



MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026, 4:30 P.M.
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266

Pursuant to proper notice, a Budget Workshop of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 4:30 p.m, at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Cori Bylund
 Vice Mayor Nia Livingston
 Councilor Tim Horvath
 Councilor Josh Messinger (at 4:45)
 Councilor Brent Rogers

STAFF:

City Manager Richard Pike
 City Attorney Paul Waters
 Chief of Police Michael Key
 Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
 Senior Accountant Michael Owens
 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 Budget Workshop meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

City Manager

City Manager Richard Pike introduced the first draft of the proposed FY27 budget and provided an overview of the budgetary framework and fund structure, followed by a budget summary. He advised the Millage Rate would remain the same at 3.3656, and there were no personnel increases or Capital Improvement Projects proposed.

Finance

City Manager Pike made a presentation in place of Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez. He reviewed the City Council City Manager's office, and Legal Department budgets.

City Clerk/
 Human Resources

City Clerk Catherine Ponson presented the Clerk's FY27 Budget. She stated the only change was to shift the Social Media position to the City Clerk's budget. This position will be broken out individually in the next draft of the budget at Commission request.

Community
 Development

Community Development Director Heather Whitmore presented the Community Development Department budget. She explained the services and areas covered, as well as staffing, five of whom are contracted. She highlighted that the City had raised its ISO rating and reviewed major initiatives planned. She discussed projected revenue growth and the Enterprise Fund.

Police Department

Chief of Police Michael Key provided a brief overview of the budget process and presented the Police Department budget, advising there were no new requests. He requested that two

vehicles be purchased in FY27 using residual FY26 funds and discussed grant administration and reimbursements, as well as obligations under collective bargaining.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Bylund adjourned the Budget Workshop at 5:12 p.m.


Corrine A. Bylund, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: 08/03/2026

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