



MINUTES SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020, AT 10:00 A.M.

Pursuant to proper notice a Special City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Monday, August 31, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., by Communications Media Technology, pursuant to Governor Executive Order Number 20-69, issued on March 20, 2020, as extended by Executive Order Number 20-112, 20-123, 20-139, 20-150, 20-179 and 20-193.

Attendance

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Elaine Brown
Vice Mayor Fred Jones
Councilor Kerry Chin
Councilor Josh Messinger
Councilor Scott Wiley

STAFF:

City Manager Stefen Wynn
City Attorney Zachary Roth
Chief of Police Richard Pike
Chief Financial Officer Carl LaFleur
Public Works Director Leon Smith
Community Development Director Kristina Wright
Senior Center Director Leslie Lyne
Grants and Resiliency Coordinator Colin Moore
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Order Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Councilor Chin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

City Manager Stefen Wynn read into the record an email submitted by Chuck McCue, 1908 3rd Street, Neptune Beach: " This past weekend please saw yet another vehicle crash into the entertainment area known as "The Corner". A vehicle entered the eastern end of Atlantic Blvd and crashed into several cars and came to a stop near Hawkers. I have been worried and out this failing intersection for years. We have seen many high speed crashes into this highly populated area. We have been extremely lucky not to have mass injuries or worse. I think our luck is running out and need to take immediate action to prevent further incidents. I strongly believe a roundabout with a center island would restrict the straight shot into "The Corner" where there are a lot of pedestrians that could be injured. Until the roundabout is built I feel we need a temporary chicane or other solution to reduce speed of out of control vehicles from entering this end of Atlantic Blvd. I truly hope the city takes immediate action to prevent a highly likely tragedy in the future. "

Res. No. 2020-05, Joint Resolution

Resolution No. 2020-05, A Resolution of the Cities of Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach Requesting the City of Jacksonville to Plan and Design Complete Streets Improvements to Penman Road to Address Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety, Vehicle Turning Movements at Vehicle/Pedestrian Conflict Points, Drainage, and Aesthetics.

Mayor Brown explained this a joint resolution with the City of Jacksonville Beach requesting the City of Jacksonville (COJ) retain the monies that had been allocated for Penman Road improvements.

Vice Mayor Fred Jones stated that this is continuing the momentum for the Complete Streets Project. The City adopted a Complete Streets Resolution in September, 2018. This authorized the City to begin looking at complete streets. In the next month, COJ will begin scoring the proposals received for the planning of Penman Road, which will be from Atlantic Boulevard to Beach Boulevard. The Finance Committee of the COJ authorized \$500,000 for preliminary engineering and design. This will provide some consensus for further funding.

Councilor Wiley questioned what the improvements on Penman Road included for Neptune Beach.

Vice Mayor Jones answered that as COJ goes through the process, there will be thorough comprehensive planning study that will look at drainage, sidewalks and will take in all of the community feedback to land on what it is they will spend their effort doing.

Vice Mayor Jones confirmed Councilor Wiley's inquiry that by approving this resolution, the City is asking that the funding be put in place for the planning process and is not endorsing any of the plans that have been presented. This is keeping Penman Road on the funding radar screen for COJ. Jacksonville Beach is going to pass the same resolution.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Chin.

MOTION: **TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIES OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH AND NEPTUNE BEACH REQUESTING THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TO PLAN AND DESIGN COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENTS TO PENMAN ROAD**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5- Chin, Messinger, Wiley, Jones, and Brown.
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Request for
Tennis Classes

Request for Tennis Classes at Jarboe Park by Beaches Chapel. Mayor Brown explained that Beaches Chapel is requesting to conduct tennis classes at Jarboe Park. The classes would be held on Fridays beginning on September 11 through October 16.

Councilor Chin asked about the different times stated in the email and in the flyer for the classes.

Edi Wohlgemuth, with Beaches Chapel, stated that the times had changed due to teacher on-line training and early release.

Councilor Messinger asked if there would be signs put up for reserving the space and would there be a fee.

Mr. Wynn remarked that there was no mechanism in place to provide for the collection of any rent for the exclusive use of park facilities other than Neptune House. This is the reason it is being brought to Council. He added he is recommending to not charge a rental fee.

Mayor Brown reported that the Beaches Chapel will be including the City in their insurance and holding the City harmless which is a requirement.

Councilor Wiley asked Ms. Wohlgemuth how many times this has been done. Ms. Wohlgemuth stated that this is the first time it has ever been done through Council. She added that there has never been an issue with people wanting to use the park, particularly for pickleball.

Mr. Wynn commented that he recommends approval for this program as it could be the springboard the City into offering more programming at the park.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Jones.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM BEACHES CHAPEL
FOR TENNIS CLASSES AT JARBOE PARK**

Roll Call Vote:

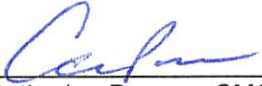
Ayes: 5- Messinger, Wiley, Chin, Jones, and Brown.

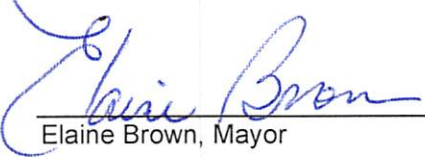
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

There being no further business, the special meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk


Elaine Brown, Mayor

Approved: 9-8-2020