



Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 24, 2017



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, July 24, 2017 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, John Rivers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Sabrina Simpson, Administrative Service Director; Michelle Shreve, Planner; Marc Schulze, Public Service Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; and Arrington Moore, Special Projects/Management Assistant

Rich Porter and Rich Johnson, Planning Board members; John Kurek, John Lotspih and Vada Palma, Board of Adjustment members

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 agendas as prepared. Seconded by Councilmember Briley. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Financial Report
- b) Budget Transfer
- c) Tax Collection Report
- d) Tax Releases
- e) Tax Refund – Kenneth Hill
- f) Tax Collection FY16-17 Annual Report
- g) Tax Authorization to Collect
- h) Authorization to Appoint Sarah Grancorvitz as Deputy Tax Collector
- i) Approval of 2017-2020 Sand Fence and Dune Vegetation Maintenance Contract to ProGreen Turf
- j) Public Hearing on proposed amendment to Chapter 18, Unified Development Ordinance and Official Zoning Map of the Town of Atlantic Beach on August 28, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Town Boardroom
- k) Town Council Meeting Minutes: 6/26/2017; 7/6/17 SM

Mayor Cooper reviewed the consent items for the audience.

Councilmember Briley made a motion *to approve* the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

5. CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

John Kurek, 1108 E Fort Macon. He is here to show his respect for Captain Jim. He has known him since 1979 and has always respected him.

Vada Palma, 116 Island Quay Ct. She wonders if the Town could consider providing umbrella and raft rentals on the beach during the Boardwalk revitalization planning. She remembers this service in the 1960s and feels it is much needed now and would create summer jobs.

6. PRESENTATION OF LONG LEAF PINE TO JAMES "CAPT. JIM" N. WILLIS III

Mayor Cooper introduced Captain Jim Willis as one of the first full-time residents of Atlantic Beach. He was instrumental in the original agreement with the Corps of Engineers to put dredged materials from the Morehead City Port on the beaches of Bogue Banks and served for years on the Beach Commission. Marine Biologists still refer to Captain Jim's research.

Mayor Cooper joked that Council had been missing Captain Jim attending the meetings so they contacted the governor to get him to come back. He read the Order of the Long Leaf Pine aloud.

Captain Jim spoke stating in his mind the experts were getting things wrong and he didn't mind arguing with them and taking them on. Thankful his actions saved our beach. He thanked Council for his award and stated that his real reward is parking at the Circle boardwalk and seeing our beach - that is his reward, from the seawall to the ocean!

7. PRESENTATION ON SHELLFISH LEASING PROGRAM

Steve Murphey, NC Marine Fisheries, provided an overview of NC Shellfish Lease Program with an opportunity for questions and discussion between the presenter, Council, and audience members (including other NC Marine Fisheries representatives).

Mr. Murphey reviewed the types of leases and explained oyster reproduction. There have been 35 applications received this year and it takes about 4-6 months to review the applications. Currently there are over 1,800 acres being leased. A moratorium was established in Core Sound in 2003 and one has been in place in Brunswick Co since the 1960s. NCGS §113-202 provides the guidelines for issuing leases.

Council asked multiple questions related to the approval process and what factors are taken into consideration, such as location, recreation, navigation, dangers and how can the Town can get involved in location process.

Mr. Murphey also answered many audience questions related to the same topics.

8. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Walker reminded everyone to support the Police Department by attending National Night Out at the Town Park on Tuesday, August 1 at 6:30pm.

9. MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.


There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 7:13 p.m.


These minutes were approved at the August 28, 2017 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

(seal)


Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk


A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor

