



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022, 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 on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

Attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Elaine Brown
 Vice Mayor Kerry Chin
 Councilor Lauren Key
 Councilor Nia Livingston
 Councilor Josh Messinger

STAFF:

City Manager Stefen Wynn
 City Attorney Zachary Roth
 Police Chief Richard Pike
 Senior Activity Center Director Leslie Lyne
 Community Development Director Samantha Brisolara
 Chief Financial Officer Danielle Dyer-Tyler
 Grant and Resiliency Coordinator Colin Moore
 Mobility Management Director Megan Steward
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to Order/Roll
 Call/Pledge**

Mayor Brown called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Vice Mayor Chin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Ord. No. 2022-03,
 LDC Revisions**

Ordinance No. 2022-03, First Read And Public Hearing. An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida Amending and Revising Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages; Chapter 8, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article VII, Coastal Construction Code; Chapter 17, Sales; Chapter 18, Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places; of the Code of Ordinances and Further Amending and Revising Chapter 27, Unified Land Development Regulations; Revising the Following Articles: Article I , In General, Article II Administrative and Enforcement Bodies, Article III, Administrative And Enforcement Procedures, Article IV, Land Use, Article V, Accessory Structures and Uses, Article VI, Concurrence, Article VII, Protection of Potable Well Fields, Article IX, Tree Protection and Landscaping, Article X, Streets, Sidewalks, and Rights-of-Way, Article XII, Stormwater and Erosion Control, Article XII, Off-Street Parking and Loading, Article XV, Advertising, and Article XVII, Nonconforming Lots, Structures, Uses and Signs; Providing Severability; Providing for Repeal of Laws In Conflict; and Providing for an Effective Date.

Mayor Brown thanked everyone and City staff who have been participating in this process. She has appreciated meeting with people and getting suggestions as we go move through this. She appreciates that the meetings have been productive.

Mayor Brown recommended that Council defer Ordinance No. 2022-03. She opened Council discussion and asked for a motion.

Vice Mayor Chin thanked City staff for their efforts and fortitude throughout this lengthy process. He thanked the Community Development Board and each department head as both have weighed in at various points along the way.

Vice Mayor Chin wanted to especially thank our new Community Development Director Samantha Brisolara for spending countless hours as well as long nights and weekends corralling all of the different feedback into one coherent document. He is sure it is like herding cats. He stated this because the level of criticism being leveled at her is unfair and undeserved. He thinks it needs to stop. He remarked that she's doing what she's supposed to do, giving us the benefit of her subject matter expertise. It's the Council's job, then, to evaluate everything, all the data that's coming into us, then set the policy goals that will ensure that we can be a vibrant and independent community.

Vice Mayor Chin communicated that we have before us the proposed changes to the Land Development Code. There are many substantial updates that will impact our community for years to come. There have been many valuable insights provided by numerous stakeholders, including Mr. David Blais. He thanked Mr. Blais for his contributions. He feels that to do justice to the time and effort we have all spent putting this together, there should be a meeting scheduled to review and discuss these updates again before moving to a vote. He concurs with the Mayor on the deferral of the ordinance.

Councilor Livingston echoed what Vice Mayor Chin stated. She spoke regarding Ms. Brisolara that this is her job, but she has so much heart and dedication for it and works so many hours outside of the normal business hours. She thinks that we need to show how much she appreciates Ms. Brisolara.

Councilor Livingston continued that Ms. Brisolara answers the phone anytime. Ms. Brisolara tries to answer as many questions as she can with as much detail as she can. That is on top of doing everything else that she does. Ms. Brisolara makes sure all of the input gets put into the draft. We appreciate her and all of the different departments.

Made by Chin, seconded by Key, Livingston and Messinger.

MOTION: **TO DEFER ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 PENDING A JUNE 29TH SPECIAL MEETING**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5-Key, Livingston, Messinger, Chin and Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Brown announced that the workshop would begin that means if you had signed up and wanted to speak, especially on the public hearing portion, we will have that as soon as we open the workshop meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved:

07/05/2022





**MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022, 6:06 P.M.
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266**

Pursuant to proper notice, a Workshop City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:06 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida, 32266

Attendance**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Elaine Brown
Vice Mayor Kerry Chin
Councilor Lauren Key (*absent*)
Councilor Nia Livingston
Councilor Josh Messinger (*absent*)

STAFF:

City Manager Stefen Wynn
City Attorney Zachary Roth
Police Chief Richard Pike
Public Works Director Jim French
Senior Activity Center Director Leslie Lyne
Community Development Director Samantha Brisolara
Grant and Resiliency Coordinator Colin Moore
Mobility Management Director Megan Steward
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to
Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Brown called the workshop meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS / GUESTS / NONE**DEPARTMENTAL SCORE CARD****Dept. Score
Card**

City Manager Stefen Wynn presented the Departmental Score Card.

Mr. Wynn reported that all of the City Departments, including the City Manager, are working on projects including FOP negotiations, WastePro issues, the Personnel Policy, the new ERP system and the Emergency Comprehensive Management Plan.

The Departmental Score Cards and reports are posted on the City website at: <https://www.ci.neptune-beach.fl.us/city-manager/pages/city-manager-reportsdepartmental-score-cards>.

Mr. Wynn announced he had recently received the Home Rule Hero Award from the Florida League of Cities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

**Councilor Key
Comments**

Councilor Key stated that she had been out on maternity leave, taking time to care for herself and her newborn. She added that the City has a new CFO and we will be moving forward with Finance Committee meetings in July.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Brown asked City Attorney Zachary Roth to read the Rules of Decorum by the Public.

Mr. Roth stated that the rules are from Section 2-39 of the Code of Ordinances. He read as follows:

“ Any person who makes personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the council shall be forthwith barred by the presiding officer from further audience before the council, unless permission to continue is granted by a majority vote of the council.”

Public Comment

Sharon Jachem, 1716 Strand Street, Neptune Beach, stated she does not understand why we are going through this again. We seem to be in a constant loop with residents opposing proposals that will damage their residential towns. She said that the codes are poorly written that she can see holes and investors will see them as well.

Leslie Lyne, 501 Hopkins Street, Neptune Beach, remarked that she has called Neptune Beach her home for 40 years. She commented that the City has experienced an influx of families who love living here. The walkability, bike paths, and the oceanfront make Neptune Beach unique and wonderful. She stated that we must keep moving into the future with new ideas and concepts. For our City to exist in the future, we must be willing to change and adapt. Change is always difficult, but need not be painful, rude or disruptive.

Penny Kennedy, 2010 Acacia Road, Neptune Beach, thanked Council for postponing the vote. She stated that Council does not seem to be representing us. She asked Council explain their desires for the City. She wants answers in writing. She added that she is shocked at the power Council holds over the purse strings of Neptune Beach and the planning.

Christine Burke, 113 Walnut Street, Neptune Beach, commended Council for listening to the residents and holding out the vote. She stated that she believes we all want what's best or Neptune Beach. She commented that if we can distill it down to what the big issues are of people. There are opportunities to bring in revenue for our community without really impacting the residents on Third Street.

Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, stated she does not appreciate being silenced. She stated that what is happening to Ms. Brisolara is not her fault. It's the people who wrote the plan without her input. We are all imperfect It is our First Amendment right and don't try to make us feel guilty about it. She concluded by stating that Ms. Brisolara would still keep getting it because they are fighting for something we love very much, and that's our City.

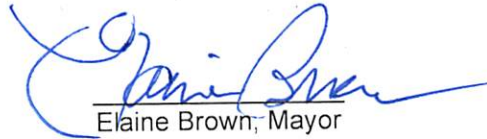
David Blais, 800 1st Street, Neptune Beach, thanked Council for what they do and he knows it is not an easy job. He respects the fact that they have volunteered to do this and get to make the final decision. He appreciates the ability to thanked them for being able to stand up here and giving his input. He added that we do need progress. Mr. Blais commented that he is not one to say that we shouldn't change anything about Neptune Beach. That is going to

mean some things that maybe he doesn't particularly like but need to happen in order to continue to make this a viable and vibrant city. He hopes we can continue to discuss. He thinks we need to worry more about the impact of that things have versus how they look. He hopes we can continue to discuss this and refine the document. He thinks we are going to end up somewhere where not everyone is going to be happy, but at least will feel like Council listened and took everything into account and made the best decision that can be made./

Shellie Thole, 124 Margaret Street, Neptune Beach, stated she was excited when she was at the CDB meeting as they had an understanding of what the residents want. She hopes that Council will respect these recommendations. She also hopes that the reason for tabling the vote is to change the last elephant in the room and remove the PUD being added to the C-1 zoning district.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Workshop meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____

07/05/2022

