



## Transportation / Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m.  
City Hall, Council Chambers  
116 First Street, Neptune Beach, FL 32266

### Summary/Recap

#### **Members In Attendance:**

Vice Mayor Feed Jones, Chairman  
Councilor Josh Messinger  
Mayor Elaine Brown

#### **Staff In Attendance:**

Andy Hyatt, City Manager  
Amanda Askew, Deputy City Manager  
Peter Kajokas, Chief Financial Officer  
Richard Pike, Chief of Police  
Leon Smith, Public Works Director  
Megan George, Deputy Public Works Director  
Catherine Ponson, City Clerk

Also present was Mark Rimmer, Parking Consultant  
Chairman Jones called the meeting to order 8:30 a.m.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Complete Streets/Active Transportation Implementation-Sidewalk CIP**

Chairman Jones stated that he would like to have a workshop devoted to this issue. The workshop would identify some of the projects to look at for the next year. He reported that Neptune Beach had been selected as having one of the top ten Complete Streets Policies in the country. He continued that we are a small community with limited resources whose methodology could be applied to other small communities. This would also apply when developing the overall sidewalk/complete streets plan /Capital Improvements Project(CIP) list.

Deputy City Manager Amanda Askew stated that City staff had begun to prioritize those areas and would bring those recommendations to that workshop. Those areas that would be in the five-year CIP include the missing link on Florida Boulevard from Camellia Terrace to 5<sup>th</sup> Street to complete the East Coast Greenway, 5<sup>th</sup> Street from South Street to Seagate Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Florida Boulevard to Seagate Avenue, all of Penman Road, and Seagate Avenue from Penman Road to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. There are also various gaps east of Third Street that need filling in.

Vice Mayor Jones stated the importance of having a plan of action. He also mentioned he had reached out to a concurrency expert who could come and advise the City.

Councilor Messinger commented that there should be a policy in place regarding sidewalks when new construction or renovations are being made. He also suggested reaching out to our school board representative to possibly partner with and incorporate the City's transportation and path systems projects into the school's Capital Improvements Plan.

Vice Mayor Jones remarked that the next committee meeting would focus on the sidewalk and complete streets CIP.

#### Pay for Parking

Parking Consultant Mark Rimmer reported that the parking program is beyond the conceptual stage. He added that the rate structure has been finalized. There was a merchants meeting. The discussion included grace periods, validations, and signage were discussed. The first 30 minutes would be free. He is working with the Baptist Church on a master plan to reconfigure their lots. There would be three core employees that would be the managers and there would be eight to ten part-time employees. The agreement with Atlantic Beach has been reviewed by both cities. There would be weekly updates with both City Managers during the first year. The employee parking is an agency program and he would assist with the enforcement and management. Parkeon is finalizing the signage and instructional videos. There will be information on the City website for the public.

Councilor Messinger expressed the importance of social media for notifying the public regarding the new parking program. He also pointed out it would be important to work with the landscape company in the Beaches Town Center while determining the site selection of the kiosks as the landscape company is planning a major improvement after Dancin' in the Streets which is Saturday, May 18, 2019.

Ms. Askew stated that the parking ordinance could be fast-tracked in order to expedite the soft rollout and the parking program be up and running for July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Brown commented that the most important thing is less signage for the free 30-minute time span.

Vice Mayor Jones advised to review the parking ordinance in order to have it ready for the Council workshop on May 20. It would then have the first reading at a special meeting following the workshop and then adopted at the June 3, 2019, Regular Council meeting.

Mr. Rimmer explained that at the soft launch means that the equipment is in place and the ambassadors are present to answer any questions. There would also be notifications saying when the fee for parking actually begins. It also gives an opportunity to make any adjustments before the actual launch date.

#### Public Comments

Aaron Evens, 109 Azalea Place, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding traffic calming measures on First Street and replacing of some of the palm trees.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.