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**Special Meeting Council Room Borough of Neptune City  
May 4, 2020**

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The Regular Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Wardell at 6:00p.m.

Borough Clerk Brown took roll call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas and Mayor Wardell

ABSENT:

Mayor Wardell announced that the Notice Requirements of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 have been satisfied by the publication of said notice in the Asbury Park Press, and the Coaster and by filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS**

NONE

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT: NONE**

**PRESENTATIONS – NONE**

**IN MAYORS AND COUNCIL REPORTS - NONE**

**MAYORS REPORT-**

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE- Brian Thomas**

**PUBLIC WORKS- Brian Sullivan**

**LAW & ORDINANCE – Dave Calhoun**

**ADMINISTRATION & JUSTICE-Danielle Pappas**

**SPECIAL SERVICES-Pamela Renee**

**HUMAN SERVICES- Glen Kocsis**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) -**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 20-83 Approving an extension to the grace period for second quarter taxes**

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

C/Renee offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by C/Thomas

Mayor Wardell thanked Administrator Cherbini, CFO Bill Antonides and Tax Collector Al Jardine and the Finance Committee members Thomas and Pappas for working out the logistics to make this resolution happen and he thanked the current members of council for coming to the virtual meeting tonight to pass the resolution.

The possibility was proposed a while ago and when it was first proposed we started working on it. When failed in the senate we thought it was over with. Then the Governor on April 28 left it up to the municipalities to make the decision for an extension. It's a great idea and wished we had more time to pull it together. It is a great testament to the great job Neptune City does.

**RESOLUTION 2020-83**

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR  
SECOND QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, second quarter taxes are due May 1, 2020 with the ten (10) day grace period falling on a Sunday, interest would begin accruing on payments made after May 11, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, because of the financial hardship of some taxpayers caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Governor has signed Executive Order 130 allowing municipalities to extend the grace period to no later than June 1, 2020, by Resolution of the Governing Body, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council would like to grant an extension of the grace period to June 1, 2020 (Interest for taxes paid after the June 1, 2020 for second quarter reverts back to May 1, 2020 for interest calculation) to the property owners of the Borough of Neptune City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City that the Tax Collector be authorized to grant this extension of the grace period to June 1, 2020. (Interest for taxes paid after the June 1, 2020 for second quarter reverts back to May 1, 2020 for interest calculation)

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

Aye: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Mayor Wardell thanked the governing body again for passing the resolution for the residents. What the public doesn't realize is only a fraction of the taxes collected go to the municipality. We are the collector of taxes for the county and the state. We had reach out to several entities to be able to make this happen. He mentioned he is glad we can do this for our residents and also happy to help within anything we can do.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

C/Renee thanked Administrator Cherbini, Tax Collector Jardine, CFO Antondies and the Governor for passing this although it was last minute. She also thanked former councilmembers and also former Borough Administrator for their previous financial decisions. This is a team effort. She mentions that the extra time will help small business owners.

M/Wardell mentioned that the fiscal planning goes back a very long time and we can thank so many, but he would like to thank Mayor Brown as he was one of the more fiscally sound leaders, we have had in Neptune City. A lot of the things he did in his tenure allowed us to get on the right tract and allow Mayor Wardell to assume a Borough that is fiscally very sound which makes his job much easier and thanked Mayor Brown again.

#### **ADJOURN 6:10 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by C/Calhoun. Seconded by C/Kocsis.

Voice Vote - AYES: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas

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Mayor Andrew Wardell

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Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk

