



Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council – Work Session
Thursday, June 18, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.



A regularly scheduled work session of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 2:00 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; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Jessica Fiester, Planning Director; Sabrina Simpson, Administrative Service Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Adam Snyder, Fire Chief; Mike Simpson, Fire Marshal; Marc Schulze, Public Service Director; Arrington Moore, Intern; Planning Board Members: Rich Johnson, Curt Winbourne, and Neil Chamblee; Developers: Doug Brady, Jim Bailey, Mike Burton; Mike Shutak, Carteret News Times Reporter; Nathan George, citizen; Phil French, citizen

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Cooper, along with Council, offered condolences to Councilmember Rivers on the passing of his wife, Laverne.

1. FY15-16 Budget Review

David Walker, Town Manager, reviewed the proposed budget. Even though we are awaiting the state sales tax decision, we are presenting the same figures as we did two months ago. If Council doesn't have any changes today, the final budget ordinance will be on the May 22 agenda for approval.

2. Ratify the Discontinuance of Employee Spousal Medical Coverage availability effective July 1, 2015, grandfathering existing covered spouses

Mr. Walker reviewed the recent issue of the town offering spousal health insurance, it eliminates the option of spouses shopping for the reduced rate Affordable Care Insurance. The town would like to discontinue offering spousal insurance, with the exception of grandfathering in the current employee spouse covered.

Councilmember Briley called for a motion *to ratify* the Discontinuance of Employee Spousal Medical Coverage availability effective July 1, 2015, grandfathering existing covered spouses. Seconded by Councilmember Rivers. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

3. Review of Planning Board June 2, 2015 Recommendations: Multi-Family Text Amendments; Definition Amendments; Seaside Villas Major Site Plan

Jessica reviewed the Planning Board's proposed amendments to the definitions currently listed in the Appendix, amendments to 6.21 and reviewed setbacks.

Mayor Cooper explained everyone knew the UDO was a living document that was created to be changed as issues and projects came up.

No comments from Council on proposed text amendments

4. Public Comment

Mayor Cooper introduced Mr. Nathan George to the meeting and welcomed him to the table to speak with Council.

Mr. George addressed some of the issues he had with the UDO:

- The definitions were voted on separate vote.
- He understands the town can say it was done townwide, but the fact is it was done to accommodate this project.

Councilman Rivers stated the intent of the UDO was to evolve and change as needed, which was developed while he was on the Planning Board.

Attorney Taylor reminded Council when amending an ordinance to consider the entire town.

Public Comments on the Project:

Doug Brady spoke pointing out the setbacks on each side of the property. He appreciates the suggestion to close the southern exit on Pelican Drive and is willing to do so.

There was lengthy discussion between Mr. George and the developers regarding the corner setback of the unit at the east of Jungle Drive.

Jim Bailey discussed the proposed landscaping to improve and make this project look nice.

Jessica Fiester reviewed the project and advised Council of some of the things they can and should consider based on the Planning Board recommendations, such as removing one of the Pelican Drive exits, adding additional play equipment and additional landscaping.

Attorney Taylor stated revisions to the plan can continue under the continued public hearing as long as they do not interfere/contradict with any of the items originally under the TRC review. Changes to landscaping and closing the exit drive do not have to go back to the TRC and Planning Board. The project will have to go back to the TRC if buildings are moved or the fire code is affected.

Councilman Archer wants to see a landscaping design of landscaping screening on Pelican Drive for aesthetics and noise reduction. Mr. George suggested additional landscaping between all the single family homes. Mr. Bruton stated he felt the developers had the best interest of the public in mind with landscaping.

Mr. George further spoke on recreation requirements (equipment and sidewalks). He proposed some changes to building location and parking spaces. The fire department had several issues with his changes.

Mayor Cooper closed public comment at 3:15pm to control the meeting.

Jessica and Attorney Taylor are to work together on Article 6 UDO text amendments for Council to review on Monday.

5. Review of Posting "No Parking" Signs On Pelican Drive, Fairview Street, and Jungle Drive

Mr. Walker reviewed the proposed placement of the No Parking signs in the former Jungleland area. This item was brought to Council's attention last month. It was the consensus of Council to incorporate the additional signage in the area. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting for review.

Council further discussed suggestions to change the UDO Notification process. The intent is to give more notice to the public so they have the opportunity to speak, they can have input at the Planning Board meetings rather than waiting the public hearing at the Council meetings. Posting the property and mailing notices was discussed. Jessica will draft a proposed ordinance for review and possible approval.


6. Mayor/Council Comments and Advisory to Staff

None.

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 3:40 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the July 27, 2015 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

(seal)

Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



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A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor