



**Minutes**  
**Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina**  
**Town Council – Work Session**  
**Thursday, February 22, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.**



A regularly scheduled work session of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Thursday, February 22, 2018 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 Richard Porter; Councilmembers: Harry Archer, Rich Johnson, Danny Navey and Austin Waters

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** David Walker, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk, Marc Schulze, Public Services Director; Mike Shutak, Carteret News Times

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to amend* the agenda to add #5 Update on Recreational Water Quality Committee. Seconded by Councilmember Porter. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

### **BEACH NOURISHMENT HISTORY AND FUTURE NOURISHMENT PLANNING**

Mayor Cooper introduced Greg “Rudi” Rudolph, Carteret County Shore Protection Officer. Rudi reviewed the difference between a pipeline and a hopper dredge and provided a detailed history of beach nourishment and agreements that have been made with USACE.

Rudi noted it costs approximately \$2 million just to get a barge and equipment here for a project, it has always been better for Atlantic Beach to join in during a federal project and avoid that cost. He urged the Town to begin planning and preparing for a \$2 million project, during the upcoming budget preparation a sand tax should be considered. All other towns on Bogue Banks collect a tax and have a plan in effect.

He then reviewed the history of the state occupancy tax. Collection has increased significantly since 2014 with the DoubleTree opening, the economy boost and collections on VRBO/AirB&B rentals.

### **SHELLFISH LEASES IN BOGUE SOUND**

Mayor Cooper reviewed the outcome of the recent lawsuits attempting to stop shellfish leases by Sammy Boyd. Mr. Boyd has three more lease requests pending. The Town understands the value of shellfish farming and leases, we just want to ensure it is done right and in the right locations. Therefore, the Town needs to decide if we would like to protest additional leases or try to work with Marine Fisheries to limit the areas where we wish the leases to be allowed.

There was discussion about going to the Marine Fisheries Commission and/or the General Assembly.

Councilmember Porter supports work to limit leases as long as it does not use any more Town funds considering the recent court decision. Councilmember Johnson feels the County should be involved in this fight, not just Atlantic Beach. Mayor Cooper will reach out to other Towns and see if they have an interest in pursuing this issue as a group.

### **DREDGING REPORT**

Marc reviewed the current areas the Dredging Committee designated for dredging. The work will begin in May.

Councilmember Waters requested better markings on the bridge pilings. Marc will pursue the request.

### **FOOD TRUCK PROPOSAL FOR TOWN PARK**

Mr. Walker presented the proposed Request for Bids for summer food truck vendors. The Town would request bids from food truck vendors for a vending license for the summer season (May 12-Sept 3; 10am-10pm) at the Town Park; exclusive

rights to Summer Movie Nights at the Circle; Saturdays and Sundays at the Circle (May 26-Sept 3) and Memorial Day and July 4. The Town will select up to three vendors of different food product. The vendor must be a food truck or apparatus approved by the Carteret County Health Department and supply their own electrical power, water source, and trash disposal. The vendor shall not sell competing products as sold by the Town Park Concession Stand. We would request a minimum bid of \$2,000 for each vendor license. 2018. If Council does not support this idea, another option is to increase offerings at the concession stand.

It was the consensus, based on previous input from local brick and mortar businesses, to not allow food vendors.

#### **UPDATE ON RECREATIONAL WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Johnson will lead this new committee to study and evaluate recreational water quality. Earlier the conversations on shellfish leases and beach nourishment proved how important water quality is. He intends to host monthly meetings with a local expert speaking to educate committee members. He will present this item at Monday's meeting for Council approval.

Councilmember Johnson made the motion *to break* and resume *to enter* closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried. The time was 4:10 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(A)(6)**

- a. **Staff Performance Review - Council Only**
- b. **Staff Performance Review - Council and Town Manager Only**

Resumed 4:15 p.m.

Council reviewed the 360 Degree Review survey results from the Town department heads and discussed the Town Manager's performance during the past year.

Council asked the Town Manager to join the closed session at 4:54 p.m. Council provided him a performance review.

Mayor Pro Tem Porter made a motion *to exit* the Closed Session. Seconded by Councilmember Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried. The time was 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Archer made a motion *to grant* the Town Manager a bonus of \$7,500 to be applied to his 401(K) for his dedication and service to the Town of Atlantic Beach throughout a very productive year in 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Navey. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

#### **Mayor Council Comments / Advisory to Staff**

None.

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 5:22 pm.

These minutes were approved at the March 26, 2018 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.


ATTEST:

(seal)

  
Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

  
A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor