



**Minutes**  
**Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 23, 2015**



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, 125 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

**Members Present:** Mayor A. B. Cooper, III; Mayor Pro Tem Danny Navey; Councilmembers: Harry Archer, Ann Batt, Eddie Briley and John Rivers

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** David Walker, Town Manager; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Marc Schulze, Public Works Director; Sabrina Simpson, Administrative Services Director; Claude Andrews, Departmental Chaplain

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Claude Andrews, Departmental Chaplain, gave the Invocation. Mayor Cooper led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDAS**

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to approve* the agenda as prepared. Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items listed below are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one introduction/motion/second/roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

1. Tax Collection Report
2. Tax Releases
3. Authorization to Advertise Tax Liens
4. Financial Report
5. Budget Transfers
6. Budget Amendments
7. Municipal Records Retention Schedule Amendment
8. Town Council Meeting Minutes: 1/22/2015, 1/22/2015 CS, 1/26/2015

Mayor Pro Tem Navey made a motion *to approve* the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Rivers. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

**(Clerk’s Note: a copy of Consent Agenda items are hereby attached and therefore made a part of these minutes.)**

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS**

No Comments.

**ACTION AGENDA**

**1. Public Forum Comment/Requests FY15-16 Budget**

Mayor Cooper reviewed some of the infrastructure plans discussed during the Council's recent retreat.

**Claude Andrews - 147 Hoop Pole Creek Drive**

- He is interested in seeing how the branding continues, fears we have lost some of the colors.

No other comments were received.

**2. Approval of Resolution 15-02-01: A Resolution Supporting the Existing School Calendar**

Mayor Cooper read the proposed resolution and provided statistics which prove the existing school calendar benefits tourism and the economy. The "Save Our Summers" campaign started several years ago as an effort to prevent the school year from starting early and negatively affecting summer tourism.

Councilmember Briley made a motion to approve Resolution 15-02-01: A Resolution Supporting the Existing School Calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

**3. Status Report of The Grove Project**

Mr. Bunn complimented Council on the progress with the bridge abutment, the Town Park, and tearing down the old Food Lion building. He has driven around and looked at the completed drainage project locations and is impressed with how successful they are. He is pleased to see plans for the Town Hall facilities progress. This Council is setting the stage for the future of Atlantic Beach and for those in the area to renew properties. He asked Council to consider pursuing the idea of sewer, not just in Atlantic Beach, but along the island especially for businesses.

Within the past year, he is most pleased with the amount of people that have been put back to work. His group has also been able to find uses for unusable land. They have upgraded some dilapidated buildings and expanded others. They have provided venues for two new restaurants. He feels they have provided the stage for 47% of the new structures in Town.

In the next year, they will build more homes, a new Tackle Box, reconstruct the old motel, and many more upgrades. He plans to start further promoting Atlantic Beach and Carteret County. There is a video called Experience the Coast that Mr. Bunn feels is very well done and highly promotes our area. He would like us to use it on our new website if we can. He has spoken with many potential investors and will continue to do so.

As for the inner Circle plans, there are discussions with design firms but he does not have firm plans or time frames yet.

Council agrees FMB has done a good job and feels the blighted area is now starting to come back. Council also thanked Mr. Bunn for the use of space for parking and the BMF Festival.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Review of proposed Beach Access at Dunes Avenue and to schedule for public comment at the March 23, 2015 Town Council meeting**

Mr. Walker explained we intend to apply for two CAMA grants, one for the Doubletree west end access to remove the existing structure and make it ADA accessible. The other is to install an ADA access at Dunes Ave to replace the sandy path. The public comment session is to officially seek comments on whether or not a structure at the Dunes Ave location is desired by the nearby residents or if they wish to leave it natural. A public hearing will still be held if it is decided to pursue the CAMA grant.

Councilmember Batt made a motion to call for public comment for the proposed beach access at Dunes Avenue at the March 23, 2015 Town Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Archer. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS**

No comments.

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:34 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the March 23, 2015 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

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TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

*[Signature]*  
A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk