



Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 19, 2016



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, December 19, 2016 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; Sabrina Simpson, Administrative Service Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Michelle Shreve, Planner; Marc Schulze, Public Service Director

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Financial Report
- b) Tax Collection Report
- c) Tax Releases
- d) 2017 Meeting Schedule Approval
- e) 2016 Progress Report of Pamlico Sound Hazard Mitigation Plan
- f) Budget Amendment: Receipt and Use of Grant Funds: Police Grant, CAMA Beach Access Grant, Dredging Grant
- g) Town Council Meeting Minutes: 11/17/2016WS and 11/28/2016

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

5. CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

None. It was pointed out that reporter Mike Shutak for Carteret News Times was not present.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Resolution 16-12-01: Resolution of Appreciation to Ray Langley

Mayor Cooper thanked Ray Langley for his service as Chairman to the Planning Board since February 20, 2007. Mr. Langley brought a construction background and a lot of knowledge with him. His time on the Board has been very active, especially with rewriting the UDO.

Council collectively agreed to support the resolution. There was not a vote.

b) Planning Board Appointment and Re-Appointments

Councilmember Briley made a motion *to re-appoint* Neil Chamblee and Llewellyn Ramsey to the Planning Board for the term of Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2019. Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote passed unanimously, 5-0.

Councilmember Briley made a motion *to nominate* Austin Waters and Rich Porter for the vacant Planning Board seat. Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

Council voted by paper ballot *to appoint* Rich Porter to fill Ray Langley's vacant seat for a term of Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2019. Vote was 3-2 with Councilmembers Archer, Batt and Rivers voting for Rich Porter and Briley and Navey voting for Austin Waters. Copies of the paper ballots, signed by each voting Councilmember, are a part of the meeting minutes.

Austin Waters and Rich Porter were present. Councilmembers Briley and Archer thanked both applicants.

c) Resolution 16-12-02: Setting a Public Hearing on Jan. 23, 2017 for Consideration on Implementing Staggered Terms for Councilmembers

Mayor Pro Tem Navey made a motion *to schedule* a public hearing on Consideration on Implementing Staggered Terms for the January 23, 2017 Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Rivers. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

d) Approval of Ten Year Town Park Branding Agreement with Minges Bottling Group/Pepsi: \$125,000.00

Mayor Cooper gave credit for this Agreement with Pepsi to former Councilmember Rick Poillon. Poillon was instrumental in the construction of the skate park and securing the donation from Pepsi. This is the biggest donation the Town has ever received. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Town will receive \$12,500 per year for a ten year period for a total of \$125,000.

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to approve* the Ten Year Town Park Branding Agreement with Minges Bottling Group/Pepsi. Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Walker reviewed the 2016 Council Goals acknowledging the accomplishments and forecast of Major Projects for 2017.

- a) New Well/SCADA – this project is complete except for State finalization.
- b) Charlotte/Durham Street Drainage – this project is complete.
- c) Dredging Program – Staff completed the paperwork for the grant extension and are proceeding with plans to dredge the Triple S Marina channel and other channels this Spring.
- d) Public Services Facility – this project is progressing and we are pleased with the contractor.
- e) Raleigh Ave Beach Access – Staff has secured the \$40,700 grant for this project and will proceed with construction of the pedestrian access to the right of the vehicular entrance in the Spring.
- f) Town Park Restrooms/Concessions and Lighting/Security Cameras – Construction of the concession stand and restroom facilities will begin after January 1. The lighting and security camera installation is in progress.
- g) Dunes Ave Beach Access – this project was completed in May and is appreciated by citizens.
- h) Tom Doe Beach Access – Town staff will be completing a walkway this Spring.
- i) Henderson Beach Access – Town staff will construct a pedestrian access adjacent to the vehicular entrance in the Spring.
- j) East Money Island Beach Access - Town staff will construct a walkway on East Money Island consisting of concrete and Trex boarding this Spring.
- k) Town Signage – the first phase of the new Town street blue sign blades has been installed. We started with the cottage district surrounding the Circle. We hope to complete townwide before Summer.
- l) Sidewalk crosswalk projects – We are looking at Hwy 58 between Town Park and the entrance to Atlantic Station Shopping Center, across Hwy 58 at E Bogue Sound Dr. and across Hwy 58 at Bayview Blvd. for sidewalks/crosswalks.
- m) Proposed pedestrian pathways along Hwy 58 on the west-end and east-end from the Causeway to Brooks St.
- n) Pond Dr./Old Causeway Drainage Project – This project is currently under construction.
- o) Connecting Trail from Town limits to Fort Macon – This project will begin in the Spring using approx. 640 feet of boardwalk and approx. 450 feet of natural surface inside the State Park boundaries. The Town will provide 265 feet of sidewalk connecting the existing sidewalk to the State Park.
- p) Boardwalk Renovations Planning – Council will review options to provide a plan in 2017 for construction in 2018..

Councilmember Briley acknowledged the citizens requests for crosswalks and they are being addressed.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Cooper feels we are fortunate to have talented people who are willing to work and volunteer for this Town. He cannot wait until 2017. It has been a joy to work with this board all year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Briley reminded the audience of the tax cuts we have accomplished along with all the major projects the last seven or so years. It has been a great year, and we still have much to do. The Town is developing, businesses are coming back, and we will continue to get better.

Councilmember Rivers appreciates everyone for coming out tonight and all throughout the year. It has been a great year for public attendance. We will hit the ground running next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Archer thanked everyone for attending and thanked staff for another highly successful year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Pro Tem Navey thanked the fellow board members and staff. He feels under any group, the group reflects the attitude of the manager and it shows in this Town. He thanked staff and Mr. Walker.

Councilmember Batt says this board works for the Town, for its citizens and they are proud of the wonderful things that are happening. Let's continue to work together and continue to help improve it. We have two new businesses coming and thinks they will be a great asset. Thanked Rich and Austin for their applications. Thanked staff and Mr. Walker. Have a wonderful, happy, and healthy Christmas and New Year. The skatepark is busy all the time and a huge success.

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:57p.m.

These minutes were approved at the January 23, 2017 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:



Katrina Tyer
Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk

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