



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 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, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

Attendance:	<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b> Mayor Cori Bylund Vice Mayor Nia Livingston Councilor Tim Horvath Councilor Josh Messinger (via CMT) Councilor Brent Rogers	<b>STAFF:</b> 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
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Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge Mayor Bylund provided the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Water Conservation Month Water Conservation Month Proclamation. Mayor Bylund read and presented a proclamation recognizing April 2026, as Water Conservation Month. Doug Conkey, Intergovernmental Coordinator, St. Johns River Water Management District, presented information on conservation practices, irrigation system maintenance, current restrictions during a severe water shortage, an anonymous reporting tool and offers of HOA enforcement assistance.

**ORDINANCES**

Ord. No. 2026-04, Easements Ordinance No. 2026-04, Second Read and Public Hearing. - Deferred

Ord. No. 2026-05, Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 2026-05, First Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida Amending the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26, Beginning October 1, 2025, and Ending September 30, 2026; Authorizing the Purchase of a Vehicle Not Included in the Adopted Budget; Increasing General Fund Appropriations for Capital Outlay; Authorizing an Interfund Transfer from the Special Revenue Fund to the General Fund; Providing for Findings; Providing for Authority; Providing for Budget Amendment and Appropriations; Providing for Accounting Entries; Providing for Severability; Providing for Conflicts; and Providing for an Effective Date.

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

Made by Rogers, seconded by Livingston.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05 AT FIRST READ**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Utility Rate Study Proposal to Conduct Comprehensive Utility Rate Study. - Deferred

Adjournment There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

  
Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC  
City Clerk



Approved: 05-04-2026

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**MINUTES  
 WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
 MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026, 6:08 P.M.  
 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPECIAL MEETING  
 NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL  
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Pursuant to proper notice, a Workshop City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:08 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 (via CMT)  
 Councilor Brent Rogers

**STAFF:**

City Manager Richard Pike  
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Call to  
 Order/Roll Call

Mayor Bylund called the workshop meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comments

Melinda Monti, 109 North Street, Neptune Beach, spoke against expanding paid parking on First Street. She stated it would impede residents' ability to host guests, harm neighborhood character while adding signage and enforcement costs.

Jim Anderson, 21 Oak Street, Neptune Beach, reported informal survey feedback from beachgoers indicated willingness to pay modest fees, recommended guest-permit/license plate solutions, raised concerns about hours, business parking arrangements. He also proposed longer-range options including relocating municipal facilities, leveraging unused commercial lots, automated parking concepts, restoring irrigation-only meters, partnering with UF on native-plant incentives, and creating a long-term plan for drainage.

Mayor Bylund stated she took notes and would address Mr. Anderson's comments during the Town Hall.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

Proposed Ordinance      Proposed Ordinance-Ordinance to Require Underground or Enclosed Fire Suppression Water Storage- Deferred

**ISSUE DEVELOPMENT**

Dancin' in the Street      Dancin' in the Street.

Made by Horvath, seconded by Rogers.

**MOTION:**      **TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONDITIONAL APPROVAL LETTER**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Paid Parking on First Street      Paid Parking on First Street Discussion. Mayor Bylund stated she wanted to address this topic in terms of feedback because she has a concern spending City resources on this issue if it is something that is not going to pass in the long term. She reported based on responses she received she feels like people are against paid parking on First Street.

Councilor Horvath stated his concern is if we start charging for parking, it would start pushing people down the smaller streets. That would change to dynamic in those neighborhoods.

Councilor Rogers commented that people that live there don't want it. It could possibly be revisited with the opening of restaurants but the feedback he received made it abundantly clear that residents do not want paid parking there.

Vice Mayor Livingston agreed with what has been stated. She has received nothing but feedback against it. She echoed Councilor Horvath's point that it would keep pushing and pushing on other streets. It takes away from Neptune Beach being a residential family community and she is against it.

Councilor Messinger reported he had called some of the people who sent emails and the negative feedback is based on misinformation. People thought his was a done deal and would be charged. Some people thought it was a socioeconomic issue trying to prevent certain individuals from coming into our community. There would be a mechanism for guests to park for free. Residents who have already registered would continue to park for free. The issue is over the last few years, the amount of people circling the neighborhood illegally parking on the side streets has increased. Neptune Beach is the free parking between Atlantic Beach and Jacksonville Beach. As Jacksonville is building thousands of new apartments and condos, those people are going to be coming to the beach. How do we retain Neptune Beach's character east of Third Street? Time can be spent crafting something that allows guests to park for free that is not overly burdensome or expensive, so people continue to come.

Mayor Bylund expressed that it looked like 20% of Council is in favor at this point. She does not mind continuing to have a discussion and to develop this issue.

City Manager Richard Pike stated that if there is no possibility of any forward motion at this time, he would not want to burden staff to put the time and effort into this issue.

Mayor Bylund added she wanted to hear from people who lived east of Third Street. She reported that less than 30% of the people are in favor of moving this forward. She also checked with the Police Chief and there were 518 parking citations last year on First Street. She would be a "no" on paid parking on First Street.

Mayor Bylund expressed that that consensus is to not move forward with paid parking on First Street at this time. This would not prevent it from coming up at a future workshop.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

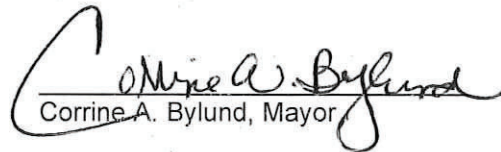
Council  
Comments

Mayor Bylund reminded everyone of upcoming events: Manatee 5k on April 25 followed by the Larry Hobbs Lifeguard dedication. The Opening of the Beaches parade would be on Sunday, April 26.

Councilor Rogers gave a brief update on the city property valuations and there would be discussion at the May 4, 2026, Council meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

  
Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Catherine Ponson, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved: 05-04-2024



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Call to  
Order/Roll  
Call/Pledge

Mayor Bylund called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Public  
Comments


Mayor Bylund asked for public comments. There were no requests to speak during the Town Hall meeting.

Mayor Bylund requested Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun address Jim Anderson's comments from the Workshop meeting, including irrigation meters, incentives and long-term plans for drainage.

Mr. Calhoun advised that the City could implement irrigation meters with the understanding that added infrastructure and maintenance in upcoming rate study. Staff is working on a multi-year stormwater/CIP (Capital Improvements Plan) and reminded Council upsizing under Third Street must occur first to enable later drainage projects east of Third Street. The CIP timeline will present those staged priorities.

Adjournment

The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

  
Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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