



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

Pursuant to proper notice a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held Monday, July 1, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE:

STAFF:

Mayor Elaine Brown
Vice Mayor Fred Jones
Councilor Kerry Chin
Councilor Scott Wiley
Councilor Josh Messinger
Interim City Manager/ Public Works Dir.
Leon Smith

Director of Finance Peter Kajokas
Commander Gary Snyder
Deputy Public Works Director Megan George
Piper Turner, Code Compliance Supervisor

Also present, Zachary R. Roth, Ansbacher
Law

**Call to Order
/Pledge**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order asked Vice Mayor Jones to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS / PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION OF GUESTS / NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Made by Messinger, seconded by Wiley.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 29, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 3, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 17, 2019 WORKSHOP AND THE JUNE 17, 2019 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AS SUBMITTED.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Smith reported the following:

- City Hall and Public Works will be closed for the July 4th holiday.
- The traffic counter is here and is being tested.
- The DOT project is on schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diana Kelly, 208 Walnut Street, Neptune Beach, spoke on the parking meters. She stated she had concerns. Some spots have not been addressed, especially the one adjacent to City Hall. She questioned how the roll out work would work. The church parking lot is going to be chained off. Where are the employees going to park? She felt the City is not charging enough. All day long would be about \$15, and the fee needs to be reconsidered. The south side of Orange Street is residential zoning, not commercial. She requested to keep the cars from creeping in to the residential areas.

Linda Padra, 1113 First Street, Neptune Beach, addressed code enforcement. Trash cans are left out 24-7. She questioned if code enforcement is reactive or proactive. The house being built in the 600 block of First Street as a third story, and stated that someone needs to explain how this is possible. A complaint about a neighbor adding concrete to their bricks was made and no one has addressed it.

CONSENT AGENDA / NONE**VARIANCES / SPECIAL EXCEPTION / DEVELOPMENT ORDERS****ORDINANCES**

Ord. 2019-06
Police Officer's
Retirement
System

Ordinance No. 2019-06, Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-348, Second Read and Public Hearing, An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Employee Benefits, Division 4, Police Officers' Retirement System of the Code Of Ordinances of the City of Neptune Beach; Amending Section 2-348, Finances and Fund Management; Expanding Prudent Investment Mandates; Providing For Codification; Providing for Severability of Provisions; Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith and Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Made by Wiley, seconded by Jones.

MOTION: TO PASS ORDINANCE 2016-06 ON SECOND READ.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5—Chin, Messinger, Wiley, Jones, Brown
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. 2019-07
Controlled &
Metered Parking

Ordinance No. 2019-07, Chapter 22, Article IV, Section 22-44—22-56, Second Read and Public Hearing, An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 22, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, by Adding a New Article IV, Sections 22-44—22-56, Controlled and Metered Parking, and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Council Discussion:

Mayor Brown reminded everyone that this is a pilot program and could be changed.

Councilor Chin stated there were 3 minor typos.

- 1) Section 22-45 first line strikethrough "at the direction of the City Manager"
- 2) Section 22-47(b) at the end of the paragraph add "22-51."
- 3) Section 22-49(b) strikethrough the word "commission" and replace with "Council".

Councilor Wiley stated he had questions that need to be answered.

- 1) How many spaces do we have?
- 2) What is the rate going to be for Neptune and Atlantic Beach citizens?
- 3) In section 22-51 under rates, it says the City Manager is authorized to modify rates. Why doesn't say that City Council has the final say?

Mayor asked Mr. Rimmer to address the council. Mr. Rimmer stated there are 165 spaces and that 39 of those are on Second Street between Atlantic Blvd. and Cherry Street. During the pilot program, the two City Managers can meet to adjust the rates. The rate flexibility is built in. The first 30 minutes is free, after that everyone pays. South of Cherry Street will be free parking.

Made by Chin, seconded by Messinger.

MOTION: TO PASS ORDINANCE 2019-07, AS AMENDED.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Chin, Messinger, Jones, Brown
Noes: 1- Wiley

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

City Attorney
Contract

Attorney Michael Abel structured the City Attorney's contract and both parties should benefit from it. Zachary Roth of Ansbacher Law Firm was present and stated he is looking forward to working with the City. They would be opening a new office at the Beach in the next two weeks.

Made by Messinger, seconded by Wiley.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH ANSBACHER LAW FIRM.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

City Manager
Interview Questions
and Format

Jim Hanson and George Forbes with FCCMA Senior Advisors addressed the Council. They will be posting the announcement for the City Manager position and will go out to about 10,000 people. The information will also go on the City's website. The website posting will give an applicant more information about the City itself and what the job entails. They are asking Council to give them permission to work with the Mayor, acting City Manager and City Clerk in preparing interview questions and format. They will sort through the applications and rate the applicants. Mr. Hanson suggested that the Council do the interviews as a whole rather than individually. The timeline is 45 days for the applications to be out on the streets. The announcement will be done right away.

The Mayor asked for a show of hands who agreed with having staff working with Mr. Hanson and Mr. Forbes. Everyone raised their hands in agreement.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Jones stated the planner labor market is very tight right now. He has reached out to people he knows in that field and with their feedback. He suggested increasing the salary and changing the job title to Community Development Director.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Attest:


Catherine Ponson, City Clerk


Elaine Brown, Mayor

Approved:

8/5/19

