. He would gladly approach the problem. It takes neighbors complaining and registered calls.

City Attorney Paul Waters advised there is an ordinance in the books. It appears it is being enforced. There could be increased penalties. There are a number of ways to amend an ordinance to make it stricter.

Mayor Bylund stated there could be a workshop where everyone looks at the ordinance to see if there is anything that can be changed as a body.

Mr. Waters expressed this problem is not unique to Neptune Beach. He would be happy to facilitate a workshop and bring examples of ordinances.

Councilor Messenger indicated this issue is coming up more and more. He would be interested in a workshop to see what we could do to add more teeth to it. He also added that the City would need to communicate with everyone if there is more added to the ordinance so they are not caught off guard.

Councilor Rogers commented he does not think there needs to be any change to the ordinance. It states if you are operating playback equipment after 10 o'clock and it is plainly audible from the public street or adjacent lot, there is a violation.

Christopher West, 106 Hall Place, Neptune Beach, commented that the problem started with the opening of the patio. He urged Council in the ordinance to shut it down at 10 o'clock.

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, stated earlier she was talking about the millions not put toward infrastructure, an agreement with Atlantic Beach and more development.

Mayor Bylund stated that the agreement is not for potable water. It is for water for the fire sprinkler for insurance purposes.

Councilor Messenger explained that the green water tower was built without Council approval to the detriment of the neighbors, to meet insurance obligations. There was an agreement reached. If Neptune Beach could get the connection, the water tower would come down. There was a separate request for potable water.

Adjournment The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk



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