



**Minutes**  
**Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, September 28, 2015**



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, September 28, 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; Adam Snyder, Fire Chief; Jessica Fiester, Planning Director; Donna Turner, Inspections Director; Marc Schulze, Public Works Director; Sabrina Simpson, Administrative Services Director

If a Councilmember wishes to revise the Agenda, a motion to add/delete/move an item will be entertained prior to the adoption of the Agenda.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cooper led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDAS**

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to approve* the agenda. 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. Tax Refunds
4. Financial Report
5. Budget Transfers
6. FY14-15 Final State Revenue Report
7. Budget Amendment
8. Approve appointment to Firefighters Relief Fund
9. Town Council Meeting Minutes: 8/24/2015

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

Mayor Cooper acknowledged Rich Johnson for his appointment on the Firefighter's Relief Fund and thanked him and all of the town citizens for their willingness to serve on our boards and committees.

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

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **a) Employee Recognitions**

Mr. Walker recognized Taft Cobbs for 31½ years of dedicated service with the Town. Last week he was recognized in Raleigh by the NC Water Works Association and was made a Lifetime Member of the association. Mr. Cobbs thanked Mr. Walker, the Town, the Lord and his wife. His wife, Shirley, was in attendance.

Mr. Walker recognized Inspections Director Donna Turner for her service with the Town. She will be retiring on April 15, 2016 with thirty years of service, fifteen of which were with the Town of Atlantic Beach. Mr. Walker provided Donna with a Gold Medal plaque from the NC Building Inspectors Association for Lifetime membership.

**b) Report on Summer Programs**

Mr. Walker proceeded with a report on the Summer Programs detailing the expenses and revenues.

<b>2015 Paid Parking Summary</b>			<b>Year-to-Date Citations (9/7/15)</b>		
Total Spaces:	471		<b>Total # of</b>	<b>Citations</b>	<b>892</b>
Parking Days:	99		Number of Citations	Paid	543
Transactions:	34,949		Percentage of Citations	Paid	61%
Revenue:	\$114,888		Number of Citations	Unpaid	349
\$/Space:	\$244		Percentage of Citations	Unpaid	39%
\$/Day:	\$1,160		<b>Total # of</b>	<b>Appeals</b>	<b>95</b>
Ave \$/Transaction:	\$3		Appeals	Accepted	54
Season Sticker Sales:	\$8,450		Appeals	Declined	47
Total Revenue:	\$123,338		Percentage of Citations	Appealed	11%
<b>2015 Police Part-time and Marine Patrol Hours Summary</b>			<b>2015 Lifeguard Season</b>		
(BMF (5/16/14) to Labor Day (9/6/15))			Number of Lifeguards hired: 14		
Total Part-time	2032.5 hours	\$31,441.50	Number of Lifeguards used per day: 4 (varies)		
Total Marine Patrol	950.5 hours	\$15,211.50	Expenses: \$40,345		
Total Patrol	1082 hours	\$16,230.00	May 15 – Sept 8 = 115 days		
			2015 Lifeguard Season = \$350/day		
<b>2015 Seaside Cinema Movies Summary</b>			<b>2015 Fireworks Displays</b>		
11 movies displayed at a cost of \$6,733.75 (includes license/setup/projector)			Memorial \$7,000		
Cost per movie = \$612.16			July 4 \$14,000		
<b>2015 Port-a-John Summary</b>					
8 potties at the Circle; 6 potties at the Town Park					
14 total portable potties ~ \$1592 per month					
June 1 – Sept 8 = 100 days					
TOTAL: \$6,039/100 days = \$60.39 per day					

**c) Review of Fall Programs**

- Light Up the Night Christmas Parade - Saturday, December 5
- Crystal Coast Countdown Bonfire - Wednesday, December 30
- Penguin Plunge - Friday, January 1

**d) Status Report of 2015 Council Goals**

Mr. Walker reviewed the completed goals and objectives set by Council at their retreat.

**e) Capital Projects Update**

Mr. Walker then reviewed the status of the pending capital projects: Bridge Abutment, Cedar/Bogue/Charlotte stormwater project, Well #2A Project Bid and SCADA Project bid.

Mayor Cooper elaborated on the pending stormwater projects listed on the enclosed budget amendment.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS**

**Joe Tarascio, 113 Hoop Pole Creek Drive**

Questioned Council to see if any of them are in favor of spending public money on private property. He asks because he heard a resident on the westend hinting that the town should help alleviate their drainage problems.

He also questioned how we can have someone that really doesn't live here be a potential candidate for office; they are stretching their legal residency. He is not saying taxpayers don't have rights.

**Vada Palma, 116 Island Quay Court**

She wants to thank each and every one of those on the Council for all they have done and for how well they work together. If she was to grade Council, she would give them an A+. She applauded the wonderful beach accesses, the Fire Department for the Junior Lifeguard Camp, which her grandson attended, and Public Works Department for the cleanup after events and keeping the beaches pristine.

**Ron Schrimper, non-resident but owns at 305 W. Atlantic Blvd.**

He and his wife have observed the new Charlotte Avenue beach access and its use and feels there is great need for updates at the Raleigh Avenue beach access also. His concern is that emergency and pedestrian vehicles both use this narrow access. Is there anything that can be done for safer pedestrian access? He has noticed vehicles over the summer coasting through the stop sign. This is a problem since it is a highly used walkway from the beach and he worries a child will be hit. Hopes in planning for future upgrades and grants, maybe something can be done at the Raleigh access.

Mayor Cooper stated that we would try to address this issue.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Rivers**

Would like to answer things Joe Tarascio mentioned regarding drainage on private property, the Town cannot do drainage work on private property, not that we don't want to help them.

**Councilmember Briley**

He encouraged people to visit and walk the Coastal Federation Clean Water Preserve across from the Town Park, beside Bojangles. He has seen coyote, fox, opossums, raccoon and ducks. The other day he saw a bobcat, which he feels will run from you, the yellow flies will not so pack your bug spray.

**Mayor Pro Tem Navey**

He has seen coyote tracks and joked that maybe the coyote and bobcats will take care of the nutria problem. He has learned a lot in the past two years serving on the Council and has gotten to know so many people. He thanks everyone for their support over the years.

**Councilmember Archer**

He stated the PARTF grants we applied for were done during a time that NC was limited in funding. The presentations were exceptional and far exceeded anything the selection committee had seen. This is only the beginning for the park and it is headed for bigger and better things. He understands the concerns brought up about the Raleigh Ave. beach access.

**Councilmember Batt**

She and Mr. Walker met with the NC Coastal Federation a few months ago to discuss having picnic tables and kayak launches added at the Clean Water Preserve trail site, they will follow-up on this progress. Also, thanked everyone for their positive comments. While they tend to get credit, just remember it is the staff that deserves the credit. It is wonderful to see all of those present and asked everyone to please continue to attend the meetings.

**Mayor Cooper**

Promoted several events coming up in October: Crystal Kai SUP event, October 10; Tuna Run 200 is coming October 23 and are expecting about 1200 runners; Southern Kingfish Association Nationals is coming back to the Crystal Coast at the end of October.

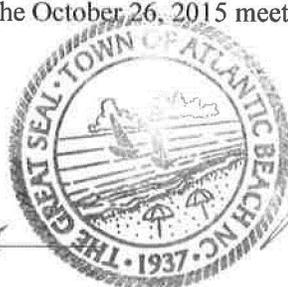
There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 7:07 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the October 26, 2015 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

(seal)

*Katrina Tyer*  
Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

*A. B. Cooper, III*  
A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor