



City of Rockaway Beach

City Council Workshop Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Time: 4:30 P.M.
Location: Rockaway Beach City Hall, 276 HWY 101 – 2nd Floor Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McNeilly called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Start time: 4:30 p.m.

Mayor - Charles McNeilly: Present
Council Position 1 - Mary McGinnis: Present
Council President - Penny Cheek: Present
Council Position 2 - Tom Martine: Present
Council Position 3 - Kristine Hayes: Present
Council Position 4 - Alesia Franken: Present

Staff Present: Luke Shepard, City Manager; Melissa Thompson, City Recorder; and Dan Emerson, Public Works Superintendent

3. COUNCIL BRIEFING/DISCUSSION

a. Community Grant Continued Application Review

Start time: 4:58 p.m.

Don Backman, Neal Lemery, and Cosmo Jones, representing Rockaway Writers Rendezvous, joined the Council to discuss their Community Grant Application. Backman shared that their goal was to raise money for the Neah-Kah-Nie School District scholarship fund to support and encourage creative writing. He explained that grant funds would be used in part to produce an anthology including student's work, and provide students with a free copy. Backman and Lemery answered clarifying questions for the Council. After brief discussion, there was Council consensus to bring the grant application forward for consideration at the regular Council meeting.

b. High-Ground Disaster Resiliency & Response Project

Start time: 4:02 p.m.

Thomas (TJ) Fiorelli, Fiorelli Consulting, introduced himself and his business partner, Sophia Fiorelli. Fiorelli gave a presentation on the High-Ground Disaster Resiliency & Response Project. He answered clarifying questions for the Council. McNeilly and Hayes noted the importance of community engagement. Martine commented on desired services and facilities to be included. Fiorelli confirmed that staff, the Council, and the public would be consulted to understand what was needed. Shepard noted that much of the work Fiorelli would be doing would be funded by grants.

c. July 4th Drone Show – Q&A

Start time: 5:10 p.m.

Shepard referred to materials in the Council packet from two drone show companies. He noted that drone show companies don't like to fly in the rain, there is a 25-mile-per-hour wind limitation, and shows are best viewed from 1,000-3,000 feet away. There were comments that the drone shows seemed corporate-focused, concern that the public wouldn't like a drone show and prefers fireworks, and concerns regarding the drone show design process.

After discussion, there was consensus not to pursue a drone show for July 4th, to move forward with a fireworks show for July 4th, and to address concerns regarding removal of fireworks debris and illegal fireworks. There was desire expressed to have further discussion and a Council workshop and public meeting regarding fireworks and July 4th.

d. Watershed Protection Update and Planning

Start time: 5:22 p.m.

McNeilly shared that he would be asking the Council to establish a sourcewater protection advisory committee to advise the City Council during the creation of the sourcewater protection plan and serve as a bridge between the community and the City Council. He explained that the Council would receive a draft Resolution at the December meeting. McNeilly answered clarifying questions for the Council. McGinnis suggested that the committee represent a broad spectrum within the community. McNeilly concurred to the extent that applications received made it possible. Hayes suggested expanding the committee to include wetlands and waterways. McNeilly acknowledged the importance of wetlands and waterways, but wanted the committee to be focused on the sourcewater protection plan. He suggested Hayes draft a separate committee proposal for consideration. McGinnis acknowledged the additional workload a committee would create for staff.

e. Council Visioning Session – Update/Scheduling

Start time: 5:27 p.m.

Shepard suggested that for the Council to be most effective, that the Council establish a vision and goals so that staff can create a strategic plan to accomplish those goals. Shepard proposed getting proposals to bring in facilitator to assist with the process. It was noted that public input would be part of the process. There were Council comments in support of Shepard's suggestion. After brief discussion there was consensus to have Shepard move forward with obtaining proposals.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Start time: 5:35 p.m.

Martine made a **motion**, seconded by Franken, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

The **motion carried** by the following vote:

Council Position 2 - Tom Martine: Motion

Council Position 4 - Alesia Franken: 2nd

Council Position 1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve

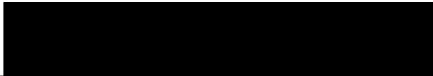
Council President - Penny Cheek: Approve
Council Position 2 - Tom Martine: Approve
Council Position 3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve
Council Position 4 - Alesia Franken: Approve

MINUTES APPROVED THIS
13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023



Charles McNeilly, Mayor

ATTEST



Melissa Thompson, City Recorder